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(54) **Slidable and removable drawer for refrigerator**

(57) For a refrigerator (1), a slidable and removable drawer (1) comprises an internally hollow (at 10) body (2) defined by walls (4, 5, 6, 7) rising from a base (3). An opposing pair (4, 5) of these walls supports a gripping

element (11) for the drawer (1), said gripping element (11) being hinged to said walls (4, 5) and being able to assume at least one working position in which it lies above the cavity of said drawer body.

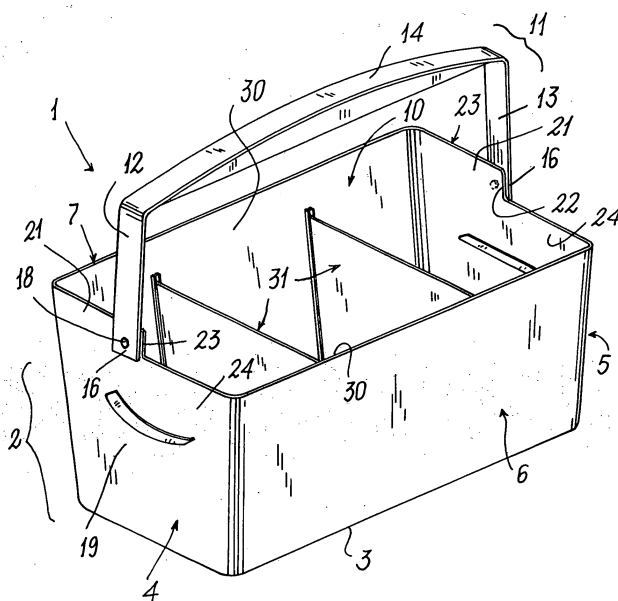


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