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Fig. 1.

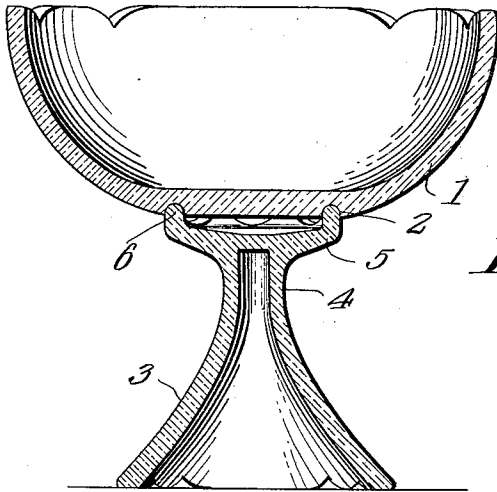


Fig. 2.

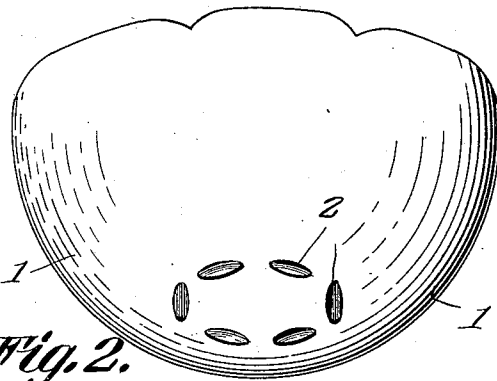


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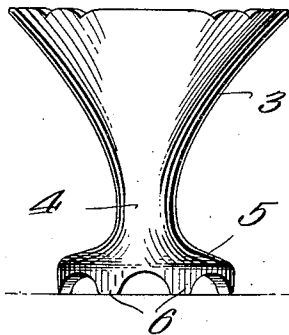
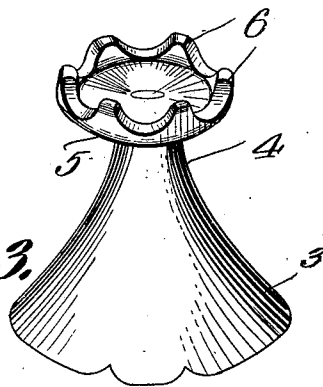


Fig. 4.

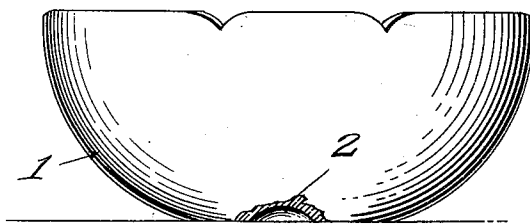


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HAFNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jermyrn, in the county of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Bowl, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to punch bowls of that type having a base or stand formed in a separate piece from the bowl or body portion.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide means whereby, when the bowl or body portion is mounted on the base, it will be held against lateral movement relative to the base.

A further object is to provide the bowl or body portion and the base with coöperating portions which, under ordinary conditions, prevent the bowl from rotating on the base but which permit a slight rotative movement on the base should said bowl be given a glancing push or blow which might result in the breaking of the bowl should it not be able to yield under the force of the blow.

A further object is to provide a device of this character the base of which can be inverted and used separately from the body, as a bon-bon dish, a vase, or the like.

A further object is to provide a base portion which, when used as a vase or the like, will rest firmly on a table or other supporting structure.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings:—Figure 1 is a central vertical section through the complete device, the parts being assembled for use as a punch bowl. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the body portion of the device and showing the bottom thereof. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the base in position to support the body. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the base inverted for use as a vase, bon-bon dish or the like. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the body,

a portion thereof being broken away to show one of the recesses in the bottom thereof.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates the bowl or body portion of the device which can of course be of any desired size and configuration and formed in the lower face of the bottom of this body is a circular series of semi-ellipsoidal recesses 2. This recessed face of the body 1 is designed to rest flat upon a table or other supporting structure when the body 1 is to be used as an ordinary bowl. When, however, it is desired to use said body as a portion of a punch bowl, a base or stand such as shown particularly in Figs. 3 and 4 is to be combined therewith, as shown in Fig. 1. This base or stand includes a substantially conical portion 3 merging into a stem 4 having a head 5. Arranged on the peripheral portion of the head is a circular series of nodes 6 adapted to project into the respective recesses 2. Each recess 2 is longer than that portion of the node bearing therein and as the contact portions of the nodes are rounded, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, it will be apparent that the weight of the body 1 bearing downwardly on the nodes will be sufficient to keep the recessed portions of the body centered on the nodes. These inter-fitting portions of the two parts of the punch bowl thus coöperate to prevent lateral displacement of the body 1 relative to the base 3. Furthermore they serve, under normal conditions, to prevent the body 1 from rotating relative to the base. If, however, the body 1 should be accidentally hit a glancing blow, the said body will be free to rotate slightly as a result of the force of the blow, this rotation causing the body to ride upwardly on the nodes 6 after which it will gravitate to its normal position. Thus the force of the blow upon the body will be counteracted to a great extent and danger of breaking the body is thus greatly reduced.

If desired, and as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the body 1 and the base 3 can be used separately. The base is to be used under these conditions by first inverting it so as to bring the nodes 6 into contact with the table or other structure constituting the support therefor. The hollow conical portion of the base can thus be used as a container for holding bonbons, flowers, etc. As the base, when thus used, has its spaced nodes

contacting with the supporting surface, it will be apparent that it will rest more firmly upon said surface than should it be provided with a flat base or a continuous circular
5 flange adapted to contact with the supporting surface.

What is claimed is:—

A composite vessel comprising a bowl having an annular series of spaced semi-ellip-
10 soidal recesses, a receptacle having spaced outstanding rounded nodes insertible simultaneously into the respective recesses to support the bowl when the receptacle is used as
15 cesses cooperating to prevent radial displacement of the supported bowl but permitting limited annular movement of said bowl in either direction out of normal position and relative to the stand, the nodes and recessed walls also cooperating to return the supported bowl by gravity to normal position subsequent to such movement.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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