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[54] **CHILD'S LIQUID SPILL CONTAINER**

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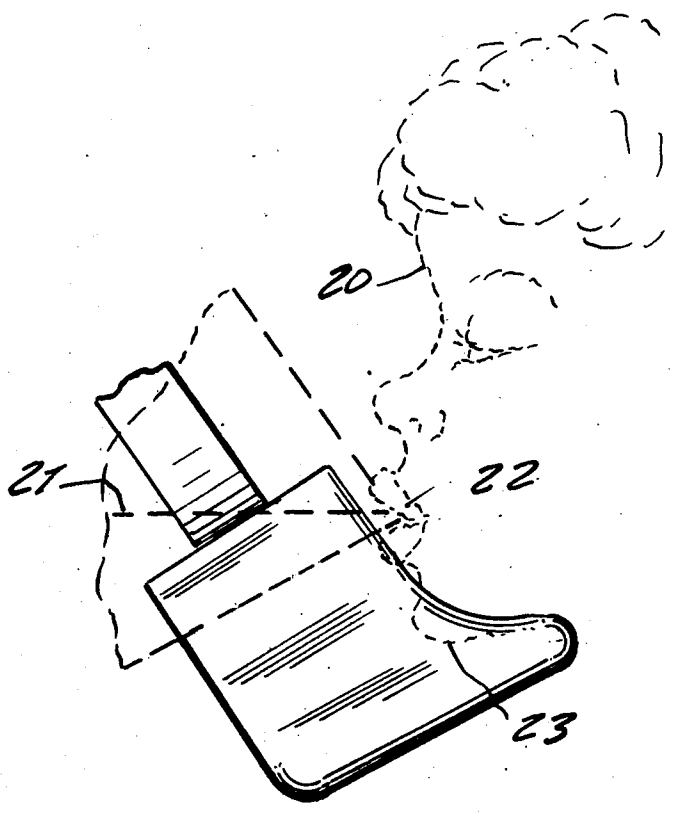
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A device for preventing a liquid dribbling from a child's chin while the child is drinking from a glass, the device comprising a container securable by means of a band to a side of the drinking vessel and into which the dribbling liquid drops, thereby not soiling the child's garment.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Figures



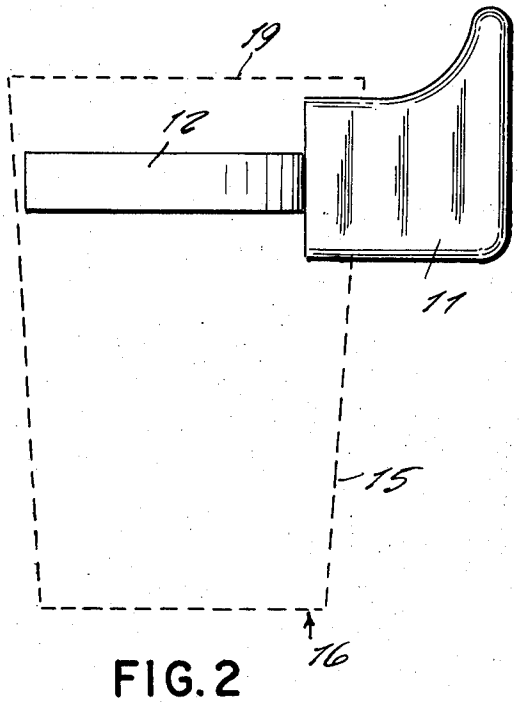


FIG. 2

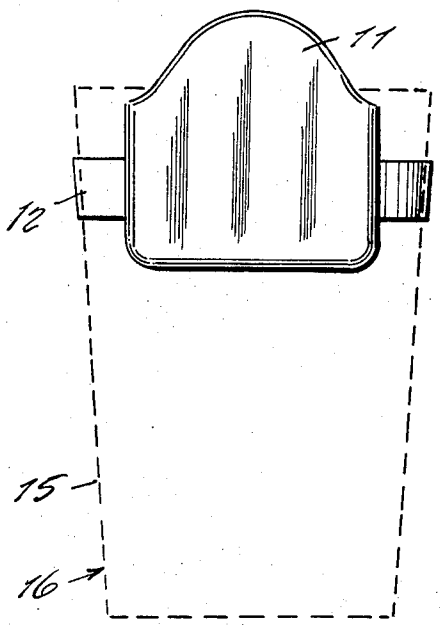


FIG. 1

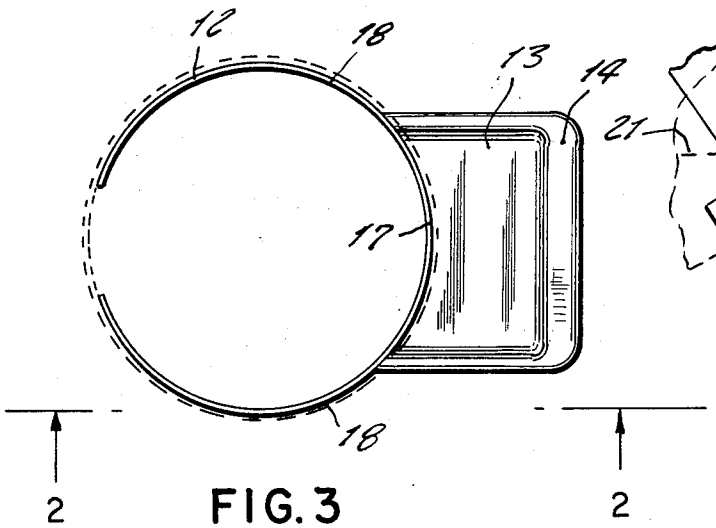


FIG. 3

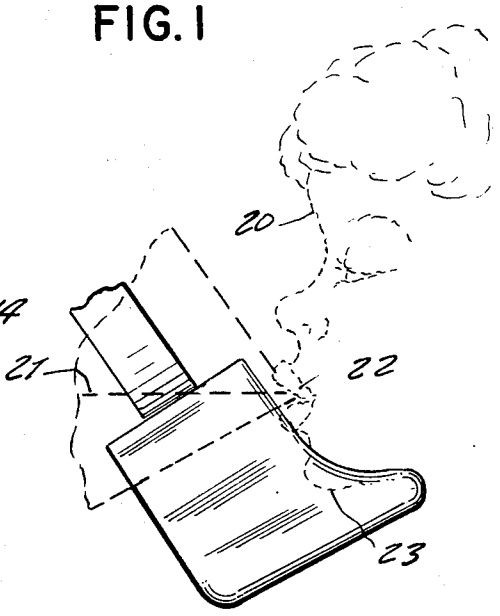


FIG. 4

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This invention relates generally to items for children.

More specifically the device relates to drinking vessel attachments.

A principal object of the present invention is to provide a device for preventing dribbling liquid from a child's chin dropping down upon the child's garment and soiling the same while the child is drinking from a glass or paper cup.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a child's liquid spill container which can be readily fitted around any conventional drinking vessel of various size.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a liquid spill container which can be attractively colored and decorated so as to appeal to small children.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a child's liquid spill container which is simple in design, inexpensive to manufacture, rugged in construction, easy to use and efficient in operation.

These and other objects will be readily evident upon a study of the following specification and the accompanying drawing wherein:

FIG. 1 is a front elevation view of the present invention shown attached to a drinking glass,

FIG. 2 is a side elevation view thereof,

FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof, and

FIG. 4 is a fragmentary side elevation view thereof shown in operative use while a child is drinking from a glass.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the reference numeral **10** represents a child's liquid spill container according to the present invention wherein there is a container **11** which is permanently secured to a band **12**.

The container **11** is provided with a depression **13** upon the top thereof, the depression having an upstanding wall **14** around all sides thereof except at the side which is positioned against a side wall **15** of a drinking glass **16**.

This side **17** of the container is of arcuate configuration, as shown in FIG. **3**, so that it can rest flush against the glass side **15**.

The band **12** is comprised of a pair of flexible expandable plastic members **18**, each one of which grasps around opposite sides of the glass **16** so as to frictionally hold thereagainst and thus support the container at a relatively high position along the side wall **15** of the glass so that the same is relatively close to the upper edge **19** of the glass.

The band, like the container **11** can be attractively colored so as to appeal to the children.

It is to be noted that the upper edge of the upstanding side wall **14** around the depression **13** extends relatively higher along a front edge than along the side edges, as shown particularly in FIG. **2** of the drawing.

In operative use, when a child **20** drinks a liquid **21** from the glass **16**, he places his lips **22** against the glass upper edge **19** and tilts the glass, as shown in FIG. **4** of the drawing, with the liquid spill container **10** being attached to the glass **16**, the child may now have any liquid drip from his lips and his chin **23** downward into the depression **13**, thereby preventing the liquid from spilling on the child's clothing. Thus a useful device has been provided for small children while learning to drink liquids from a glass.

What I now claim is:

1. In a chold's liquid spill container, the combination of an assembly comprised of a container and a band integral with said container, said container comprising a member made of molded plastic material and being attractively colored so to appear to small children, said container having a depression upon the upper sides thereof and into which said dripping liquids may fall, said container being of a sufficiently large enough size in width and breadth across a mouth of said depression so a chin of a drinker may fit there into during a drinking operation, said band comprising a pair of arcuate opposite tongues formed by an open circular band element made of flexible expandable plastic material, and said tongues being adaptable for being fitted around the outer side of said glass for frictionally holding there against and retaining said container in an operative position relatively close to an upper edge of said glass.

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