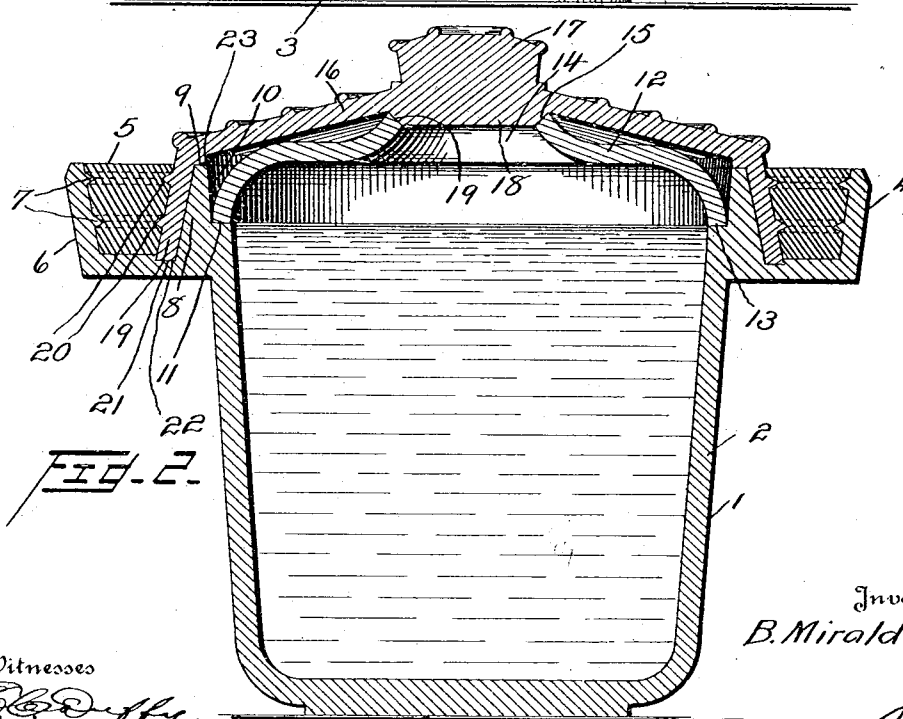
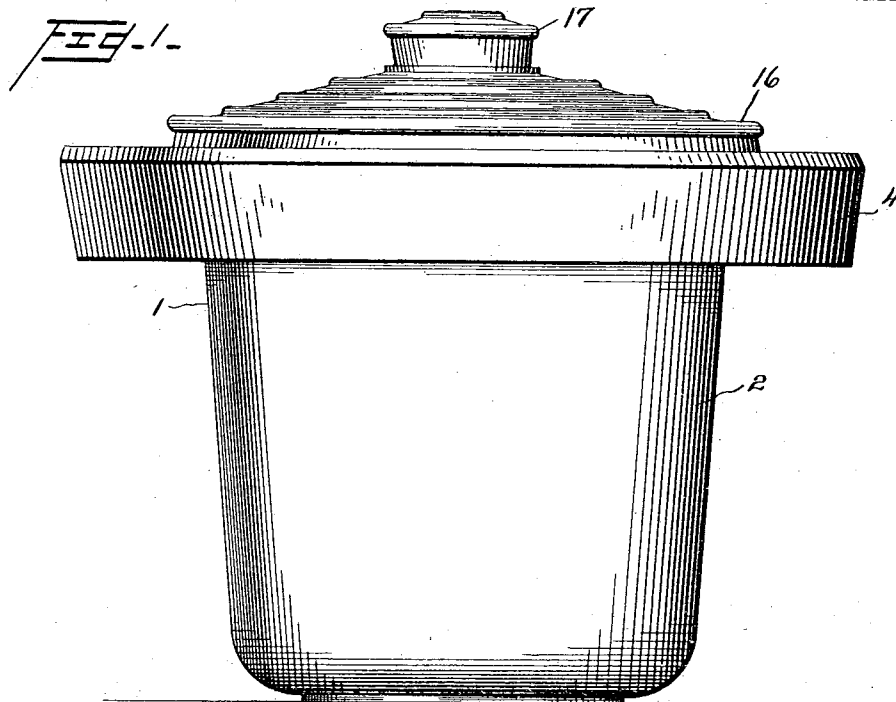


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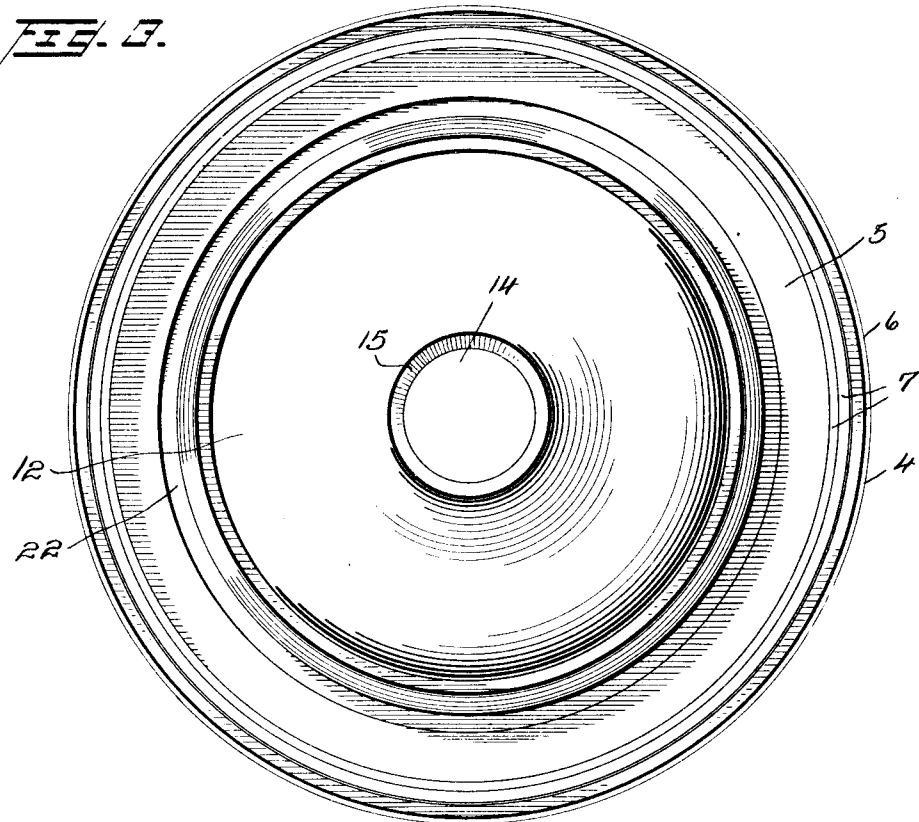
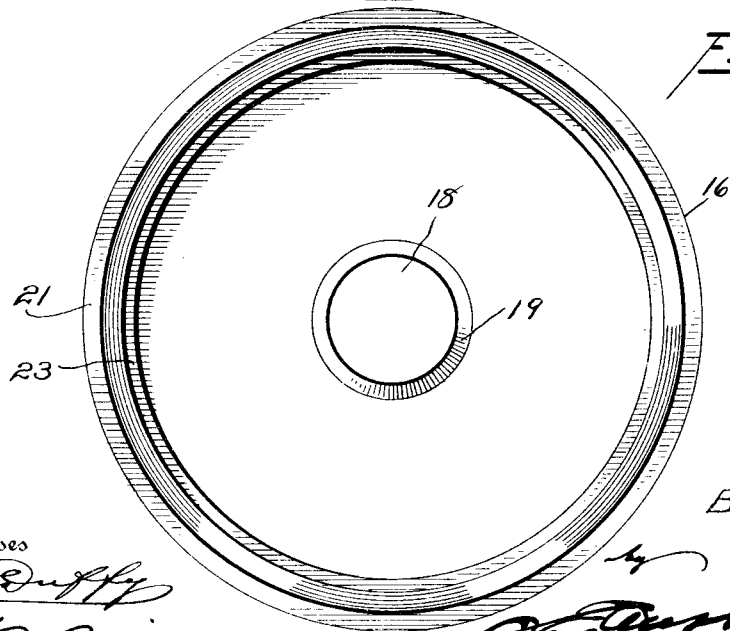


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BATTISTA MIRALDI, citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receptacles for Preserving Foodstuffs and the like; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a receptacle particularly designed to receive food stuffs and to preserve the same in a hermetically sealed condition and at the same time to render it possible to instantly remove the contents of the receptacle without the use of tools, implements and the like and without injuring or destroying the receptacle.

The invention consists in the novel construction of the closure of the receptacle and in the novel construction which provides for the sealing of the receptacle.

The invention also consists in certain other novel details of construction and in combinations of parts, all of which will be first fully described and afterward specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is an elevation of a receptacle constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the same. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the receptacle illustrating the auxiliary top in position, the main top or closure being removed, and Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view of the main top or closure.

Like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the several figures in which:

1 indicates the receptacle which comprises the body 2 having a flat base or bottom 3 and a relatively large annular channeled portion 4 at the top edge of the body 2, said annular channeled portion 4 being provided with an annular tapering channel 5, the outer wall 6 encompassing said channel 5 being provided with one or more annular preferably V-shaped beads 7 which, as will be seen from Fig. 2, extend laterally into said channel 5 for a purpose which will be presently described.

The inner wall 8 of said channel 5 terminates in a flat seat or bearing 9 at the top thereof, said wall 8 being inclined at 10 and extending downwardly to meet the flange or seat 11, as shown in Fig. 2.

12 indicates the inner or auxiliary top or closure which as shown in the drawing is preferably reverse curved in cross section, the bottom edge 13 bottoming on the flange or seat 11 in the body of the receptacle, while a central circular opening 14 is provided in the inner top or closure 12, the edge of the said inner top or closure 12 encompassing said opening 14 being inclined or beveled at 15 to provide a seat for the main top or closure 16 which will now be described.

The main top or closure 16 is preferably shaped as shown in Fig. 2 being provided centrally with an upwardly extending boss 17 for convenient handling of the top and being also provided centrally with a depending boss 18 having beveled or inclined sides 19 to bottom on the beveled or inclined edge 15 of the inner cap or closure 12. The main top or closure 16 is provided with a depending flaring flange 19 which enters the annular channel 5 in the channeled portion 4 of the receptacle 2, the outer surface of the depending flaring flange 19 being provided with one or more laterally extending preferably V-shaped beads 20 which extend into the channel 5 in the manner as shown in Fig. 2 when the main top or closure 16 is in operative position, the extreme lower edge 21 of the depending flaring flange 19 entering an annular groove 22 in the bottom of the channeled portion 4 in the manner as shown in Fig. 2, while an annular seat 23 formed on the underside of the main top or closure 16 bottoms on the annular seat 9 at the upper edge of the receptacle in the manner as shown in the drawing.

Having thus described the several parts of this invention its operation is as follows: The receptacle having been filled the inner top or closure 12 is placed in position so that the bottom edge 11 seats on the seat 13 and the main top or closure 16 is then placed in position so that the depending flaring flange 19 thereof enters the annular channel 5 in the channeled portion 4 of the receptacle, the extreme bottom edge 21 of said flange entering the annular groove 22 while the annular seat 23 of said top bot-

toms on the annular seat 9 of the receptacle, and at the same time the beveled or inclined surface 19 of the central depending boss 18 bottoms on the inclined seat 15 encompassing the central opening 14 in the inner top or closure 12. From this construction it will be seen that the main top or closure 16 engages the body of the receptacle at two points 9 and 21 and engages the inner top or closure 12 at 15 while the inner top or closure 12 engages the body of the receptacle at 11. When the parts are in this position a suitable wax or other sealing material 25 is poured into the annular channel 5 to fill the same in the manner as is shown in Fig. 2, the said wax entirely filling the said channel, and the laterally depending beads 7 and 20 entering said wax causing the parts to be anchored therein as will be perfectly apparent from an inspection of the accompanying drawing. The contents of the receptacle are thus hermetically sealed and can be preserved for an indefinite period. When, however, it is desired to remove the contents from the receptacle the body portion 2 thereof is immersed in hot water a sufficient length of time to cause the wax or sealing material 25 to soften so that the main top or closure 16 can be lifted off the receptacle. As will be apparent from the accompanying drawings the receptacle can be used over and over again as no tools, implements or devices are required for the opening of the receptacle, nor is any part or portion thereof injured or destroyed in the use of the same. It will be further apparent from an inspection of the accompanying drawings that the construction of the inner auxiliary top or closure 12 effectually prevents contact of the contents of the receptacle with the sealing material employed, as by reason of the seats hereinbefore described no contact between the contents of the receptacle and the main top or closure is possible except at the depending boss 18 as hereinbefore described.

Having thus fully described the invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. A receptacle comprising a body portion, a portion arranged at the top of said body portion, said portion being provided with an annular channel, the inner surface of the outer wall of said portion being provided with a laterally extending bead the said receptacle being provided within the same with a seat, an inner top or closure for said receptacle adapted to bottom on said seat, said inner top or closure being

provided centrally with an opening, the upper edge of said inner top encompassing said opening forming a seat, a main top or closure provided with a depending flange portion to enter said channel, the outer surface of said depending flange portion being provided with a laterally extending bead, said main top or closure being provided on its underside with a seat to bottom on said receptacle and being provided centrally of said body with a depending boss having a seat to bottom on the said seat in said inner top or closure encompassing said opening therein, the said channel being arranged to receive a suitable sealing material, the said beads laterally extending into said channel being anchored within the said sealing material, substantially as described and for the purposes set forth.

2. A receptacle comprising a body portion, a channeled portion at the top thereof, the inner surface of the outer wall of said channeled portion being provided with a laterally extending bead, an inner top or closure for said receptacle to close the same, said inner top or closure being provided centrally thereof with an opening, a main top or closure having a depending flange to enter said channeled portion on said receptacle, said depending flange being provided with a laterally extending bead and a depending boss on said main top or closure for closing said central opening in said inner top or closure, the said channeled portion being adapted to receive a suitable sealing material, the said beads entering the said sealing material to anchor the parts together, substantially as described and for the purposes set forth.

3. A receptacle comprising a body portion, a channeled portion at the top thereof, an inner top or closure for said receptacle, an outer main top or closure having a depending flange to enter the said channeled portion, the said inner top or closure being provided centrally thereof with an opening, the said main top or closure being provided centrally thereof with a depending boss to close the said opening in the said inner top or closure and to retain the same in operative position on the said receptacle, the said channeled portion being adapted to receive a suitable sealing material to seal the receptacle, substantially as described and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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