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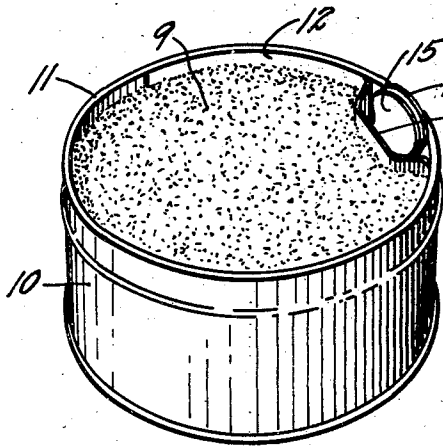


FIG 1

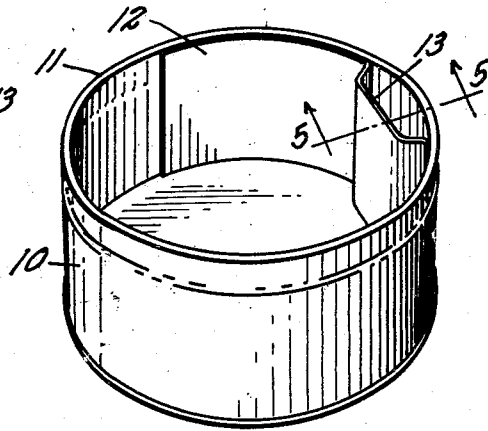


FIG 2

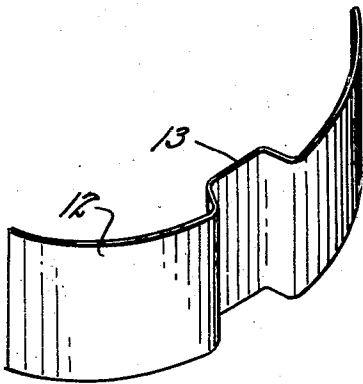


FIG 3

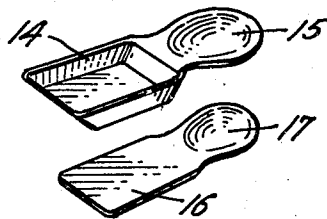


FIG 4

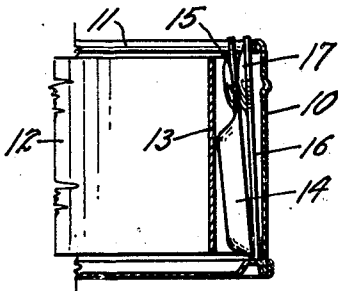


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This invention relates to means for maintaining a measuring spoon and pallet or spatula within a paste or powder container and has for its principal object the provision of simple means which will maintain a clear space within said container, in which a measuring spoon or other article may be carried.

Another object of this invention is to so construct the means that it will be automatically held in place by its inherent elasticity.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for holding a measuring spoon in a container for paste, powder, or other material which will not require change in, or attachments of any kind to, the container itself and which can be quickly placed within any desired container.

Other objects and advantages reside in the detail construction of the device which is designed for simplicity, economy, and efficiency. These will become more apparent from the following detailed description.

In the following detailed description of the invention reference is had to the accompanying drawing which forms a part hereof. Like numerals refer to like parts in all views of the drawing and throughout the description.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a filled container with the invention in place therein.

Fig. 2 is a similar view of an empty container.

Fig. 3 is a detail view illustrating what will be designated hereinafter the pocket plate.

Fig. 4 illustrates a typical measuring spoon and pallet which may be employed with this invention.

Fig. 5 is a cross section taken on the line 5-5, Fig. 2, illustrating the measuring spoon and pallet in place in the pocket.

In the drawing a typical container is illustrated at 10, of the type pressed from sheet metal and having a bead 11, formed around its upper edge. Containers of this nature are generally used for materials of a pastry or powdery consistency. The invention will

be described as applied to this type of container. It is, however, not limited to any particular type of container.

The invention comprises a pocket plate 12, formed with a lateral indentation or pocket 13. The plate 12 is curved to a relatively large radius and, when placed within the container 11, must be bent or compressed so that it will expand against the container sides and maintain itself in place therein. The plate 12 has a width substantially equal to the depth of the container. The length of the pocket plate 12 is preferably, but not necessarily, sufficient so that it will extend slightly over one-half of the circumference of the container. When of this length it will automatically hold itself against the inside of an unfilled container. After the container has been filled such as illustrated at 9, in Fig. 1, the pocket plate is securely locked in place. The bead 11 prevents the plate 12 from sliding from the container 11.

The pocket 13 acts to form a space or pocket adjacent the side of the container into which the filling material 9 does not flow. In this pocket any desired implement may be carried. It is particularly designed, however, for a measuring spoon such as illustrated at 14, Fig. 4.

This spoon 14 is pressed from sheet metal and provided with an indented handle 15 to form a secure thumb grip. In some cases it is desirable to also supply a pallet such as illustrated at 16. The pallet can be used for leveling off the material in the spoon 14 or for dividing it into sectional or partial doses and is provided with a convenient thumb grip 17.

While a specific form of the improvement has been described and illustrated herein, it is desired to be understood that the same may be varied, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim and desire secured by Letters Patent is:—

1. Means for forming a pocket in a container comprising: an arcuate plate adapted to be placed within and engage the inner

walls of said container; a lateral indentation in said plate, said plate having a length exceeding one-half the circumference of said container so that it will maintain itself against one side thereof.

2. Means for forming a pocket in a container comprising: an arcuate plate adapted to be placed within and engage the inner walls of said container; a lateral indentation in said plate, said plate being normally curved to a larger diameter than said container so that when placed therewithin it will expand against said inner walls, said plate having a length exceeding one-half the circumference of said container so that it will maintain itself against one side thereof.

3. Means for forming a pocket within a cylindrical container comprising: a semi-cylindrical plate having a width substantially equal to the depth of said container and having a normal diameter exceeding the diameter of said container, so that when placed therewithin it will expand against the inner walls thereof; and an indentation formed in said plate so that for a portion of its length it will extend in spaced relation from said inner walls.

4. Means for forming a pocket within a cylindrical container comprising: a semi-cylindrical plate having a width substantially equal to the depth of said container and having a normal diameter exceeding the diameter of said container, so that when placed therewithin it will expand against the inner walls thereof; an indentation formed in said plate so that for a portion of its length it will extend in spaced relation from said inner walls; and having a length exceeding one-half the circumference of said container so as to prevent it from passing away from said inner walls.

5. Means for forming a pocket in a container comprising: a plate, adapted to be placed within and engage the inner walls of said container; and a lateral indentation in said plate intermediate its extremities, said extremities adapted to conform to and lie against the walls of said container so that the pressure of the contents against said extremities will maintain said indentation in close proximity to the wall of said container.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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