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(54) **AIR ACTIVATED WARMER ASSEMBLY**

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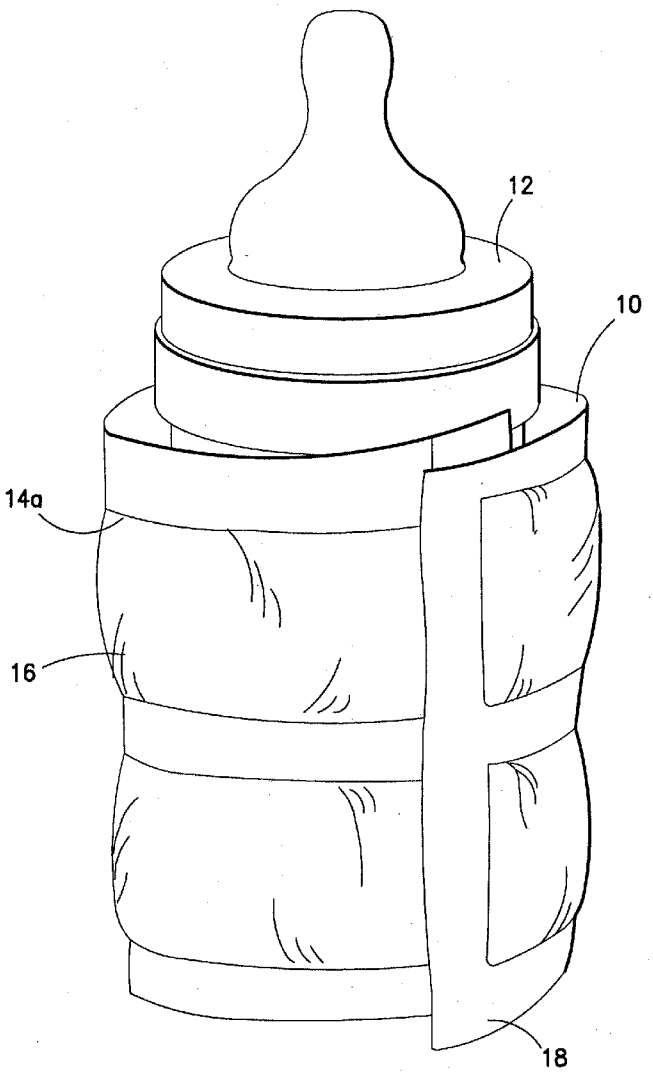
(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present disclosure provides advantageous warmer assemblies. More particularly, the present disclosure provides for improved air activated warmer assemblies and improved methods for rapidly elevating the temperature of a container/vessel and/or the contents therein (e.g., liquids and/or foods in a container or vessel, such as a baby bottle or the like). In exemplary embodiments, the present disclosure provides for improved portable, disposable, cost effective, efficient and/or easy-to-use air activated systems/methods/assemblies for rapidly elevating the temperature of liquids and/or foods in a container or vessel. The improved air activated assemblies and systems of the present disclosure may be utilized by a user essentially anywhere and at any time to rapidly elevate the temperature of the contents of a container or vessel.



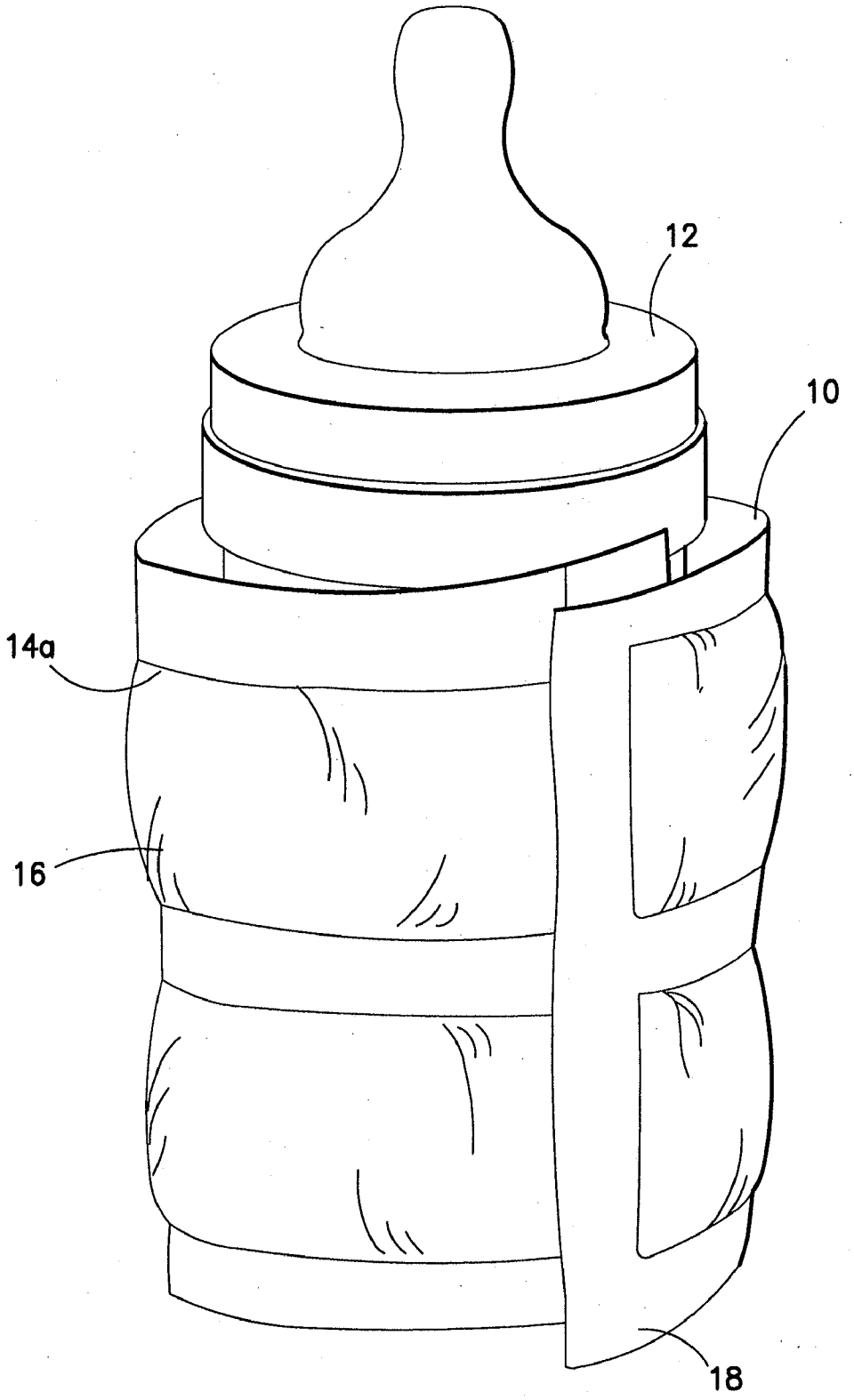
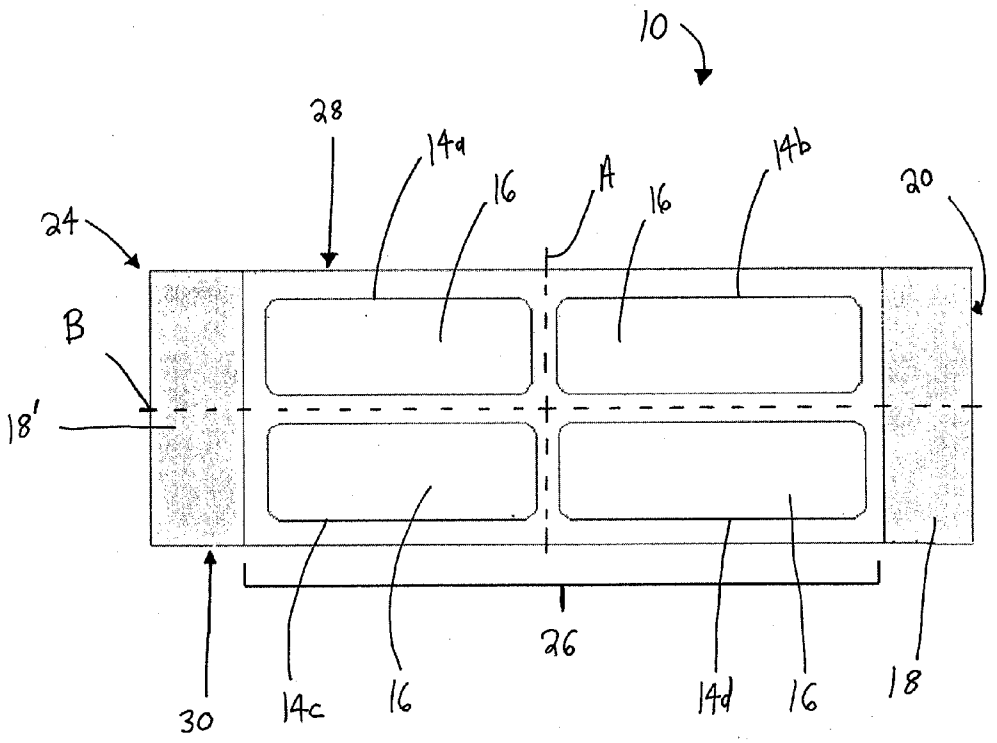


FIG. 1

FIGURE 2



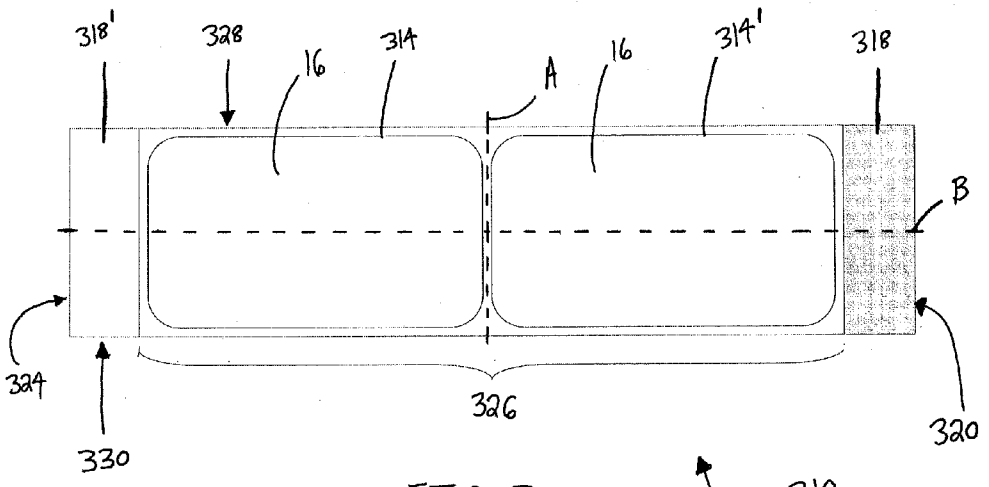

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FIG. 3

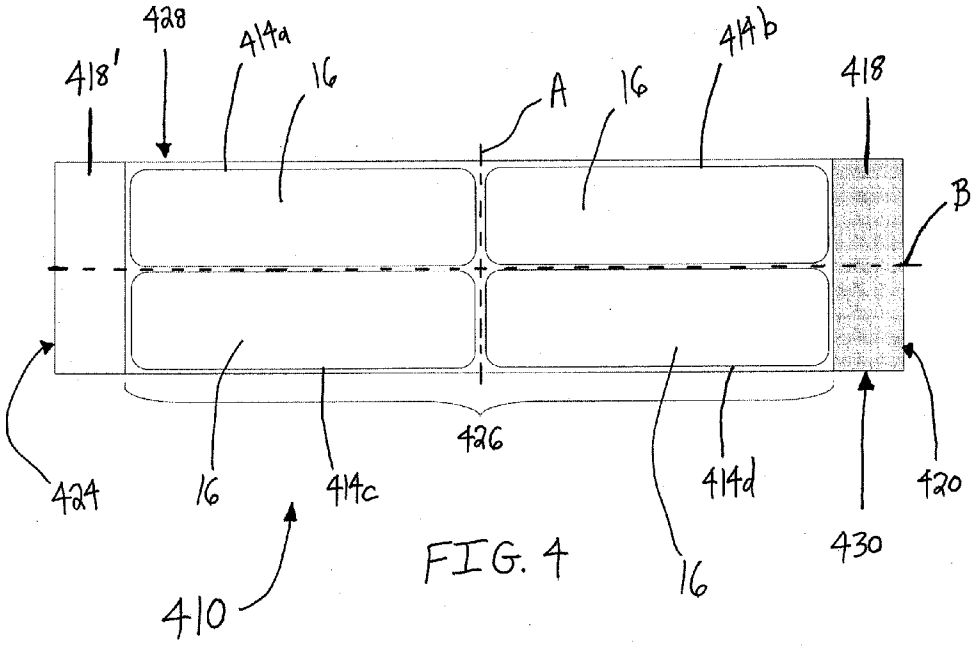
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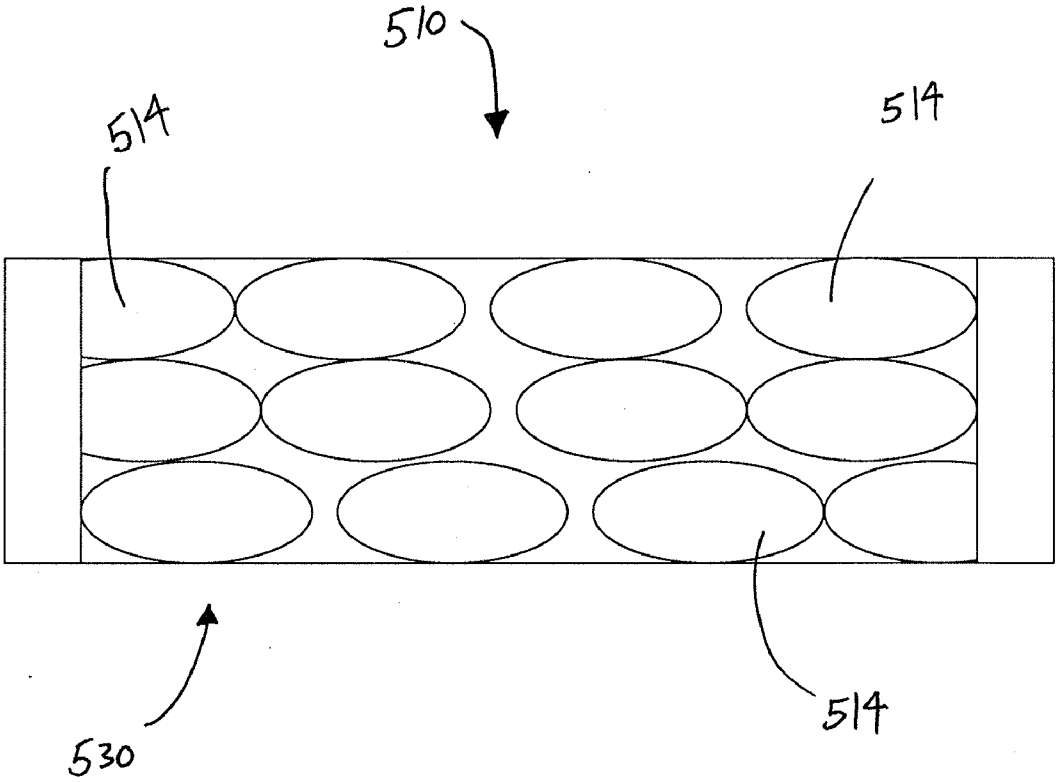
FIG. 4



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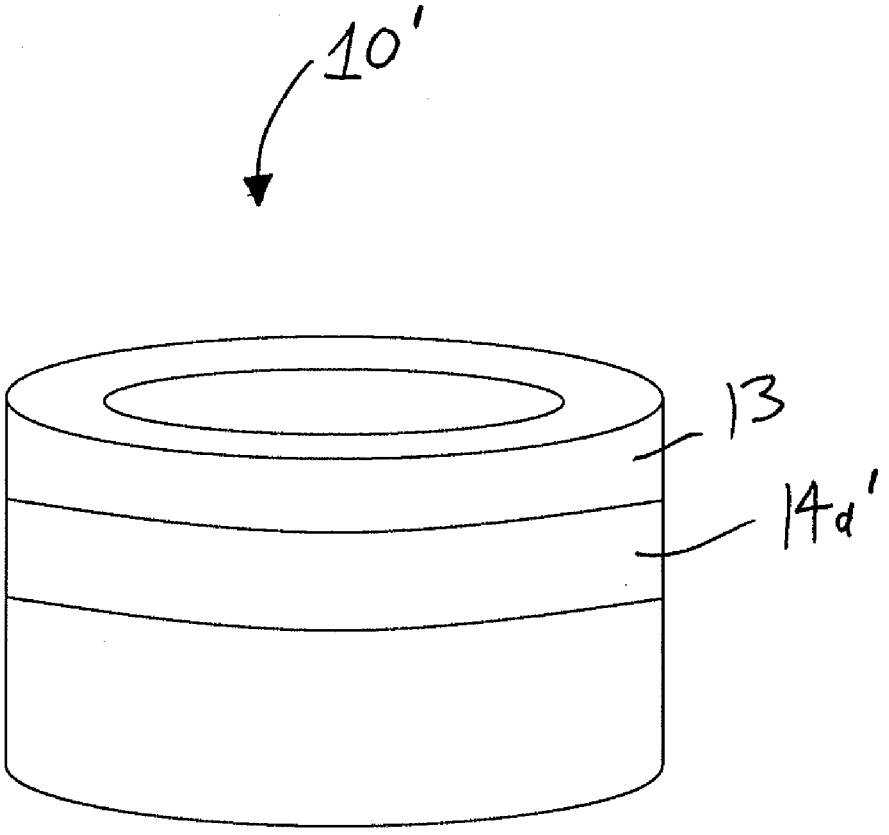

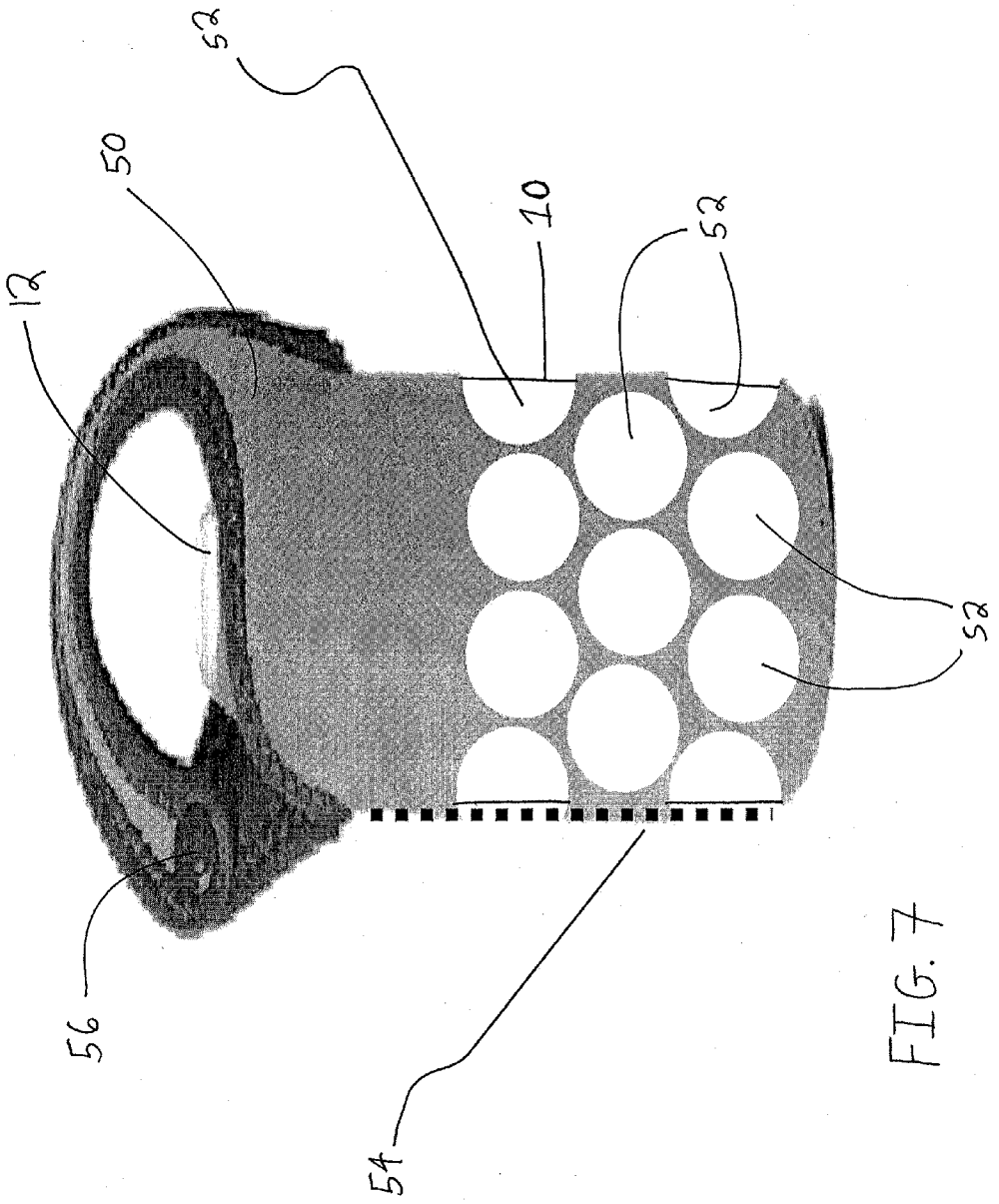

FIG. 7

AIR ACTIVATED WARMER ASSEMBLY

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional App. Ser. No. 61/262,699, filed Nov. 19, 2009, the entire contents of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND

[0002] 1. Technical Field

[0003] The present disclosure relates to warmer assemblies and, more particularly, to air activated warmer assemblies and methods for warming a container or vessel and/or the contents therein (e.g., baby bottle or the like) utilizing an air activated warmer assembly.

[0004] 2. Background Art

[0005] In general, liquids and foods (e.g., baby foods, formulas, liquids, etc.) are kept cool (e.g., refrigerated) for preservation purposes. However, it is sometimes desired to consume such liquids and foods at an elevated temperature. For example, it is typically preferred to give infants or babies liquid or food at or near body temperature. Moreover, it is typically advantageous to provide liquid or food at the desired temperature, even when one is not near a typical heating source for a container containing liquids and/or foods (e.g., stove, electrical outlet, fuel source, microwave, etc.). Thus, it is desirable to have access to an efficient, effective, easy-to-use and portable warming device, apparatus or assembly that is capable of rapidly elevating the temperature of liquids and/or foods (e.g., by transferring heat to a liquid or food container or vessel such as a baby bottle). It is also desirable that such warming device or apparatus be readily disposable after use. Moreover, it is desirable that such warming device, apparatus or assembly be cost-efficient (i.e., inexpensive), as it may be required to provide liquid or food at the desired temperature several times a day.

[0006] In general, warming devices or assemblies for liquid and/or food containers are known. However, many of these devices are not disposable, efficient, effective, rapid, easy-to-use and/or cost-effective. Moreover, these devices typically are not compact, lightweight and/or portable.

[0007] Thus, despite efforts to date, a need remains for improved portable, disposable, cost effective, efficient and/or easy-to-use systems/methods/assemblies for rapidly elevating the temperature of liquids and/or foods in a container or vessel (e.g., to a desired temperature). These and other inefficiencies and opportunities for improvement are addressed and/or overcome by the assemblies, systems and methods of the present disclosure.

SUMMARY

[0008] The present disclosure provides advantageous warmer assemblies. More particularly, the present disclosure provides advantageous air activated warmer assemblies and advantageous methods for rapidly elevating the temperature of liquids and/or foods in a container or vessel (e.g., baby bottle or the like). In exemplary embodiments, the present disclosure provides for improved portable, disposable, cost effective, efficient and/or easy-to-use air activated systems/methods/assemblies for rapidly elevating the temperature of liquids and/or foods in a container or vessel. For example, the improved air activated assemblies and systems of the present disclosure may be utilized by a user essentially anywhere and at any time to rapidly elevate the temperature of the contents of a container or vessel.

[0009] In exemplary embodiments, the assemblies and systems of the present disclosure may be utilized to increase the temperature of the contents of a container or vessel by about 20° F. in about ten (10) minutes after activation. In one embodiment, the assemblies and systems of the present disclosure may be utilized to heat the contents of the container up to a temperature of about 110 to about 120° F. An exemplary exothermic composition utilized in conjunction with the warmer assemblies of the present disclosure is configured to: (i) reach a temperature of about 150° F. after about five minutes after activation, (ii) reach a temperature of about 180° F. after about eight minutes after activation, and (iii) maintain an average temperature of about 175° F. from about eight minutes after activation to about 60 minutes after activation.

[0010] The present disclosure provides for a warmer assembly including a container configured and dimensioned to house liquid or food; a containment member configured and dimensioned to be removable positioned or attached around or against the container, the containment member having a first end and a second with an exothermic region extending between the first end and second end; the exothermic region having at least one containment compartment configured and dimensioned to house an exothermic composition, the exothermic composition configured to produce heat on activation; the first end including at least one attachment member configured and dimensioned to be releasably secured or attached to the second end to removable position or attach the containment member around or against the container; wherein the heat produced by the exothermic composition rapidly heats the liquid or food in the container after activation.

[0011] The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the exothermic composition is an air activated exothermic composition. The present disclosure provides for a warmer assembly wherein the temperature of the liquid or food in the container is increased by about 20° F. in about ten minutes after activation.

[0012] The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the heat produced by the exothermic composition heats the liquid or food up to a temperature of about 110 to about 120° F. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the exothermic composition: (i) reaches a temperature of about 150° F. after about five minutes after activation; (ii) reaches a temperature of about 180° F. after about eight minutes after activation, and (iii) maintain an average temperature of about 175° F. from about eight minutes after activation to about 60 minutes after activation. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the positioned or attached containment member has three-dimensional contact with the container. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein there is substantially no exothermic composition positioned or housed within or behind the first and second ends.

[0013] The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the exothermic region includes four separate and distinct containment compartments with: (i) the first and third compartments horizontally extending from about the second end to about the horizontal mid-point of the exothermic region; (ii) the second and fourth compartments horizontally extending from about the first end to about the hori-

zontal mid-point of the exothermic region; (iii) the first and second compartments vertically extending from about the top side of the containment member to about the vertical mid-point of the exothermic region; and (iv) the third and fourth compartments vertically extending from about the bottom side of the containment member to about the vertical mid-point of the exothermic region. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the first and second compartments prevent the exothermic composition contained therein from moving past the vertical mid-point of the exothermic region towards the bottom side of the containment member after the containment member is removably positioned or attached around or against the container.

[0014] The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the exothermic region includes two separate and distinct containment compartments. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly further including an outer member, the outer member configured and dimensioned to be positioned at least partially around the containment member once the containment member is removably positioned or attached around or against the container. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the outer member includes a plurality of air flow regions. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein each air flow region is a hole or opening. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the plurality of air flow regions extends substantially around at least a portion of the circumference of the outer member.

[0015] The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the plurality of air flow regions extends substantially around the lower and mid-section of the circumference of the outer member. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the outer member is an insulating member. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the exothermic region includes a plurality of separate and distinct containment compartments, the plurality of containment compartments defining a quilted-like design of the exothermic region. The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly wherein the containment member includes a top side and a bottom side; and wherein a majority of the plurality of separate and distinct containment compartments prevents a majority of the exothermic composition of the containment member from moving adjacent to the bottom side of the containment member after the containment member is removably positioned or attached around or against the container.

[0016] The present disclosure also provides for a warmer assembly including a container configured and dimensioned to house liquid or food; a containment member configured and dimensioned to be removable positioned around or against the container, the containment member having an exothermic region; the exothermic region having at least one containment compartment configured and dimensioned to house an exothermic composition, the exothermic composition configured to produce heat on activation; wherein the heat produced by the exothermic composition rapidly heats the liquid or food in the container after activation; wherein the containment member includes a top side and a bottom side; wherein the exothermic region includes a plurality of separate and distinct containment compartments; and wherein a majority of the plurality of separate and distinct containment compartments prevents a majority of the exothermic composition of the containment member from moving adjacent to the bottom side of the containment member after the containment member is removably positioned around or against the container.

[0017] Additional advantageous features, functions and applications of the disclosed assemblies, systems and methods of the present disclosure will be apparent from the description which follows, particularly when read in conjunction with the appended figures.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0018] To assist those of ordinary skill in the art in making and using the disclosed systems and methods, reference is made to the appended figures, wherein:

[0019] FIG. **1** is a frontal perspective view of a containment member positioned around a container or vessel according to an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0020] FIG. **2** is a side view of the containment member of FIG. **1**;

[0021] FIG. **3** is a side view of a containment member according to an alternative embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0022] FIG. **4** is a side view of a containment member according to another embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0023] FIG. **5** is a side view of a containment member according to another embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0024] FIG. **6** is a side perspective view of a containment member according to another embodiment of the present disclosure; and

[0025] FIG. **7** is a front view of an outer member positioned around a containment member and container according to an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0026] The exemplary embodiments disclosed herein are illustrative of advantageous warmer assemblies and systems of the present disclosure and methods/techniques thereof. It should be understood, however, that the disclosed embodiments are merely exemplary of the present disclosure, which may be embodied in various forms. Therefore, details disclosed herein with reference to exemplary warmer assemblies/systems and associated methods/techniques of assembly and use are not to be interpreted as limiting, but merely as the basis for teaching one skilled in the art how to make and use the advantageous air activated warmer assemblies/systems and/or alternative warmer assemblies of the present disclosure.

[0027] The present disclosure provides advantageous warmer assemblies. More particularly, the present disclosure provides improved air activated warmer assemblies and improved methods for rapidly elevating the temperature of a container or vessel and/or the contents therein (e.g., liquids and/or foods in a container, such as a baby bottle or the like). In exemplary embodiments, the present disclosure provides for portable, disposable, cost effective, efficient and/or easy-to-use air activated systems/methods/assemblies for rapidly elevating the temperature of liquids and/or foods housed and/or contained in a container or vessel. In general, the improved air activated warmer assemblies and systems of the present disclosure may be utilized by a user essentially anywhere and at any time to rapidly elevate the temperature of the contents of a container or vessel.

[0028] In exemplary embodiments, the assemblies and systems of the present disclosure may be utilized to increase the temperature of the contents of a container or vessel by about 20° F. in about ten (10) minutes after activation. In one embodiment, the assemblies and systems of the present disclosure may be utilized to heat the contents of the container up to a temperature of about 110 to about 120° F. An exemplary exothermic composition utilized in conjunction with the warmer assemblies of the present disclosure is configured to: (i) reach a temperature of about 150° F. after about five minutes after activation, (ii) reach a temperature of about 180° F. after about eight minutes after activation, and (iii) maintain an average temperature of about 175° F. from about eight minutes after activation to about 60 minutes after activation.

[0029] Liquids and foods (e.g., baby foods, formulas, liquids, etc.) are typically kept cool (e.g., refrigerated) for preservation purposes. Current practice provides that it is sometimes desired to consume such liquids and foods at an elevated temperature (e.g., it is typically preferred to give infants or babies liquid or food at or near body temperature). Moreover, it is typically desired to quickly and easily provide liquid or food at the desired temperature (e.g., to a hungry baby), even when one is not near a typical heating source for a container or vessel containing liquids and/or foods. In exemplary embodiments, the present disclosure provides for portable, disposable, cost effective, efficient and/or easy-to-use air activated systems/methods/assemblies for rapidly elevating the temperature of liquids and/or foods in a container or vessel, thereby providing a significant commercial and manufacturing advantage as a result.

[0030] Referring now to the drawings, like parts are marked throughout the specification and drawings with the same reference numerals, respectively. Drawing figures are not necessarily to scale and in certain views, parts may have been exaggerated for purposes of clarity.

[0031] With reference to FIG. **1**, there is illustrated a containment member **10** positioned, secured and/or attached around and/or against a container or vessel **12** according to an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure. In general, container or vessel **12** is configured and dimensioned to house and/or contain food and/or liquid or the like, and containment member **10** is configured and dimensioned to transfer heat to container **12** and/or the contents therein, upon activation of containment member **10**. In one embodiment, container **12** is a baby bottle. However, food and/or liquid containers or vessels are not the only containers or vessels that could be used in accordance with the principles of the present disclosure, as will be readily apparent to persons skilled in the art from the description provided herein. For example, container or vessel **12** may be configured and dimensioned to contain and/or house any fluid, liquid, object and/or material. Alternatively, containment member **10** may be positioned, secured and/or attached around and/or against any other suitable object or part of an object (e.g., an arm, leg, etc.) to transfer heat to that object.

[0032] In general, container **12** substantially fits inside the attached, secured or positioned containment member **10**. In exemplary embodiments and as shown in FIG. **1**, the attached secured or positioned containment member **10** substantially surrounds, encircles and/or envelops a substantial portion of container **12**. For example, attached, secured or positioned containment member **10** may take the form of a three-dimensional shape, such as, for example, a cylinder, a cube, a triangular prism, a pentagonal prism, etc. In exemplary embodiments, attached or positioned containment member **10** has three-dimensional contact with container **12**. Typically, at least a portion of at least one surface of containment member **10** is gas and/or air permeable. For example, at least one surface of containment member **10** may be fabricated from polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinylchloride, etc.

[0033] In general, containment member **10** includes at least one containment region or compartment **14***a*. The at least one containment region or compartment **14***a* is typically configured and dimensioned to house and/or contain an exothermic composition **16**. Exemplary exothermic composition **16** takes the form of an air activated exothermic composition, although the present disclosure is not limited there. Rather, exothermic composition **16** may take a variety of forms. Exemplary exothermic compositions **16** are described and disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,976,049; 4,114,591; 4,282,005; 4,366,804; 5,046,479; 5,042,455; 5,366,492; 5,425,975; 5,879,378; 5,918,590; 5,984,995; 6,099,556; and U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2007/0034202, the entire contents of each being hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

[0034] In general, exemplary exothermic composition **16** in containment member **10** produces heat by a chemical reaction (e.g., exothermic reaction) on activation (e.g., air activation) of the exothermic composition **16**. For example, prior to use, containment member **10** may be packaged in an air tight package. When a user removes the containment member **10** from the air tight package, this thereby activates the exothermic composition **16** of containment member **10**. As noted, at least a portion of at least one surface of containment member **10** is gas and/or air permeable to allow activation of the exothermic composition **16** (e.g., to allow air to enter the containment member **10** upon removal of the containment member **10** from the air tight package). Thus, in exemplary embodiments, the heat production of the containment member **10** is activated by removing the containment member **10** from the air tight package and exposing it to air which initiates the exothermic reaction of the exothermic composition **16**. It is noted that other suitable methods for initiating and/or activating the exothermic composition **16** may be utilized as well.

[0035] In exemplary embodiments, exothermic composition **16** includes (by weight): from about 10% to about 85% metal powder (e.g., iron powder); from about 5% to about 50% water; from about 2% to about 50% activated carbon, non-activated carbon (and/or mixtures thereof); from about 2% to about 50% water holding material, wood powder, filler, vermiculite, silicates, etc. or the like (and/or mixtures thereof); and from about 0.5% to about 30% metal salt (e.g., sodium chloride). In one embodiment, exothermic composition **16** includes (by weight): about 60% metal powder (e.g., iron powder); about 10% water; about 10% activated carbon, non-activated carbon (and/or mixtures thereof); about 10% water holding material, wood powder, filler, vermiculite, silicates, etc. or the like (and/or mixtures thereof); and about 10% metal salt (e.g., sodium chloride). It is noted that such exothermic compositions **16** are provided as examples, and other combinations of ingredients and/or other ingredients may be utilized to give exothermic composition **16** the desired effect.

[0036] In exemplary embodiments, containment member **10** is configured and dimensioned to be wrapped and/or positioned around container **12** and releasably secured and/or attached via at least one attachment member or region **18** of

containment member **10**. Alternatively, containment member **10** may take the form of a three-dimensional shape, such as, for example, a cylinder, a cube, a triangular prism, a pentagonal prism, etc. For example, instead of containment member **10** being releasably secured and/or attached via at least one attachment member or region **18**, the containment member **10'** may take the form of a cylinder or the like (e.g., a single substantially cylindrically-shaped containment member **10'**—FIG. **6**), and the cylindrical containment member **10'** may then be positioned or secured around a substantial portion of container **12**. For example and as shown in FIG. **6**, substantially cylindrically-shaped containment member **10'** having at least one containment region or compartment **14***a'* may include stretchy (e.g., elastic) material **13** or the like to facilitate the placement, securement and/or attachment of the containment member around container **12**.

[0037] In one embodiment and as shown in FIG. **2**, containment member **10** includes a first attachment member or region **18** at first end **20**, and a second attachment member or region **18'** at second end **20**. In use, containment member **10** may be wrapped and/or positioned around container **12**, and attachment member or regions **18**, **18'** may then be releasably attached or secured to each other and/or to container **12**. Stated another way, the at least one attachment member or region **18** may be releasably secured and/or attached to a portion of containment member **10** (e.g., to region **18'**), or attachment member or region **18** may be releasably secured and/or attached directly to container **12**. Containment member **10** may include any suitable number of attachment members or regions **18**, **18'**.

[0038] In general, attachment regions **18**, **18'** do not have exothermic composition **16** positioned or housed within and/or behind these regions of containment member **10**. As attachment regions **18**, **18'** typically do not have exothermic composition positioned or housed within and/or behind these regions, it has been found that this thereby increases and/or enhances the attachment and/or securement of these two regions. For example, if exothermic composition **16** were positioned within and/or behind attachment regions **18**, **18'**, the exothermic composition **16** may reduce the adhesiveness of attachment regions **18**, **18'** after activation (e.g., once exothermic composition raised temperature).

[0039] In one embodiment, attachment regions **18**, **18'** both include an adhesive material or the like for attaching/securing purposes. Thus, exemplary attachment members or regions **18**, **18'** take the form of adhesive materials or regions, although the present disclosure is not limited thereto. Rather, attachment members or regions **18**, **18'** may take any suitable forms for attachment and/or securement to containment member **10** and/or to container **12** (e.g., Velcro, hook-and-loop fasteners, clips, snaps, etc.).

[0040] Alternatively, containment member **310**, **410** may have one attachment region **318**, **418** at first end **320**, **420** that includes an adhesive material or the like, and a second attachment region **318'**, **418'** at second end **324**, **424** that does not include an adhesive material or the like (FIGS. **3** and **4**).

[0041] As noted, containment member **10** includes at least one containment region or compartment **14***a*. In general, the at least one containment region or compartment **14***a* is positioned in exothermic region **26** of containment member **10**. As shown in FIG. **2**, exothermic region **26** is typically positioned between first end **20** and second end **24** of containment member **10**. In exemplary embodiments, containment member **10** may be about 12 inches in length and about 3 or 4 inches in height. Attachment regions **18**, **18'** may be about 1 inch in length respectively, with exothermic region **26** positioned therebetween. As such, exemplary exothermic region **26** is about 10 inches in length.

[0042] In exemplary embodiments and as shown in FIGS. **2** and **4**, containment member **10**, **410** includes four separate and/or distinct containment regions or compartments: **14***a*, **14***b*, **14***c* and **14***d* in FIG. **2**, and **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c* and **414***d* in FIG. **4**. Typically, each distinct containment region **14***a*, **14***b*, **14***c*, **14***d* (or **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c* and **414***d*) is configured and dimensioned to separately house and/or contain exothermic composition **16**. In general, each containment region **14***a*, **14***b*, **14***c*, **14***d* (or **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c* and **414***d*) has about the same length and height, although the present disclosure is not limited thereto.

[0043] In exemplary embodiments and as shown in FIGS. **2** and **4**, containment regions **14***a*, **14***c* in FIG. **2** (**414***a*, **414***c*-FIG. **4**) horizontally extend from about second end **24** (**424**—FIG. **4**) to about the horizontal midpoint of exothermic region **26**, **426** (vertical plane A), and containment regions **14***b*, **14***d* (**414***b*, **414***d*) horizontally extend from about first end **20** (**420**) to about the horizontal midpoint of exothermic region **26**, **426** (vertical plane A). Moreover, containment regions **14***a*, **14***b* (**414***a*, **414***b*-FIG. **4**) vertically extend from about the top side **28** (**428**—FIG. **4**) to about the vertical midpoint of exothermic region **26**, **426** (horizontal plane B), and containment regions **14***c*, **14***d* (**414***c*, **414***d*) vertically extend from about the bottom side **30**, **430** to about the vertical midpoint of exothermic region **26**, **426** (horizontal plane B). It has been found that containment member **10**, **410** with containment regions **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c*, **414***d* (or **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c* and **414***d*) advantageously transfers heat efficiently and effectively from activated exothermic compositions **16** contained in containment regions **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c*, **414***d* (or **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c* and **414***d*) to container **12** once containment member **10**, **410** is attached and/or positioned around container **12**, as the exothermic compositions **16** are substantially evenly positioned next to container **12** via containment regions **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c*, **414***d* (or **414***a*, **414***b*, **414***c* and **414***d*) after attachment or positioning with respect to container **12** (FIGS. **1-2** and **4**). For example, after containment member **10**, **410** is attached and/or positioned around container **12** (FIG. **1**), the exothermic composition **16** in separate containment regions **14***a* and **14***b* (FIG. **2**) or **414***a* and **414***b* (FIG. **4**) are prevented from moving towards or adjacent to the bottom side **30**, **430** of containment member **10**, **410**.

[0044] It is noted that the containment members of the present disclosure may include any other number of separate containment regions **14***a*, **14***b* etc. (**414***a*, **414***b*, etc.). For example and as shown in FIG. **5**, containment member **510** may include a plurality of separate containment regions **514** (e.g., to prevent exothermic composition **16** from moving towards or adjacent to the bottom side **530** of containment member **530**). For example, alternative containment member **510** of the present disclosure may include a plurality of separate containment members **514**, thereby forming or defining a quilted-like design (e.g., similar to the quilting in a paper towel or bath tissue) of the containment member **510**. In this way, the quilted-like design of the separate containment members **514** would advantageously prevent a majority of the exothermic composition **16** of the containment member **510** from moving towards or adjacent to the bottom side **530** of the containment member **510** after the containment member **510** was positioned or secured around container **12**.

[0045] In an alternative embodiment and as shown in FIG. **3**, containment member **310** includes two separate and/or distinct containment regions or compartments **314**, **314'**. In general, each containment region **314**, **314'** has about the same length and height. As shown in FIG. **3**, containment region **314** horizontally extends from about second end **322** to about the horizontal midpoint of exothermic region **326** (vertical plane A), and containment region **314'** horizontally extends from about first end **320** to about the horizontal midpoint of exothermic region **326** (vertical plane A). Moreover, containment regions **314**, **314'** vertically extend from about the top side **328** to about the bottom side **330**. It has been found that containment member **310** with containment regions **314**, **314'** advantageously transfers heat efficiently and effectively from activated exothermic compositions **16** contained in containment regions **314**, **314'** to container **12** once containment member **310** is attached and/or positioned around container **12**.

[0046] In exemplary embodiments and as shown in FIG. **7**, once containment member **10**, **310**, **410** is attached and/or positioned around container **12** (FIG. **1**), a user may then position an outer member **50** around containment member **10**, **310**, **410** and/or container **12**. Alternatively, a user may first remove containment member **10**, **310**, **410** from the air tight package, insert containment member **10**, **310**, **410** at least partially within outer member **50**, and then position and/or attach outer member **50** with inserted containment member **10**, **310**, **410** around container **12**. For example, outer member **50** may be configured and dimensioned with pockets, sleeves, or holder members or the like for at least partially containing or housing containment member **10**, **310**, **410**.

[0047] Typically, at least a portion of at least one surface of outer member **50** is gas and/or air permeable (e.g., to allow activation of containment member **10**, **310**, **410** to initiate and/or continue). For example, at least one surface of outer member **50** may be fabricated from neoprene, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinylchloride, etc., although the present disclosure is not limited thereto. Rather, outer member **50** may be fabricated from any suitable material.

[0048] As shown in FIG. **7**, outer member **50** includes a plurality of air flow regions **52**. In one embodiment, air flow regions **52** are holes or openings configured to allow air to reach containment region(s) **14***a*, **14**, etc. Alternatively, air flow regions **52** may be fabricated from a mesh or perforated fabric material or the like. Typically, air flow regions **52** are positioned on outer member **50** to substantially correspond to containment region(s) **14***a*, **14**, etc. of attached or positioned containment member **10**, **310**, **410** (e.g., to allow activation of containment member **10**, **310**, **410** to initiate and/or continue). As shown in FIG. **7**, air flow regions **52** may be substantially circular, although the present disclosure is not limited thereto. In exemplary embodiments, air flow regions **52** extend substantially around at least a portion of the circumference of outer member **50**. For example and as shown in FIG. **7**, air flow regions **52** may be positioned on the lower and mid-sections of outer member **50**, and extend substantially around the circumference of the outer member **50** in these regions. Outer member **50** may or may not include air flow regions **52**.

[0049] In general, outer member **50** is configured and dimensioned to facilitate keeping containment member **10**, **310**, **410** in place around container **12**. Additionally, outer member **50** generally provides an insulation function to facilitate transferring heat from containment member **10**, **310**, **410** to container **12**. Moreover, outer member **50** typically helps to protect a user's hands or furniture or the like from the heat of activated containment member **10**, **310**, **410**. As shown in FIG. **7**, outer member **50** may also include a securement member **54** (e.g., a zipper or the like) and/or a fastening member **56** (e.g., a button, clip or snap or the like).

[0050] Whereas the disclosure has been described principally in connection with warmer assemblies for liquid or food containers/vessels (e.g., baby bottles), such description has been utilized only for purposes of disclosure and is not intended as limiting the disclosure. To the contrary, it is to be recognized that the disclosed warmer assemblies are capable of use with any container/vessel and/or object to raise the temperature of such containers/vessels and/or objects (and/or the contents therein).

[0051] Although the systems and methods of the present disclosure have been described with reference to exemplary embodiments thereof, the present disclosure is not limited to such exemplary embodiments and/or implementations. Rather, the systems and methods of the present disclosure are susceptible to many implementations and applications, as will be readily apparent to persons skilled in the art from the disclosure hereof. The present disclosure expressly encompasses such modifications, enhancements and/or variations of the disclosed embodiments. Since many changes could be made in the above construction and many widely different embodiments of this disclosure could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the drawings and specification shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense. Additional modifications, changes, and substitutions are intended in the foregoing disclosure. Accordingly, it is appropriate that the appended claims be construed broadly and in a manner consistent with the scope of the disclosure.

What is claimed is:

1. A warmer assembly comprising:

a container configured and dimensioned to house liquid or food;

a containment member configured and dimensioned to be removable positioned or attached around or against the container, the containment member having a first end and a second with an exothermic region extending between the first end and second end;

the exothermic region having at least one containment compartment configured and dimensioned to house an exothermic composition, the exothermic composition configured to produce heat on activation;

the first end including at least one attachment member configured and dimensioned to be releasably secured or attached to the second end to removable position or attach the containment member around or against the container;

wherein the heat produced by the exothermic composition rapidly heats the liquid or food in the container after activation.

2. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein the exothermic composition is an air activated exothermic composition.

3. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein the temperature of the liquid or food in the container is increased by about 20° F. in about ten minutes after activation.

4. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein the heat produced by the exothermic composition heats the liquid or food up to a temperature of about 110 to about 120° F.

5. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein the exothermic composition: (i) reaches a temperature of about 150° F. after about five minutes after activation; (ii) reaches a temperature of about 180° F. after about eight minutes after activation, and (iii) maintain an average temperature of about 175° F. from about eight minutes after activation to about 60 minutes after activation.

6. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein the positioned or attached containment member has three-dimensional contact with the container.

7. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein there is substantially no exothermic composition positioned or housed within or behind the first and second ends.

8. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein the containment member includes a top side and a bottom side; and

wherein the exothermic region includes four separate and distinct containment compartments with: (i) the first and third compartments horizontally extending from about the second end to about the horizontal mid-point of the exothermic region; (ii) the second and fourth compartments horizontally extending from about the first end to about the horizontal mid-point of the exothermic region; (iii) the first and second compartments vertically extending from about the top side of the containment member to about the vertical mid-point of the exothermic region; and (iv) the third and fourth compartments vertically extending from about the bottom side of the containment member to about the vertical mid-point of the exothermic region.

9. The assembly of claim **9**, wherein the first and second compartments prevent the exothermic composition contained therein from moving past the vertical mid-point of the exothermic region towards the bottom side of the containment member after the containment member is removably positioned or attached around or against the container.

10. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein the exothermic region includes two separate and distinct containment compartments.

11. The assembly of claim **1** further comprising an outer member, the outer member configured and dimensioned to be positioned at least partially around the containment member once the containment member is removably positioned or attached around or against the container.

12. The assembly of claim **11**, wherein the outer member includes a plurality of air flow regions.

13. The assembly of claim **12**, wherein each air flow region is a hole or opening.

14. The assembly of claim **12**, wherein the plurality of air flow regions extends substantially around at least a portion of the circumference of the outer member.

15. The assembly of claim **12**, wherein the plurality of air flow regions extends substantially around the lower and mid-section of the circumference of the outer member.

16. The assembly of claim **11**, wherein the outer member is an insulating member.

17. The assembly of claim **1**, wherein the exothermic region includes a plurality of separate and distinct containment compartments, the plurality of containment compartments defining a quilted-like design of the exothermic region.

18. The assembly of claim **17**, wherein the containment member includes a top side and a bottom side; and wherein a majority of the plurality of separate and distinct containment compartments prevents a majority of the exothermic composition of the containment member from moving adjacent to the bottom side of the containment member after the containment member is removably positioned or attached around or against the container.

19. A warmer assembly comprising:

a container configured and dimensioned to house liquid or food;

a containment member configured and dimensioned to be removable positioned or attached around or against the container, the containment member having a first end and a second with an exothermic region extending between the first end and second end;

the exothermic region having at least one containment compartment configured and dimensioned to house an air activated exothermic composition, the exothermic composition configured to produce heat on activation;

the first end including at least one attachment member configured and dimensioned to be releasably secured or attached to the second end to removable position or attach the containment member around or against the container;

wherein the heat produced by the exothermic composition rapidly heats the liquid or food in the container after activation;

wherein the containment member includes a top side and a bottom side;

wherein the exothermic region includes four separate and distinct containment compartments with: (i) the first and third compartments horizontally extending from about the second end to about the horizontal mid-point of the exothermic region; (ii) the second and fourth compartments horizontally extending from about the first end to about the horizontal mid-point of the exothermic region; (iii) the first and second compartments vertically extending from about the top side of the containment member to about the vertical mid-point of the exothermic region; and (iv) the third and fourth compartments vertically extending from about the bottom side of the containment member to about the vertical mid-point of the exothermic region;

wherein there is substantially no exothermic composition positioned or housed within or behind the first and second ends; and

wherein the exothermic composition: (i) reaches a temperature of about 150° F. after about five minutes after activation; (ii) reaches a temperature of about 180° F. after about eight minutes after activation, and (iii) maintain an average temperature of about 175° F. from about eight minutes after activation to about 60 minutes after activation.

20. A warmer assembly comprising:

a container configured and dimensioned to house liquid or food;

a containment member configured and dimensioned to be removable positioned around or against the container, the containment member having an exothermic region;

the exothermic region having at least one containment compartment configured and dimensioned to house an exothermic composition, the exothermic composition configured to produce heat on activation;

wherein the heat produced by the exothermic composition rapidly heats the liquid or food in the container after activation;

wherein the containment member includes a top side and a bottom side;

wherein the exothermic region includes a plurality of separate and distinct containment compartments; and

wherein a majority of the plurality of separate and distinct containment compartments prevents a majority of the exothermic composition of the containment member from moving adjacent to the bottom side of the containment member after the containment member is removably positioned around or against the container.

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