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Fig. 2

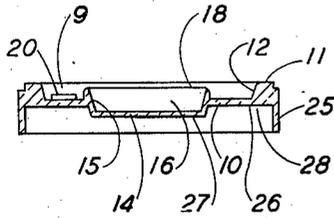


Fig. 1

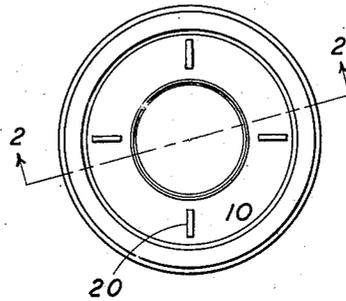


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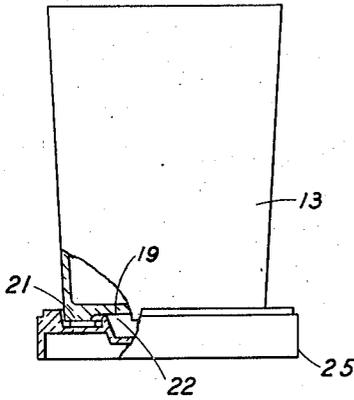


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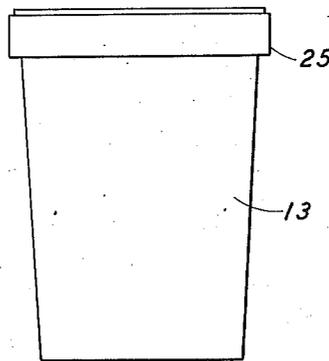
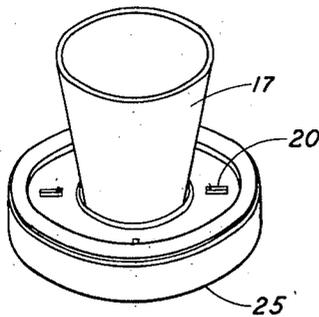


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to a combination tumbler cover and coaster and more particularly to an article of the above type having sanitary features which render the same particularly useful for hospital use.

An object of the invention is to provide a combination tumbler cover and coaster, having a top surface adapted to receive a glass when the article is used as a coaster and to retain liquid which may drip from the glass so as to prevent the same from falling into the glass or tumbler when the article is again used as a cover.

Another object is to provide a device of the above character, which is adapted for use as a coaster or tumbler cover and is also adapted to serve as a coaster or tray for a medicine glass.

Another object is to provide a combination coaster and tumbler cover which is adapted to serve as a tray for medicines, such as pills and the like.

Another object is to provide a combination article of the above type which is adapted to serve as a coaster or cover for glasses of different sizes.

Another object is to provide a cheap, simple, convenient and sanitary device of the above character.

Various other objects and advantages will be apparent as the nature of the invention is more fully disclosed.

Although the novel features which are believed to be characteristic of this invention, will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto, the invention itself, as to its objects and advantages and the manner of its organization, will be better understood by referring to the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a combination tumbler cover and coaster constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing the article used as a tumbler cover.

Fig. 4 is a side elevation partly in section showing the article used as a coaster.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the article used as a tray for a medicine glass.

Referring to the drawing more in detail the combination tumbler cover and coaster is shown as comprising a base or horizontal surface 10 having a peripheral rim 11 formed thereon and provided with sloping sides 12 which form a central recess 9 adapted to receive the bottom of a tumbler

13 or the like, as illustrated in Fig. 4. The base 10 is provided with a central depressed portion 14 having sloping sides 15 forming a recess 16 adapted to receive the bottom of a medicine glass 17 or the like, as illustrated in Fig. 5.

The recess 16 is surrounded by a raised flange 18 which is adapted to engage and support the under surface 19 of the tumbler 13. The base 10 is also provided with a plurality of radial tabs 20 which are adapted to engage and support the bottom rim 21 of the tumbler 13. The tabs 20 are preferably of lesser elevation than the flange 18 so that the rim 21 may rest on the tabs while the flange 18 enters the central recess 22 which is commonly formed in the bottom of a tumbler.

It is evident that the flange 18 and the tabs 20 may be variously disposed and may be of the same elevation if desired, depending upon the type of tumbler which is to be supported thereby. In certain instances the tabs 20 may be omitted and the tumbler may rest directly upon the flange 18. It is also to be understood that the flange 18 and the tabs 20 may both be omitted in some instances and the tumbler allowed to rest directly upon the base 10. The particular contour of the coaster portion above described may be varied as desired. The sloping sides 12 provide space around the edge of the tumbler 13 to permit the liquid which may drip down the outer surface of the tumbler to enter the central recess 9 instead of engaging the rim 11 and dripping down the outside of the coaster.

A downwardly extending peripheral flange 25 is formed around the periphery of the rim 11 and is adapted to extend around the sides of the tumbler when the device is used as a tumbler cover, in the manner illustrated in Fig. 3 or to rest on a supporting surface when the device is used as a coaster. The under surface 26 of the base 10 is suitably formed to seat on the top of the tumbler for this purpose.

A central depressed portion 27 is also formed on the under side of the device opposite the central recess 16 above mentioned. This central depressed portion is preferably of a size adapted to fit into the top of a medicine glass so as to permit the device to be used as a medicine glass cover. The space between the depressed portion 27 and the flange 25 also forms a recess 28 in which the top of the tumbler is adapted to seat when the device is used as a tumbler cover.

The recess 16 is formed sufficiently deep so that it may serve as a tray to receive pills or the like when desired. It is particularly useful for this purpose when the device is used as a tumbler

cover, inasmuch as pills are usually served with a glass of water. They may be accordingly put in the recess 16 and the device placed over the tumbler as shown in Fig. 3, when served to the patient. Thereafter the device may be placed upon the table or the like and used as a coaster to receive the tumbler, as illustrated in Fig. 4. If any drippings from the tumbler should accumulate in the central recess they will be retained therein and will not be permitted to spill into the tumbler when the device is again placed on the top of the tumbler as a cover therefor.

It is obvious that the device may be used as a medicine glass tray as illustrated in Fig. 5, either independently or when the medicine is to be served in combination with water. In the latter case the device is placed on the tumbler of water as a cover and the medicine glass is inserted in the recess 16.

It is obvious that the particular form of the device may be changed as desired, although the embodiment described above has been found particularly satisfactory for the purposes specified. It is also obvious that the device may be constructed of any desired plastic material, such for example as glass, molded phenol condensation product or the like.

Although a specific embodiment of the invention has been shown and described for the purpose of illustration, it is to be understood that the invention is only to be limited in accordance with the following claims when interpreted in view of the prior art.

I claim:

1. A combination tumbler cover and top coaster comprising a base having a raised peripheral rim forming a central recess adapted to receive the bottom of a tumbler, a central depressed portion below the level of said base forming a recess adapted to receive the bottom of a medicine glass or to serve as a tray for pills or the like, and a raised flange of lesser elevation than said peripheral rim surrounding said central recess and adapted to engage and support the bottom of the tumbler.

2. A combination tumbler cover and top coaster comprising a base having a raised peripheral rim forming a central recess adapted to receive the

bottom of a tumbler, a central depressed portion forming a recess adapted to receive the bottom of a medicine glass or to serve as a tray for pills or the like, a raised flange surrounding said central recess and a plurality of raised tabs located between said flange and said rim, said flange and tabs being adapted to engage and support the bottom of the tumbler.

3. A combination tumbler cover and top coaster comprising a base having a raised peripheral rim forming a central recess adapted to receive the bottom of a tumbler and a central depressed portion forming a recess adapted to receive the bottom of a medicine glass or to serve as a tray for pills or the like, a raised flange surrounding said central recess, and a plurality of raised tabs located between said flange and said rim, said tabs being of lesser elevation than said flange whereby the flange is adapted to enter a central recess in the bottom of said tumbler and said tabs are adapted to support the bottom rim of the tumbler.

4. A combination tumbler cover and coaster comprising a base having a depending peripheral flange adapted to seat around the top of a tumbler, and a central depressed portion on the bottom adapted to seat within a medicine glass, the top of said base having a raised peripheral rim forming a central recess to receive the bottom of a tumbler and having a lower central recess surrounded by a raised flange of lesser elevation than said peripheral rim adapted to receive a medicine glass or the like.

5. A combination tumbler cover and a coaster comprising a base having a depending peripheral flange adapted to seat around the top of a tumbler, and a central depressed portion on the bottom adapted to seat within a medicine glass, the top of said base having a raised peripheral rim forming a recess to receive the bottom of a tumbler and having a lower central recess surrounded by a raised flange of lesser elevation than said peripheral rim adapted to receive a medicine glass or the like, both of said recesses having means to receive the drippings from the outer side of the glass or tumbler and to prevent said drippings from spilling over the periphery of the device.

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