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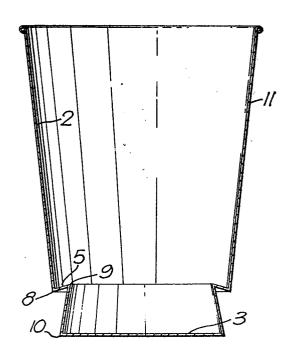
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- 54 Nestable containers.
- (3) A nestable cup (11) or other container comprises a bottom (3) and a side wall (2), and includes stacking means comprising an external, downwardly-facing shoulder (3) and an internal, upwardly-facing shoulder (5). The internal upwardly-facing shoulder (5) is inclined in a direction downwards and outwards and terminates at an acute-angled sharp convex corner (9). When a plurality of identical cups or other containers (11) are assembled together into an upright stack, the corner (9) makes localised contact with the external, downwardly-facing shoulder (3), of the cup (11) or other container above the corner (9) engaging the downwardly-facing shoulder (3) away from its edge (10). Any vertical shock loading applied to a stack of such cups (11) or other containers is cushioned by resilient deformation of the external, downwardly-facing shoulders (3).



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