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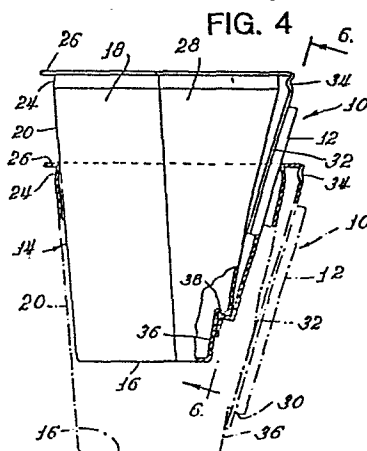
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54 Nestable container having integral hinged lid.

57 A nestable container comprises a receptacle (10) and an integral, hinged lid (12). The receptacle (10) has a base (16), an open top, and walls (18, 20, 22) extending from the open top to the base (16) in an inwardly tapered fashion. The lid (12) is shaped to conform to the open top of the receptacle and can be folded open against the rear wall (22) such that like containers can be nested one within the other with the lid (12) extending into the receiving receptacle. In one embodiment, the lid (12) is shaped to be releasably held against the rear wall (at 38), while in other embodiments, the lid is shaped to lie flat against the rear wall when nested within a second container.





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X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions,

namely:

- 1) Claims 1,2,5: Means for holding the lid against the rear wall
- 2) Claims 1,3,4,6-14: Form of container and lid
- 3) Claim 15: A specimen collecting lid

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