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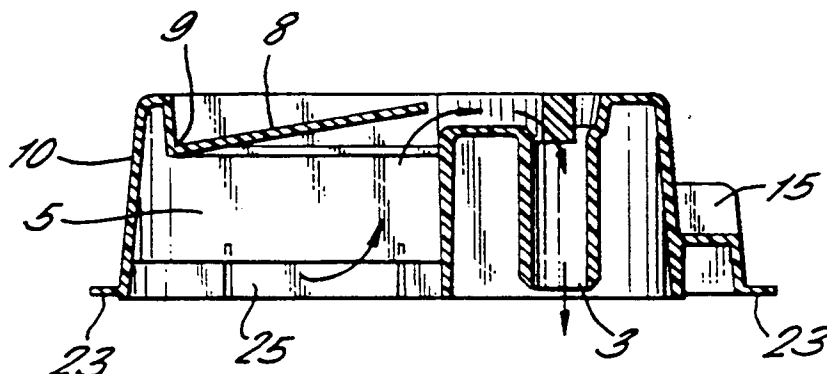
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(54) **Packages containing comestibles.**

(57) A sealed package containing one or more powder, paste or liquid comestible preparation ingredients and being formed from substantially air- and water-impermeable materials, the said package comprising a compartment (2) containing the said one or more comestible preparation ingredients, an inlet (12) which communicates with the said compartment and an outlet (3) which communicates with the said compartment the package being provided with control means (8) to prevent the ingress of the powder, paste or liquid ingredient or ingredients into the outlet from the compartment containing the ingredients prior to the preparation of a comestible from the said ingredients.

FIG. 1D.





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1. Claims 1-9:

2. Claims 10-17:

A device as claimed in claim 1 is known from EP 272 922 (see search report). Therefore, this claim must be considered as a preamble for its subclaims, which become independant claims.

Claims 2 to 9 relate to a package containing one or more ingredients for preparing a comestible product, provided with an outlet and control means to prevent the ingress of the ingredient(s) into the outlet, characterized by the construction of the control means.

Claims 10 to 17 relate to a package containing one or more ingredients for preparing a comestible product, provided with an outlet and control means to prevent the ingress of the ingredient(s) into the outlet, characterized by the provision of recognition means.

These two groups of claims disclose two different inventions which do not show any common new or inventive concept. Therefore, the application lacks unity of invention a posteriori.