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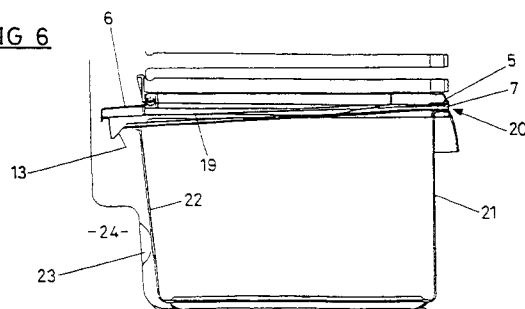
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(54) **Improvements in or relating to a condensate collector.**

(57) The invention relates to a condensate collector comprising a lid (1) having a downwardly facing portion (4) which is positioned over a vegetable bin 2 in a refrigerator (24). The downwardly facing portion (4) has a plurality of spaced apart, drainable elongate channels or grooves (9). Condensate formed as a result of fruit/vegetables in the vegetable bin (2) respiring collects in the channels or grooves (9) and tends to be drawn towards the upwardly disposed bases (10) thereof as a result of water tension. The ability of the condensate to collect in the grooves (9) is reliant on the dimensions and spacings of the grooves (9). The lid (1) is provided on a slight angle towards the rear of the refrigerator (24) so that condensate can drain to a baffle (13) and evaporate therefrom. A combination of the lid (1) and vegetable/fruit bin (2) is also claimed as is a method of collecting condensate using the condensate collector.

FIG 6





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