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(54) Carrier capable of hanging from a side of a container

(57) A carrier (112) is formed of foldable sheet material, the carrier being usable with a container (110). The container has a top (108), a bottom and sides, the top having a handle, and at least one of the sides having a mouth for emptying contents from the container. The carrier (112) includes a bottom (117), side panels (113,114,115,116) adjoined and connected to the bottom, and a handle panel formed with at least one of the side panels (113). The handle panel includes a first aperture (126) for fitting over the handle (111) on the top of the container (110) such that at least a portion of one of the side panels (113) of the carrier rests against a side of the container.

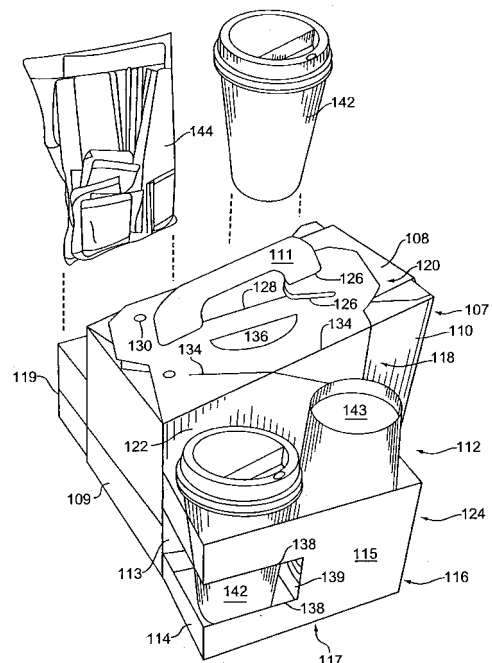


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1. claims: 1-8, 10-17

Group I relates to a carrier with a handle panel comprising different means for fixing it to a container

2. claims: 9, 18-20

Group II relates to a container with means for dividing the compartment of the carrier .

3. claims: 21-25

Group III relates to carrier having a compartment cover.

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