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Description

[0001] The invention relates to food containers, which do not always contain utensils due to the extra packaging costs being prohibitive and the container design not being suitable. Note: 'utensil' is intended to describe any implement which is used for the purpose of consuming a food and or liquid or medicine etc, for example a fork, spoon, knife or chopstick are all utensils, and may equally be suitable for the storage of liquid or foodstuff within the handle or main body of the utensil.

Background

[0002] The present invention relates to a development for a container and is particularly suitable for a foodstuff and or liquid, the container having a mouth sealed by means of a foil adhered to the upper rim of the container.

[0003] Such containers are commonly used for foodstuffs that are consumed in their entirety as soon as the containers are opened so that there is no need for the containers to be resealed. Examples of such foodstuffs are yoghurt, salads, pasta, desserts etc, and quick snacks such as soups and noodles.

[0004] Disposable utensils are well known, as indeed are food containers, however the object of this invention is to provide a utensil through making one of the food or liquid chambers within the container utensil shaped. This chamber is specifically designed so that consumable products can be stored within it, and because the chamber is utensil shaped it may be detached from the other chamber and used as a utensil to consume the food within the container or utensil. The utensil shaped food and or liquid chamber may also hinge on the main food container, or detach from the main food container and therefore empty the contents of the utensil shaped chamber into the main food container, prior to the utensil being removed.

[0005] Making the food or liquid chamber into a spoon, fork, knife, chopstick or utensil etc facilitates customer convenience in that a consumer has no need for a separate utensil, and can use the utensil instantly to eat the contents within the main food container.

[0006] Moreover, the invention allows for extra marketing possibilities and saves on materials, which would be required in the manufacture of a utensil.

[0007] According to a first aspect of the invention there is provided a container for food stuffs comprising at least two compartments for receiving food stuffs and one membrane extending across both these two compartments to seal food stuffs separately: in each compartment, wherein at least one of these two compartments containing food stuffs forms part of a utensil for eating said food stuffs and wherein the utensil is arranged to be separated from the at least one other compartment, characterised in that the compartment of the utensil contains a food stuff intended to be added to the foodstuff in the at least one other compartment and wherein the at least one other

compartment is not shaped or intended to be used as a utensil.

[0008] The two compartments sealed by the membrane may be separated by a linear flat area dividing the container into a first section and a second section such that the container can be folded along the flat area so that one compartment is inverted upon one other compartment.

Brief Description of the Drawings

[0009] The invention will now be described further, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of a food container in accordance with the invention with the membrane;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a food container of Figure 1 with the membrane removed;

Figure 3 is a similar view to that of Figure 2 and 1 showing a second embodiment of the invention;

Figure 4 shows a plan view of the underside of the food or liquid container;

Figure 5 shows a top elevation of the food or liquid container;

Figure 6 shows a cross section of three stacked food and or liquid containers;

Figure 7 shows a plan view of the food and or liquid containers and how they may be aligned together within the moulding process or upon the shelf;

Figure 8 shows a side elevation of a food and or liquid container, and the lid or foil which may be peeled back from the underside of the food or liquid container;

Figure 9 shows a side elevation of a food and or liquid container, and the lid or foil that may fold around the underside of the food or liquid container to protect the spoon shaped food or liquid chamber;

Figure 10 also shows a side elevation of a food or liquid container with the spoon shaped food or liquid chamber being covered by the lid or foil;

Figure 11 is a perspective view of a food or liquid container in accordance with a first embodiment of the invention;

Figure 12 shows a top plan view of the food or liquid container with accompanying side front and back elevations;

Figure 13 shows a top plan view of the spoon shaped food or liquid chamber and accompanying side elevation;

Figure 14 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 15 shows an underside perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 16 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 17 shows an underside perspective view of

a food and or liquid container;

Figure 18 shows an underside plan view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 19 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 20 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 21 shows a perspective view of various food and or liquid containers;

Figure 22 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 23 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 24 shows a plan elevation of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 25 shows a perspective view of various food and or liquid containers;

Figure 26 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 27 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 28 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 29 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 30 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 31 shows a perspective view of three adjoined food and or liquid containers;

Figure 32 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 33 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 34 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 35 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 36 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Figure 37 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container;

Detailed Description

[0010] Figure 1 shows a food and or liquid container which may comprise of a main food and or liquid chamber 1 and a secondary food and or liquid chamber 3 which may be shaped as a utensil or may be specifically shaped as a spoon. The food and or liquid container may be sealed with a lid 11 or suitable material which may be sealed or adhere or clip to the food and or liquid container rim 7. The spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 may be hinged 6 or attached to the main chamber 1 which allows the consumer to empty the spoon shaped food and or liquid chambers 3 contents into the main food and or liquid chamber 1 after the lid or foil 11 has been removed. The spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 may be removed from the main food and or liquid cham-

ber 1 and used to consume the combined foodstuffs and or liquid now held within food chamber 1.

[0011] Figure 2 shows a similar food and or liquid container with the lid or foil removed exposing the foodstuff and or liquid 18 and 4 contained within food and or liquid chambers 1, 3 and a rim 7 surrounding the food and or liquid containers mouth. The mouth may be covered by means of a plastics or metal foil 11 which is sealed or bonded to the rim 7.

[0012] Figure 3 shows a similar food and or liquid container as described within Fig 1 and 2. The spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 is mounted on the top of the main and or liquid food chamber 1 and may pivot or hinge on the joining edge or points 14 which may be between the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber and main food and or liquid chamber 1. The handle of the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 may comprise of ridges or another chamber 2, which gives the handle strength and rigidity, but may also be used for storing further foodstuffs and or liquid. The lid or foil may comprise of one or more flaps 25 which allows the consumer to peel back the lid from the food and or liquid container 1, 3. The spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber may incorporate a thin film 15 covering which seals the exposed back of the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 for hygiene purposes the consumer may peel this film off prior to using the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3.

[0013] Figure 4 shows an underside of a similar container as described within the previously and incorporates a spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 and shaped recesses 9 within the underside of the main food and or liquid chamber 1. This recess 9 is designed to allow the food and or liquid containers to stack upon each other where the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 may be mounted upon the lid of the main food and or liquid chamber 1 and require that the spoon chamber 3 will fit snugly into the main food and or liquid chamber 1 when the food and or liquid containers are stacked.

[0014] Figure 5 shows a top elevation of the food and or liquid container with the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 mounted upon the main chamber 1 and the foodstuff and or liquid 18 contained within the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3.

[0015] Figure 6 shows a side cross section of three food and or liquid containers stacked upon each other with the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 slotting into the recess 9 within the underside of the main food and or liquid chamber 1.

[0016] Figure 7 shows a plan view of the food and or liquid containers and how they may be aligned together or upon the shelf.

[0017] Figure 8 shows a side elevation of a food and or liquid container and the lid or foil 11 which may be peeled back from the underside of the food and or liquid container 3, 1.

[0018] Figure 9 shows a side elevation of a food and or liquid container, and the lid or foil 11 which may fold

around the underside of the food and or liquid container 3, 1 to protect the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3.

[0019] Figure 10 also shows a side elevation of a food and or liquid container with the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 being covered by the lid or foil 11.

[0020] Figure 11 shows perspective view of a food and or liquid container which may comprise of two main food and or liquid chambers 1 and a spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 which may be shaped as a utensil or may be specifically shaped as a spoon. The spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 may incorporate a removable protective film 15 which allows the underside of the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 to be protected from the environment and atmosphere. The top of the container 1 and chamber 3 may be sealed with a film 11 or foil or suitable material which may be adhere or clip to the food and or liquid container rim 7. The spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 may be separated by a gap 17 allowing the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 to be hinged 6 or attached to the main chambers 1 and subsequently allows the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 to be detached or removed through snapping the hinges 6. When the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 is separated from the main chambers 1 its contents 18 may be emptied into either one or both of the main food and or liquid chambers 1.

[0021] Figure 12 shows a top plan view of the food and or liquid container with accompanying side, front and back elevations. Ridges or indentations 36 are provided at specific sections being located to reduce flexibility of the utensil shaped chamber.

[0022] Figure 13 shows a top plan view of the spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 and accompanying side elevation. Foodstuffs and or liquid 18 are shown to be contained within the spoon shaped container 3.

[0023] Figure 14 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container with the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 being removed from the main container body.

[0024] Figure 15 shows an underside perspective view of a food and or liquid container with the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 being covered by a removable protective film 15.

[0025] Figure 16 shows an elevated perspective view of a food and or liquid container 1 containing a foodstuff and or liquid 18, 4.

[0026] Figure 17 shows an underside perspective view of a food and or liquid container 1 and a removable protective film or paper 26 which covers the underside of the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 for hygiene purposes.

[0027] Figure 18 shows an underside plan view of a food and or liquid container 1 and a removable protective film or paper 26 which covers the underside of the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 for hygiene purposes.

[0028] Figure 19 shows a perspective view of a food

and or liquid container which incorporates further storage chambers 2 within the handle of the spoon or utensil shaped container. The sealed foil 11 which covers the chambers may be removed in separate sections and may incorporate tear strips or perforations 22 in the foil or lid 11 which allow the lid sections to be removed individually without damaging or opening the other chambers.

[0029] Figure 20 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container that has had the protective lid or foil 11 removed as described in Figure 19. The utensil shaped container shows the various foodstuff and or liquid 18 which may be stored within the chambers.

[0030] Figure 21 shows a perspective view of various food and or liquid containers and demonstrates a further possible application with the utensil shaped chamber containing milk, coffee and sugar isolated within separate chambers 2,3. Some of the food and or liquid containers have had the protective lid or foil 11 removed as described in Figure 19 and Figure 20. The utensil shaped container shows the various foodstuff and or liquid 18 which may be stored within the chambers.

[0031] Figure 22 shows a further example of a food and or liquid container which may be designed as to incorporate a spoon shaped chamber 3 at both ends of the utensil for the storage of food stuff or liquid 18 or indeed any other substance or gadget. The sealed foil 11 which covers the utensil chambers may be removed in separate sections and may incorporate tear strips or perforations 22 in the foil or lid which allow the lid sections to be removed individually without damaging or opening the other chambers 2,3.

[0032] Figure 23 shows a further example of a food and or liquid container that has had the protective lid or foil removed. The utensil shaped container may be designed as to incorporate a spoon shaped chamber at both ends of the utensil for the storage of foodstuff or liquid 18 or indeed any other substance or gadget.

[0033] Figure 24 shows a plan elevation of a food and or liquid container as described in Figure 22 and Figure 23. The pull tabs 25 may be used to pull and remove the protective lid or foil 11.

[0034] Figure 25 shows a perspective view of various food and or liquid containers and demonstrates a further possible use that the utensil shaped container has. Some of the food and or liquid containers have had the protective lid or foil 11 removed. The utensil shaped container shows the various foodstuff 18 and or liquid 18 which may be stored within the chambers. The spoon shaped containers may be designed as to intermesh for the purpose of saving space and ease of packaging.

[0035] Figure 26 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container with the spoon shaped food and or liquid chamber 3 having been removed from the main container body 1 and the contents 18 being emptied from the utensil shaped chamber 3 into the main chamber 1 prior to the combined contents 4, 18 being consumed with the utensil shaped chamber 3.

[0036] Figure 27 shows a perspective view of a food

and or liquid container. The food and or liquid container may be formed as a fork which may contain liquid and or foodstuff 18 within the handle 2 as described in previous utensil drawings. The utensil shaped container may include a foil 30 being designed to allow the consumer to peel back the foil 30 and pour the liquid or foodstuff out of the utensil handle. This fork shaped container be adjoined or attached to a main chamber 1 or formed as part of the lid of a main chamber 1.

[0037] Figure 28 shows a perspective view of a utensil shaped food and or liquid container 3. The drawing shows the foil 30 being peeled back allowing the liquid and or foodstuff 18 within the utensil to be poured out of the utensil. Ridges or indentations 36 are provided at specific sections being located to reduce flexibility of the fork shaped container.

[0038] Figure 29 shows a perspective view of a utensil shaped food and or liquid container 3. The drawing shows the utensil with the foil 30 removed thus revealing the liquid and or foodstuff 18 within the utensil handle 2.

[0039] Figure 30 shows a perspective view of a utensil shaped food and or liquid container 3. The drawing shows the foil 30 being peeled back allowing the liquid and or foodstuff 18 within the utensil to be poured out of the utensil.

[0040] Figure 31 shows a perspective view of three utensil shaped food and or liquid containers 3 and demonstrates how they may be connected together in multiple units. The food hinges 6 may connect the utensil shaped food and or liquid containers 3. The containers 3 may also be connected through utilising the foil 11.

[0041] Figure 32 shows a further example perspective view of a food and or liquid container. The spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 may be moulded or formed from the central section of the container 1 lid 37. The spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 may be removed from the lid 37 after removing the adhesive film or paper 38 and snapping the connection point or hinges 6. The hinges or connection points 6 may not always be necessary as the spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 may also be bonded into the lid or contained through utilising the adhesive film or paper 38 allowing the spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 to be removed from the lid with the removal of the adhesive film or paper 38.

[0042] Figure 33 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container. The fork shaped food and or liquid container may be moulded or formed from the central section of the container 1 lid 37 and removed from the lid 37 in the same manner as described for the spoon shaped food or liquid chamber as described in FIG 32.

[0043] Figure 34 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container with the lid 37 and the spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 removed. The spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 is shown having the contents 18 emptied into the main food and or liquid container 1 prior to consuming the combined contents 4, 18 with the spoon shaped food and or liquid

container 3.

[0044] Figure 35 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container with the lid 37 and the fork shaped food and or liquid container removed. The fork shaped food and or liquid container is shown having the contents 18 emptied into the main food and or liquid container 1 prior to consuming the combined contents 4, 18 with the fork shaped food and or liquid container.

[0045] Figure 36 shows a perspective view of a food and or liquid container. The spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 may be moulded or formed from the central section of the container lid 37. The spoon shaped food and or liquid container 3 may be split allowing the handle 39 to be separate to chamber 3. The handle 39 and spoon shaped container 3 may be removed individually from the lid 37 and the handle 39 may then be connected to the spoon shaped container 3. The handle may incorporate a section 40 being designed to snap, connect, insert or attach to the section 41 of the spoon shaped container 3. Alternatively, the handle may be hinged to the container of the utensil to shorten the utensil for storage and can have a catch to lock the handle in a rigid state ready for use.

[0046] Figure 37 shows the handle 39 connected to the spoon shaped container 3, forming a spoon which is substantially ridged and ready for use. The contents 18 from the container 3 may be added to the container 1 contents and the combined handle 39 and container 3 used to consume the combined contents from the container 1.

Claims

1. A container for food stuffs comprising at least two compartments (1,3) for receiving food stuffs and one membrane (11) extending across both these two compartments to seal food stuffs separately in each compartment, wherein at least one of these two compartments (3) containing foods stuffs forms part of a utensil for eating said food stuffs and wherein the utensil is arranged to be separated from the at least one other compartment, **characterised in that** the compartment of the utensil contains a foodstuff intended to be added to the foodstuff in the at least one other compartment and wherein the at least one other compartment is not shaped or intended to be used as a utensil.
2. A container as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the utensil (3) is a spoon.
3. A container as claimed in Claim 2, wherein a bowl portion of the spoon forms one compartment which is sealed by a membrane.
4. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, comprising a frangible portion (6) between the utensil

and the at least one other compartment arranged to permit the utensil to be separated from the at least one other compartment along said frangible portion.

5. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, Where the sides of each compartment all terminate at their upper edges in a common plane in which plane the at least one membrane (11) extends, said at least one membrane being releaseably bonded to the upper edges (7) of the compartments to seal the compartment. 5
6. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the utensil (3) has a number of compartments therein for different food stuffs, each compartment being sealed by a common membrane. 10
7. A container as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 6, wherein the utensil (3) is a spoon and the utensil has a single compartment forming both a bowl and handle portion of the spoon. 15
8. A container as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the membrane extends across a frangible portion (6) joining the utensil to the at least one other compartment and wherein the container is arranged to permit the utensil to be separated the from at least one other compartment with the membrane being simultaneously divided in two so that both said compartments remain sealed as the container is divided along said frangible portion. 20
9. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the at least two (1, 3) compartments are separated by a linear flat area (6) dividing the container into section and a second section such that the container can be folded along the flat area so that the utensil is inverted upon one other compartment. 25
10. A container as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the compartment of the utensil (3), when inverted, has a profile relative to the at least one other compartment (1) such that when two identical containers are stacked one upon the other the inverted compartment (3) of the utensil of one container fits against the underside of the at least one other compartment (1) of the other container. 30
11. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, comprising at least one utensil in the form of a fork having a compartment formed in the handle thereof. 35

Patentansprüche

1. Behälter für Nahrungsmittel, der zumindest zwei Fächer (1, 3) zur Aufnahme von Nahrungsmitteln und

eine Membrane (11) umfasst, die sich über beide dieser zwei Fächer erstreckt, um Nahrungsmittel in jedem Fach separat abzudichten, wobei zumindest eins dieser zwei Nahrungsmittel enthaltenden Fächer (3) Teil eines Utensils zum Essen besagter Nahrungsmittel bildet und, wobei das Utensil eingerichtet ist, von dem zumindest einem anderen Fach getrennt zu werden, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** das Fach des Utensils ein Nahrungsmittel enthält, das dem Nahrungsmittel im zumindest einem anderen Fach hinzugefügt werden soll und, wobei das zumindest eine andere Fach nicht als ein Utensil gebildet ist oder verwendet werden soll.

2. Behälter nach Anspruch 1, wobei das Utensil (3) ein Löffel ist. 40
3. Behälter nach Anspruch 2, wobei ein Schalenteil des Löffels ein Fach bildet, das durch eine Membrane abgedichtet ist. 45
4. Behälter nach einem beliebigen vorhergehenden Anspruch, der einen zerbrechlichen Teil (6) zwischen dem Utensil und dem zumindest einem anderen Fach umfasst, der eingerichtet ist, Trennung des Utensils von dem zumindest einem anderen Fach entlang besagten zerbrechlichen Teils zu erlauben. 50
5. Behälter nach einem beliebigen vorhergehenden Anspruch, wobei die Seiten jedes Fachs alle an ihren oberen Kanten in einer gemeinsamen Ebene enden, in welcher Ebene sich die zumindest eine Membrane (11) erstreckt, besagte zumindest eine Membrane lösbar mit den oberen Kanten (7) der Fächer verklebt ist, um die Fächer abzudichten. 55
6. Behälter nach einem beliebigen vorhergehenden Anspruch, wobei das Utensil (3) eine Anzahl von Fächern für verschiedene Nahrungsmittel darin aufweist, wobei jedes Fach von einer gemeinsamen Membrane abgedichtet wird.
7. Behälter nach einem beliebigen der Ansprüche 1 bis 6, wobei das Utensil (3) ein Löffel ist und das Utensil ein Einzelfach aufweist, das sowohl einen Schalen- als auch Griffteil des Löffels bildet.
8. Behälter nach einem beliebigen der Ansprüche 1 bis 5, wobei sich die Membrane über einen zerbrechlichen Teil (6) erstreckt, der das Utensil mit dem zumindest einem anderen Fach verbindet und, wobei der Behälter eingerichtet ist, Trennung des Utensils von dem zumindest einem anderen Fach zu erlauben, wobei die Membrane gleichzeitig in zwei Teile geteilt wird, sodass beide Fächer abgedichtet bleiben, sowie der Behälter entlang des besagten zerbrechlichen Teils geteilt wird.

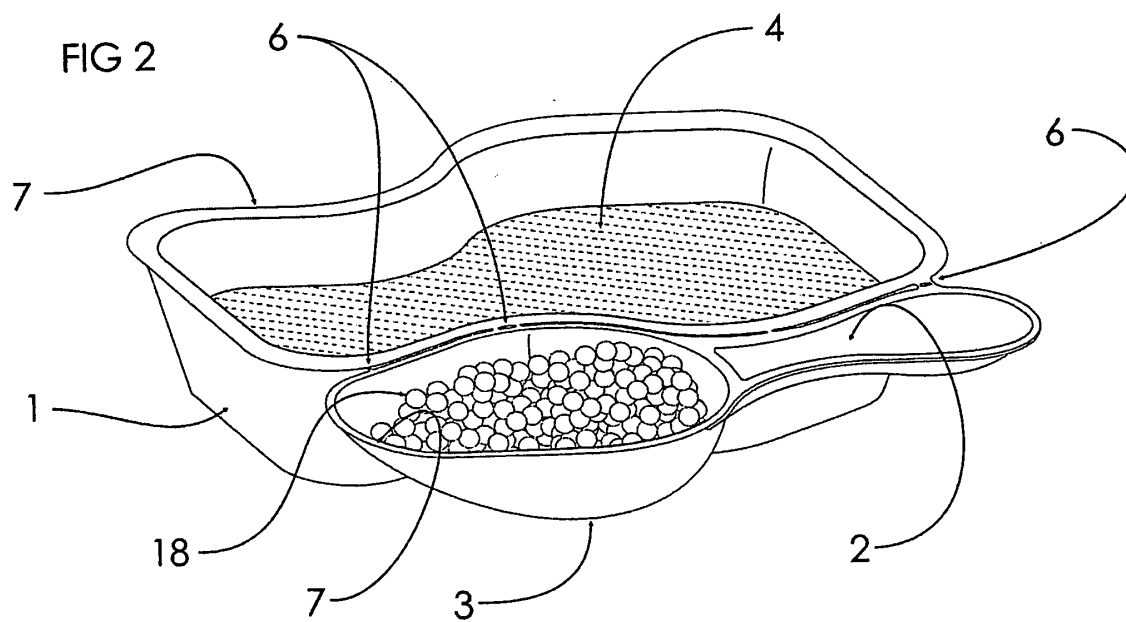
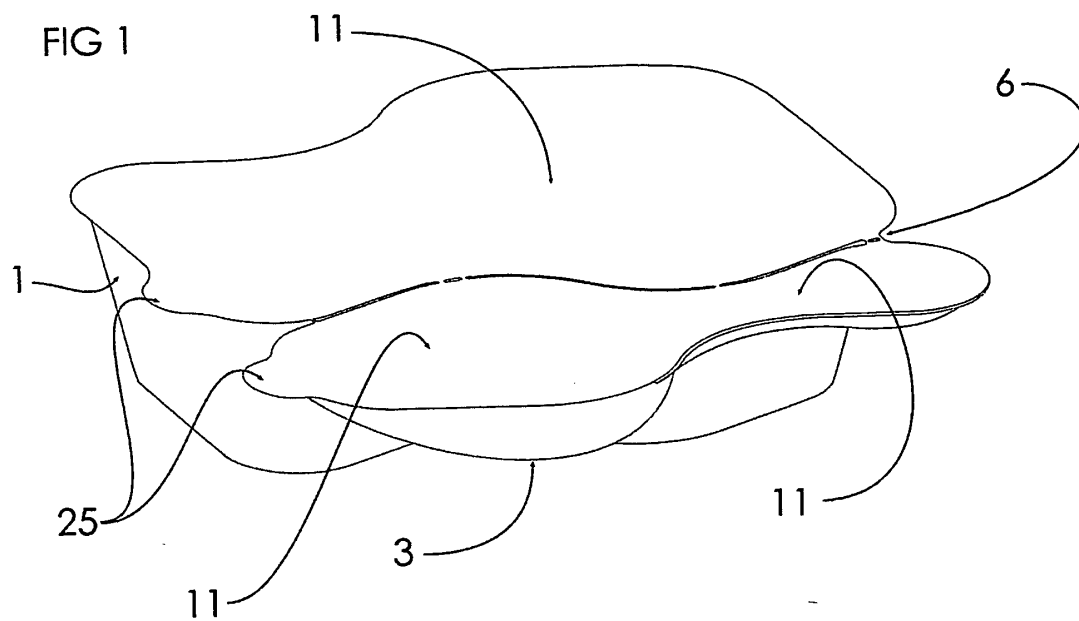
9. Behälter nach einem beliebigen vorhergehenden Anspruch, wobei die zumindest zwei (1, 3) Fächer durch einen linearen, flachen Bereich (6) getrennt sind, der den Behälter in einen ersten Teilbereich und einen zweiten Teilbereich so teilt, dass sich der Behälter entlang des flachen Bereichs falten lässt, sodass das Utensil auf das andere Fach invertiert wird.
10. Behälter nach Anspruch 10, wobei das Fach des Utensils (3), wenn invertiert, ein Profil relativ zu dem zumindest einem anderen Fach (1) dermaßen aufweist, dass, wenn zwei identische Behälter aufeinander gestapelt werden, das invertierte Fach (3) des Utensils eines Behälters gegen die Unterseite des zumindest einen anderen Fachs (1) des anderen Behälters passt.
11. Behälter nach einem beliebigen vorhergehenden Anspruch, der zumindest ein Utensil in Form einer Gabel umfasst, die ein Fach hat, das im Griff davon gebildet ist.

Revendications

1. Récipient pour aliments comprenant au moins deux compartiments (1, 3) pour recevoir des aliments et une membrane (11) s'étendant en travers de ces deux compartiments pour enfermer hermétiquement des aliments séparément dans chaque compartiment, dans lequel au moins un de ces deux compartiments (3) contenant des aliments fait partie d'un ustensile pour manger lesdits aliments, et dans lequel l'ustensile est agencé de façon à être séparé de l'au moins un compartiment, **caractérisé en ce que** le compartiment de l'ustensile contient un aliment destiné à être ajouté à l'aliment dans l'au moins un autre compartiment, et dans lequel l'au moins un autre compartiment n'est par formé ni destiné à être utilisé comme ustensile.
2. Récipient selon la revendication 1, dans lequel l'ustensile (3) est une cuillère.
3. Récipient selon la revendication 2, dans lequel une partie coupelle de la cuillère forme un compartiment qui est fermé hermétiquement par une membrane.
4. Récipient selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, comprenant une partie frangible (6) entre l'ustensile et l'au moins un autre compartiment, agencée pour permettre à l'ustensile d'être séparé de l'au moins un autre compartiment le long de ladite partie frangible.
5. Récipient selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans lequel les côtés de chaque

compartiment se terminent tous à leurs bords supérieurs dans un plan commun, plan dans lequel l'au moins une membrane (11) s'étend, ladite au moins une membrane étant liée de manière amovible aux bords supérieurs (7) des compartiments pour fermer hermétiquement les compartiments.

6. Récipient selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans lequel l'ustensile (3) a un certain nombre de compartiments à l'intérieur pour différents aliments, chaque compartiment étant fermé hermétiquement par une membrane commune.
7. Récipient selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 6, dans lequel l'ustensile (3) est une cuillère et l'ustensile a un seul compartiment formant à la fois une coupelle et une partie poignée de la cuillère.
8. Récipient selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5, dans lequel la membrane s'étend en travers d'une partie frangible (6) joignant l'ustensile à l'au moins un autre compartiment et dans lequel le récipient est agencé de façon à permettre à l'ustensile d'être séparé de l'au moins un autre compartiment avec la membrane étant divisée simultanément en deux de manière à ce que les deux desdits compartiments restent fermés hermétiquement tandis que le récipient est divisé le long de ladite partie frangible.
9. Récipient selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans lequel les au moins deux (1, 3) compartiments sont séparés par une zone plate linéaire (6) divisant le récipient en une première section et une deuxième section de manière à ce que le récipient puisse être plié le long de cette zone plate afin que l'ustensile soit retourné sur un autre compartiment.
10. Récipient selon la revendication 10, dans lequel le compartiment de l'ustensile (3), lorsqu'il est retourné, a un profil relatif à l'au moins un autre compartiment (1) tel que, lorsque deux récipients identiques sont empilés l'un sur l'autre, le compartiment retourné (3) de l'ustensile d'un récipient s'ajuste contre le dessous de l'au moins un autre compartiment (1) de l'autre récipient.
11. Récipient selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, comprenant au moins un ustensile sous la forme d'une fourchette ayant un compartiment formé dans la poignée de celle-ci.



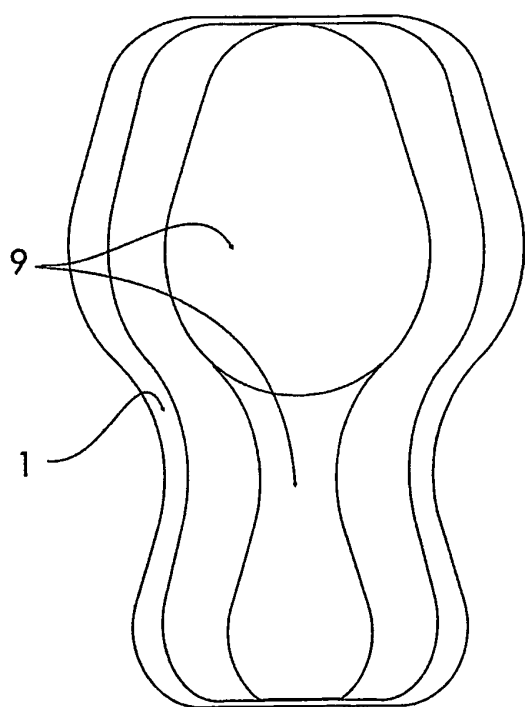
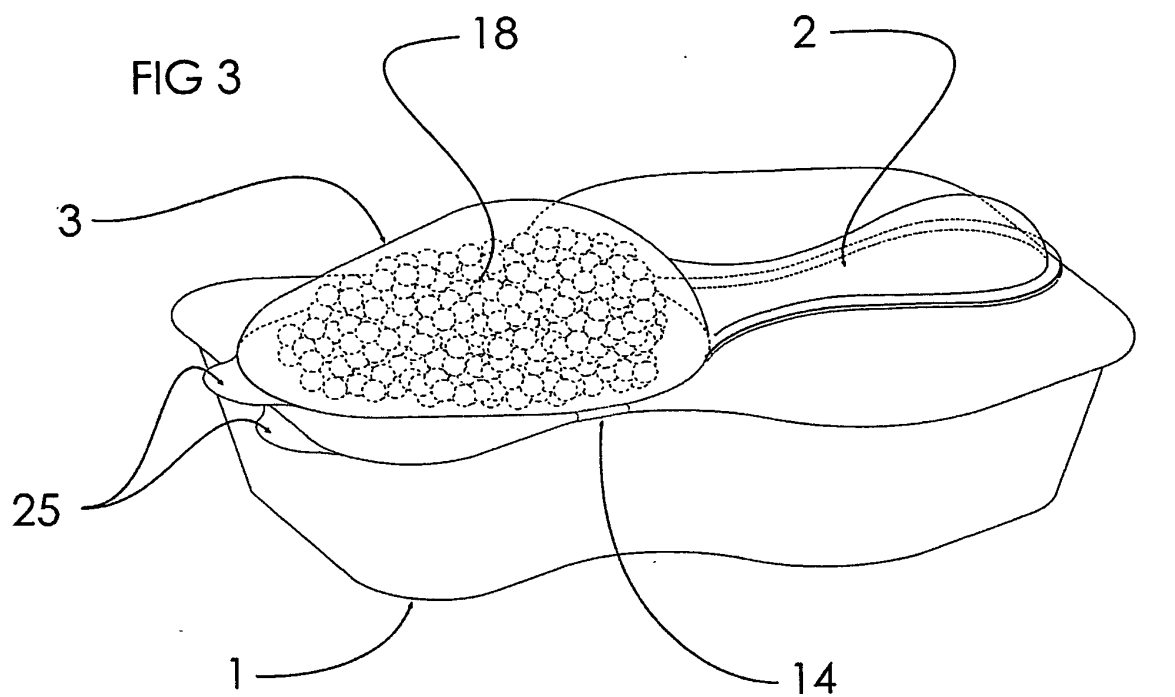


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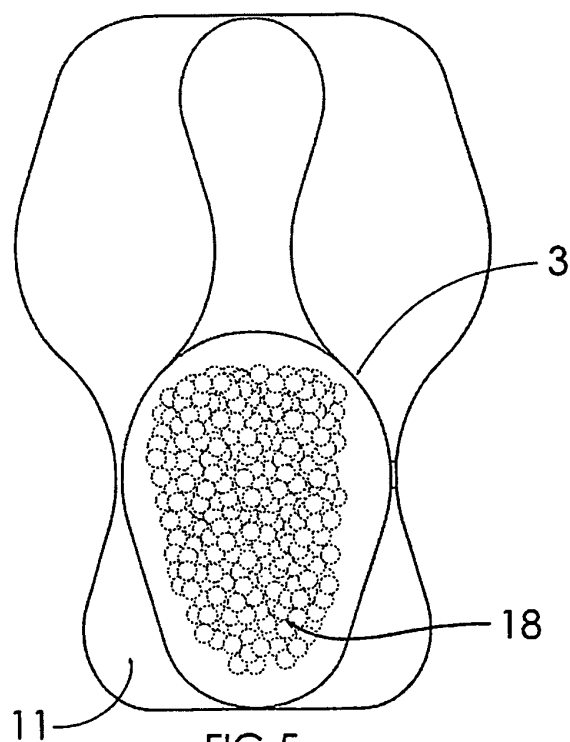
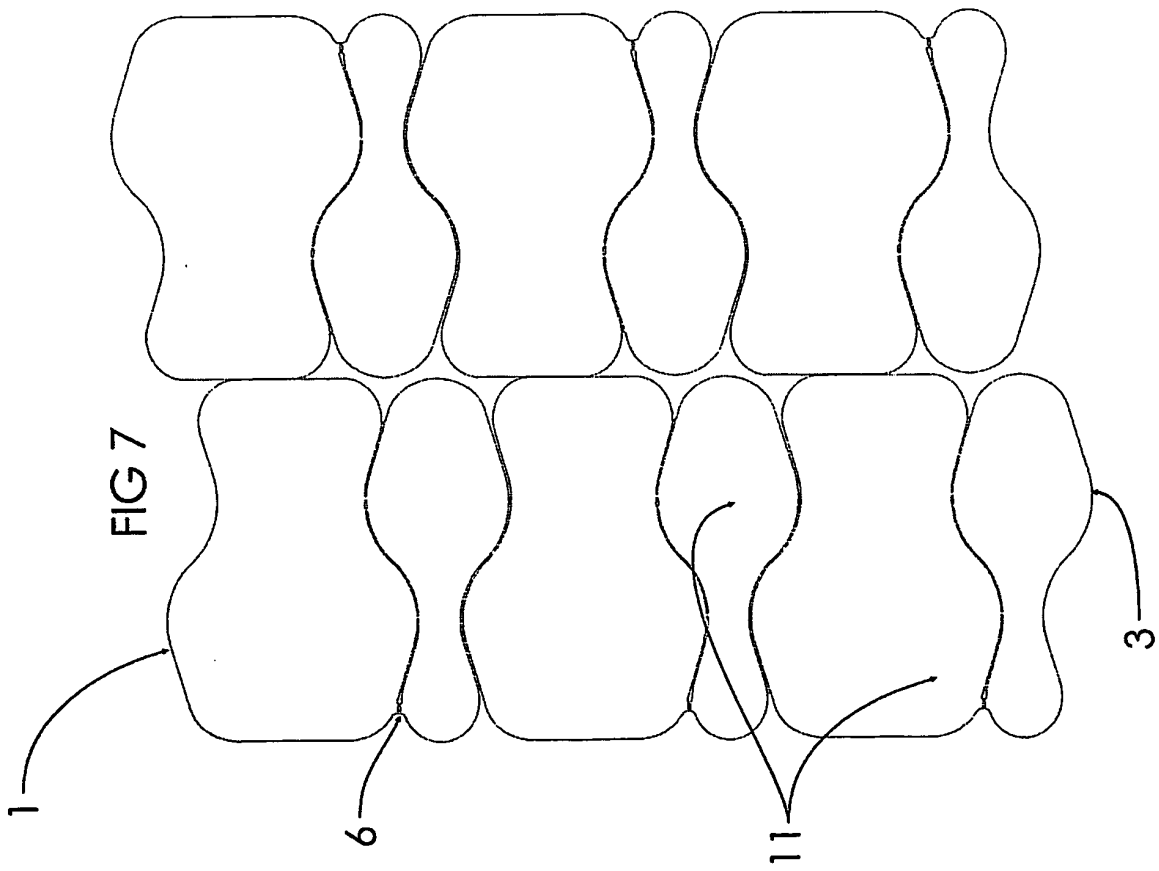
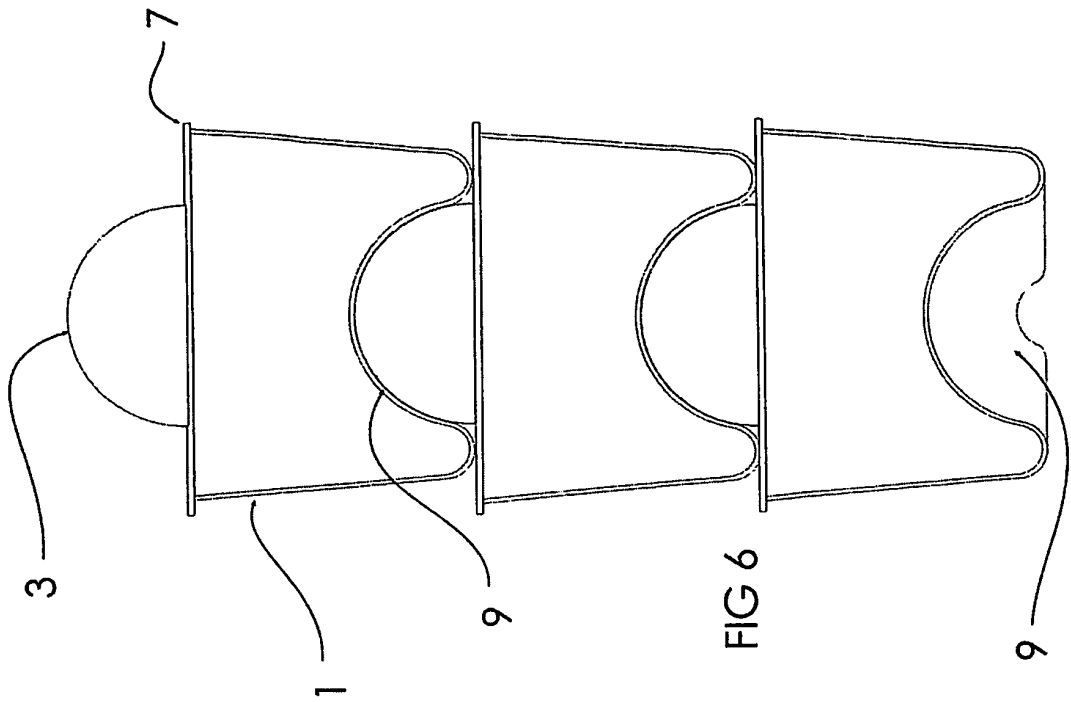
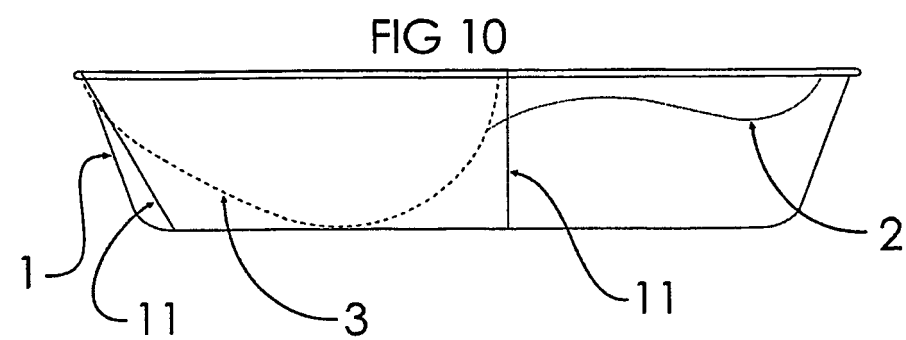
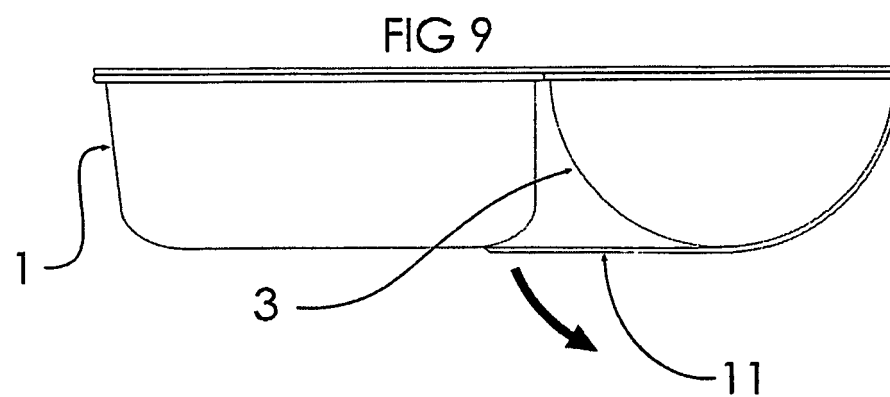
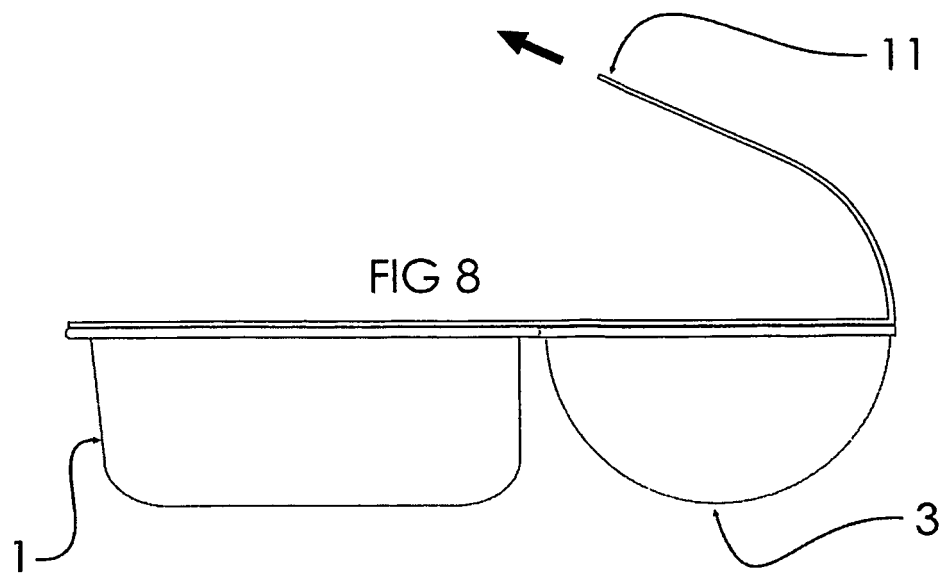
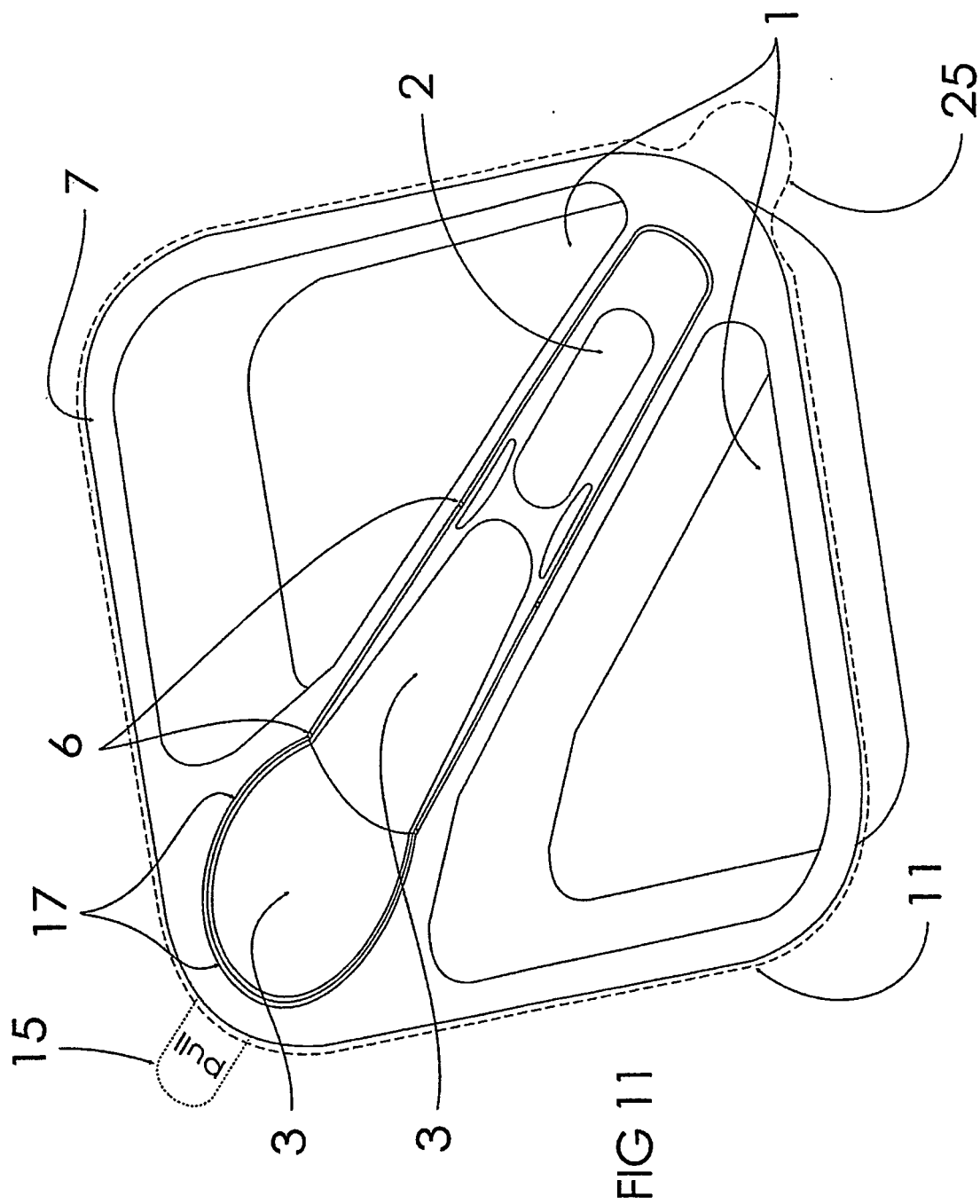
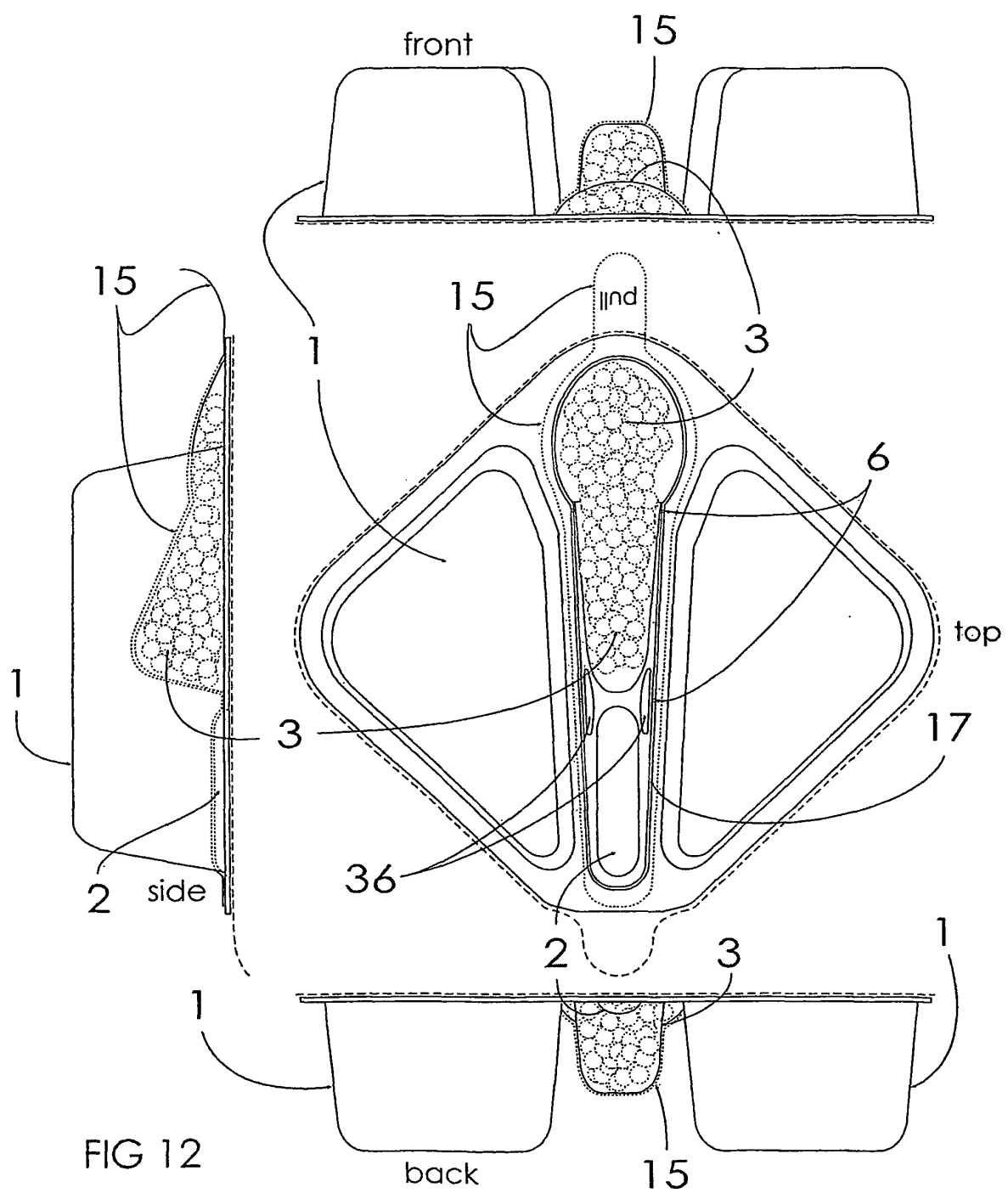


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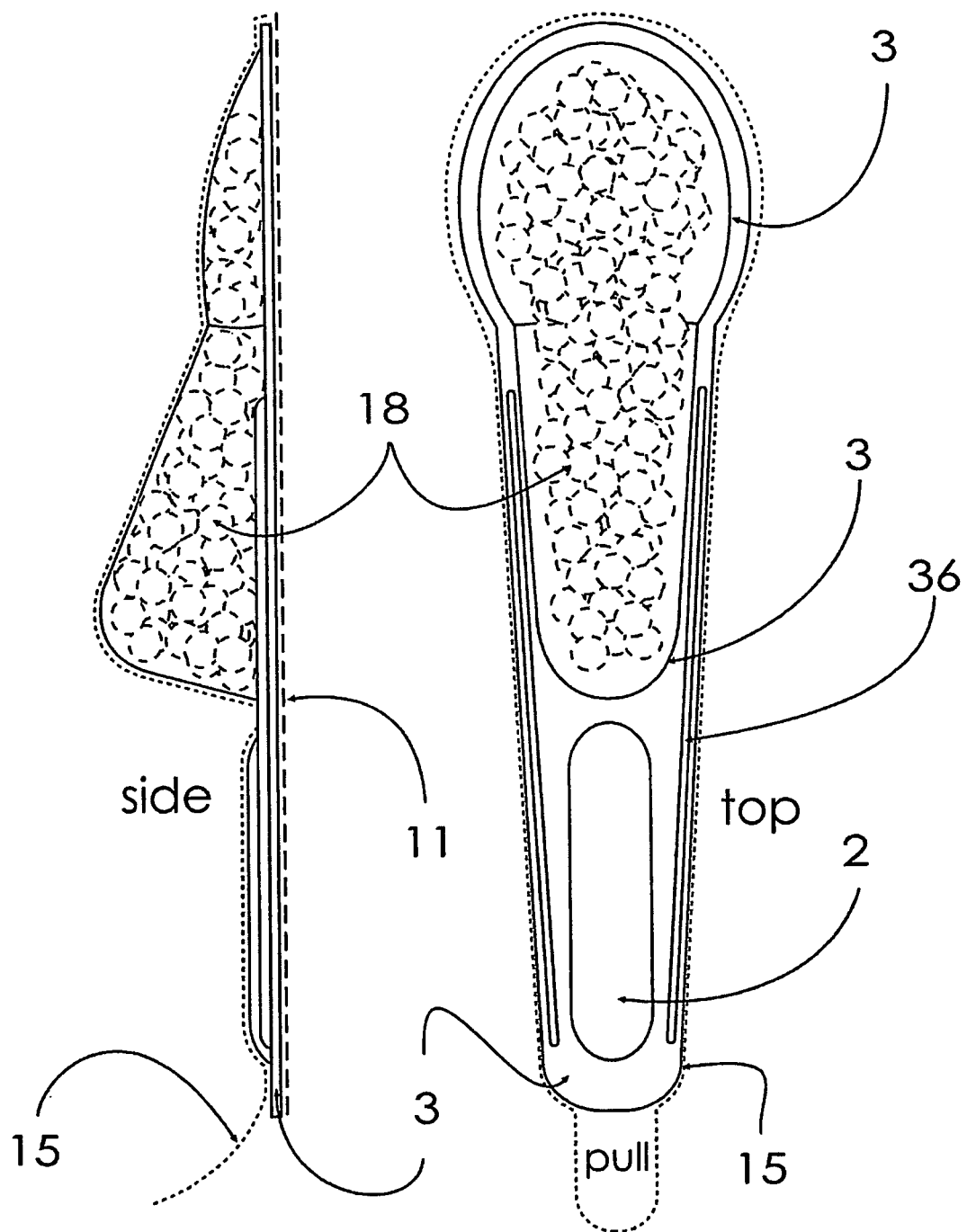
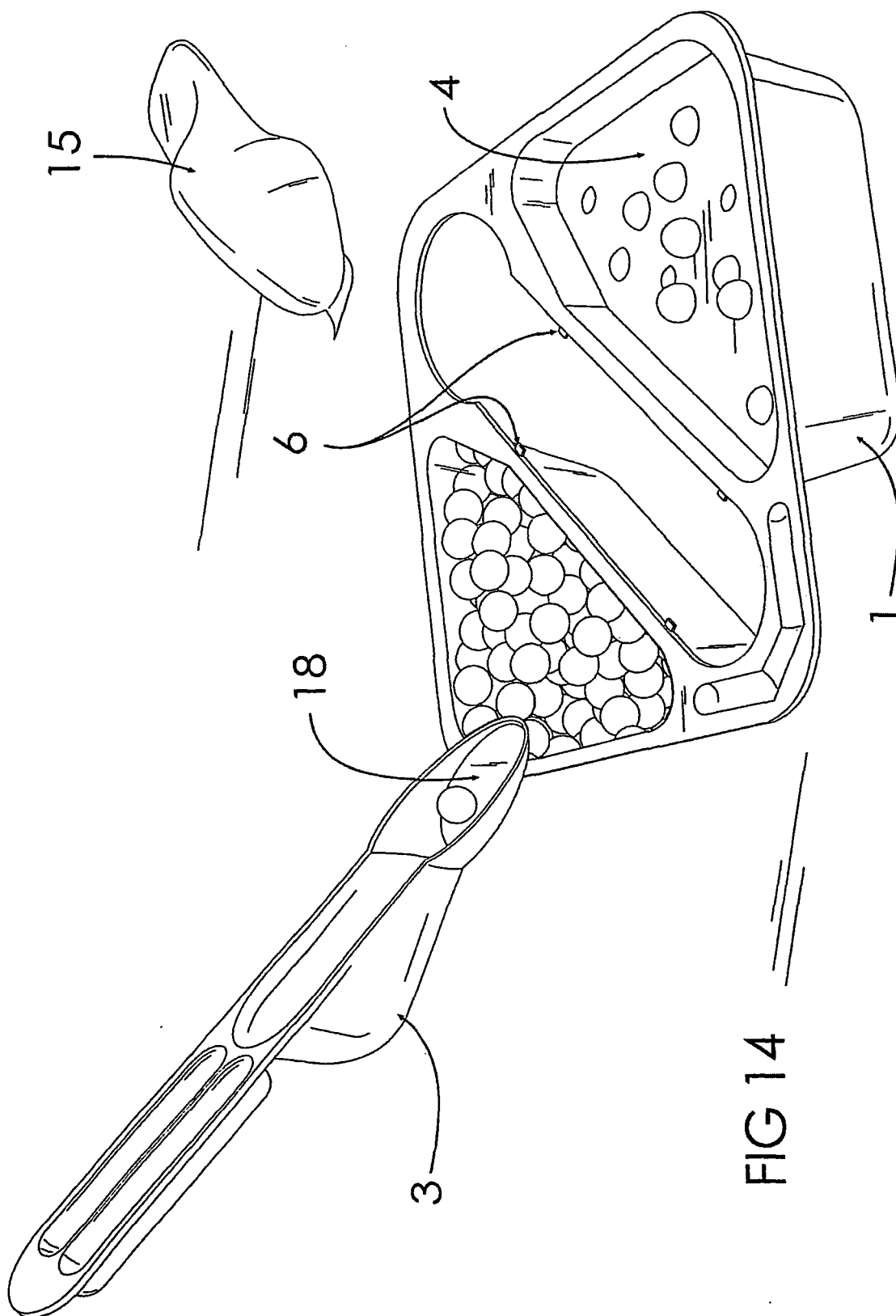
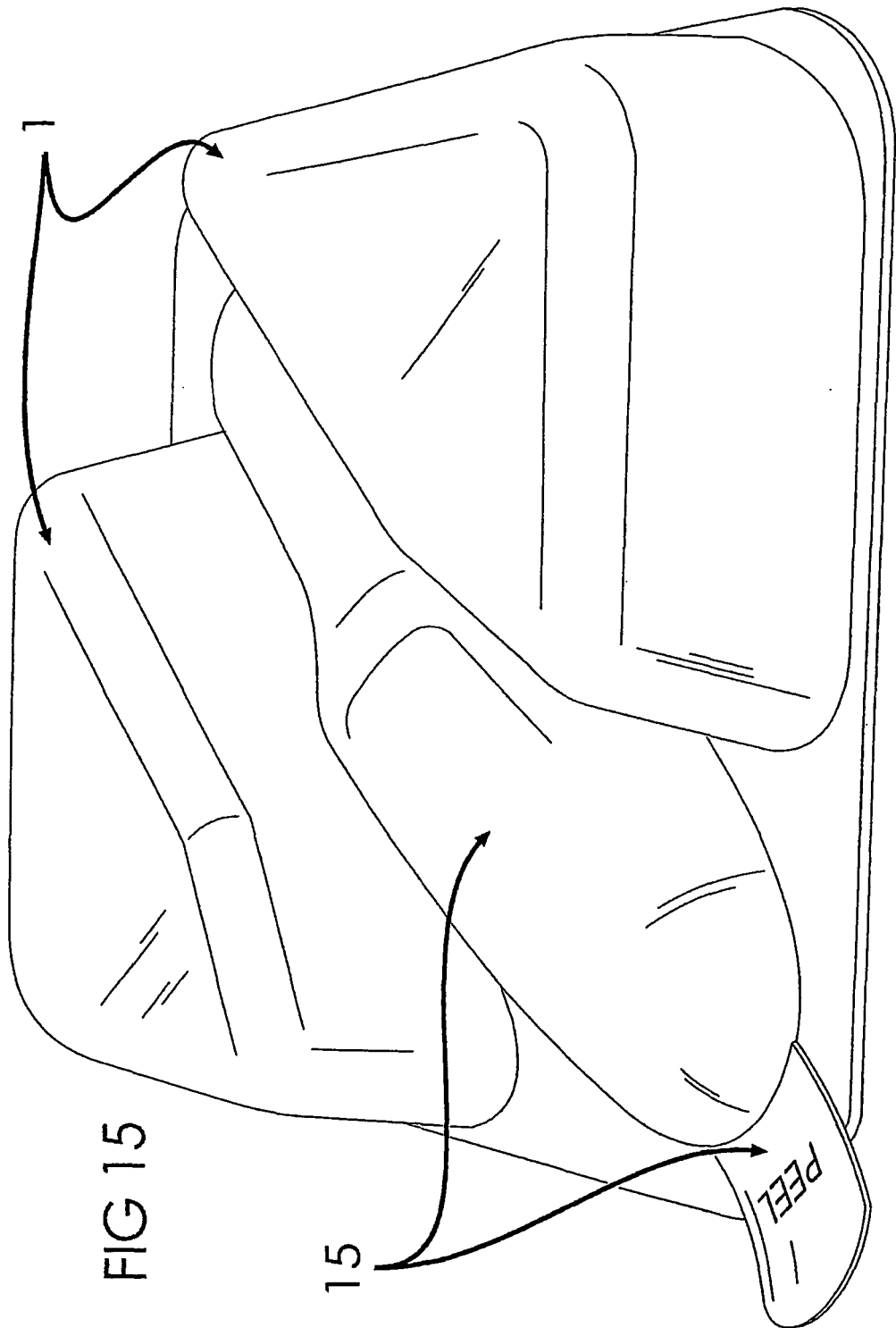
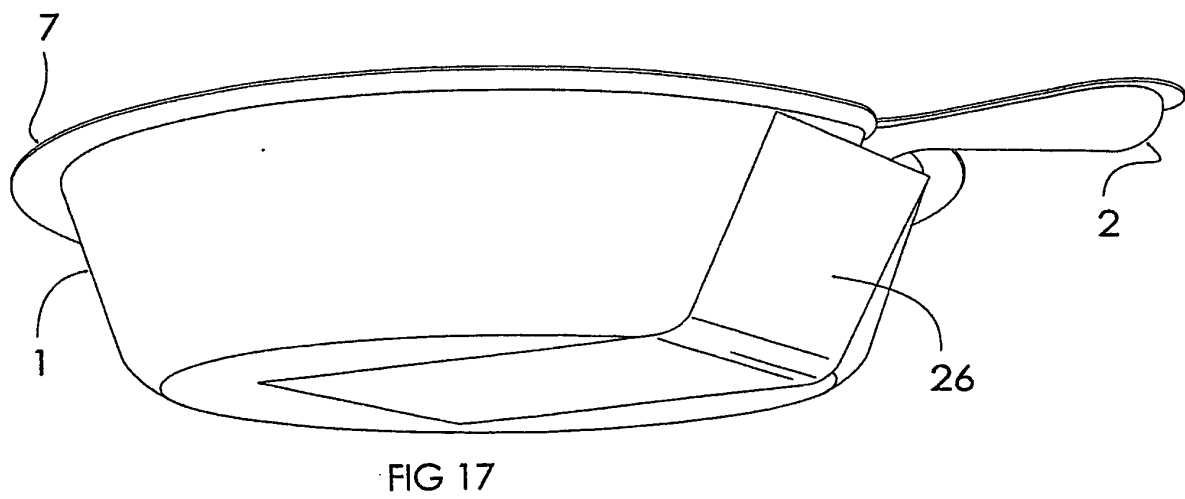
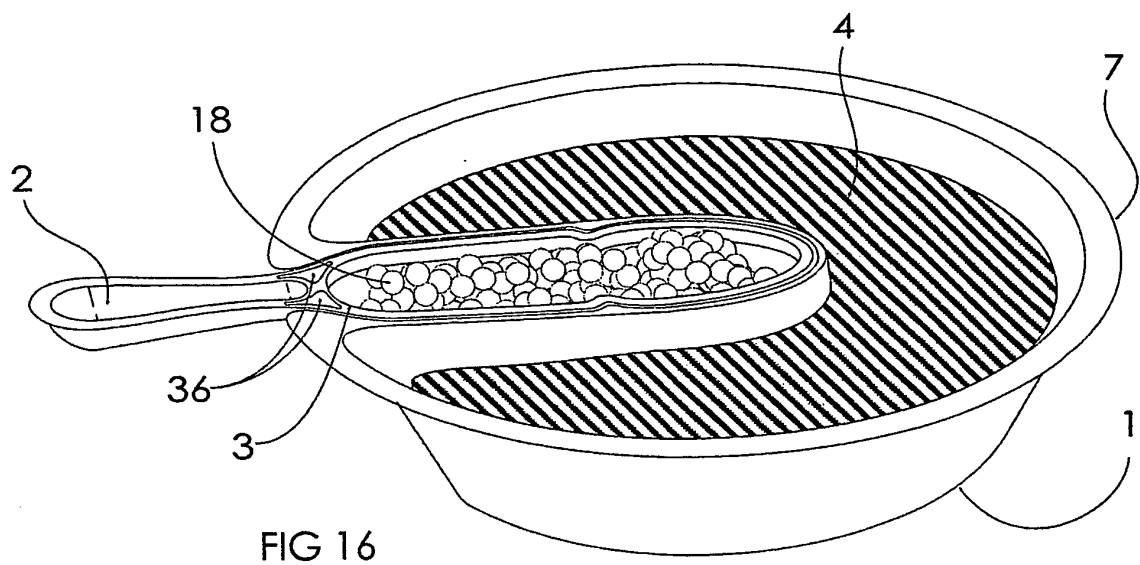


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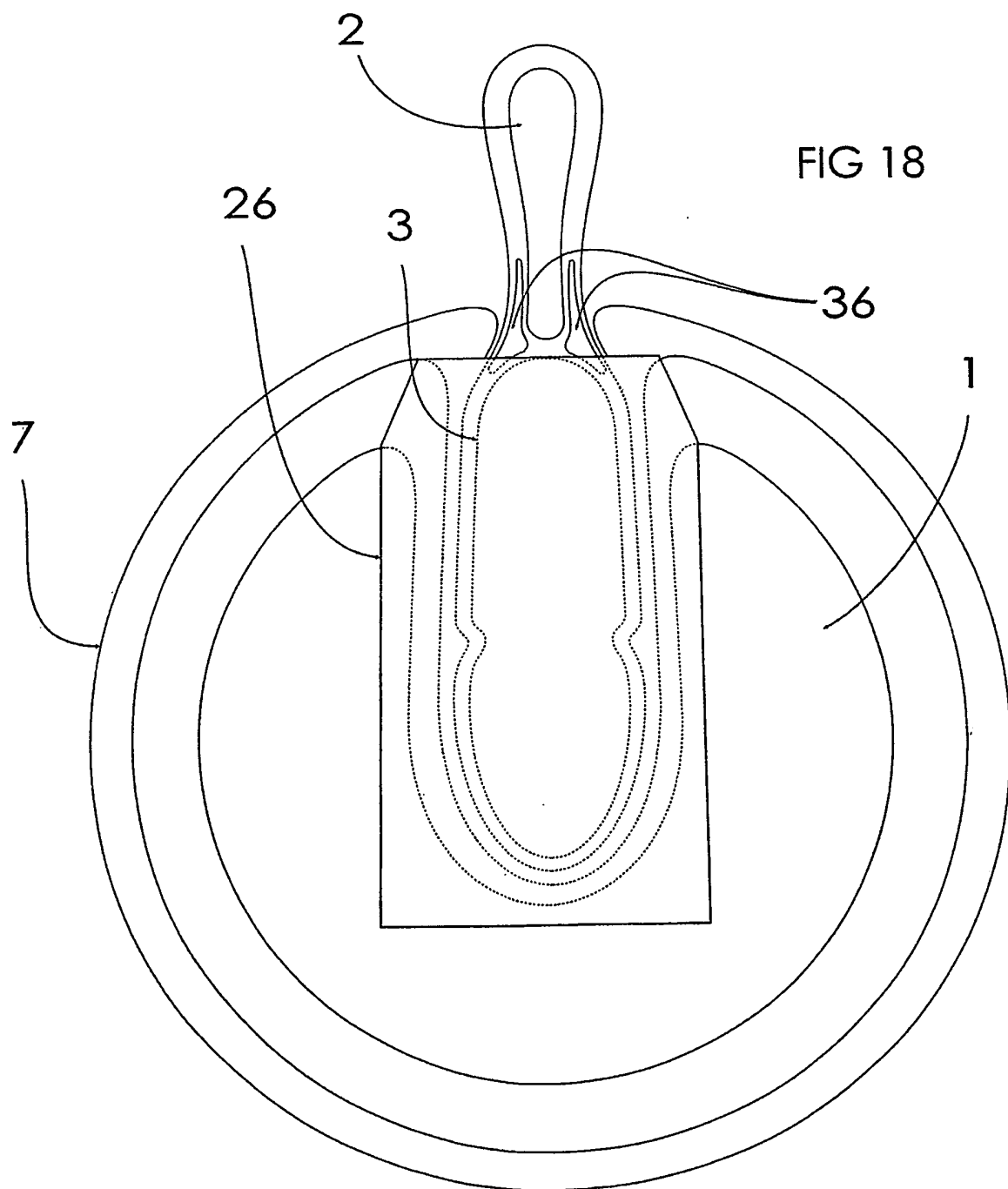


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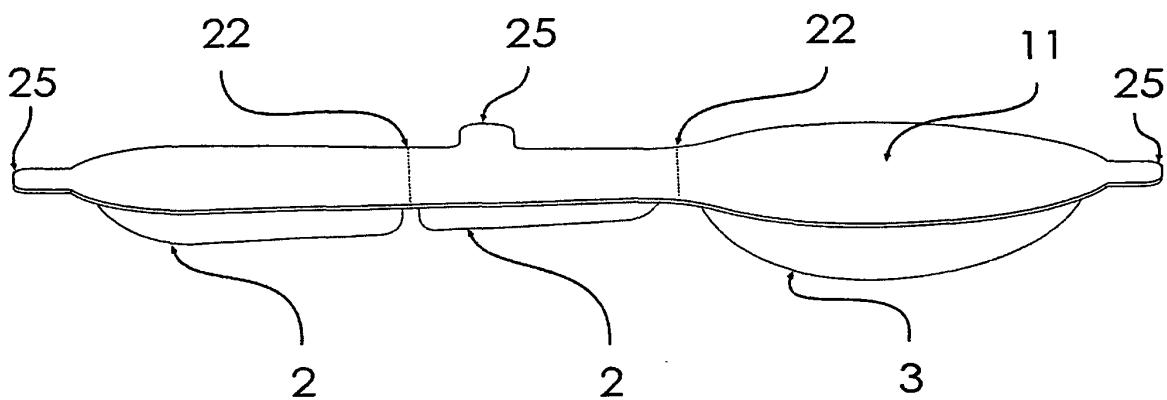


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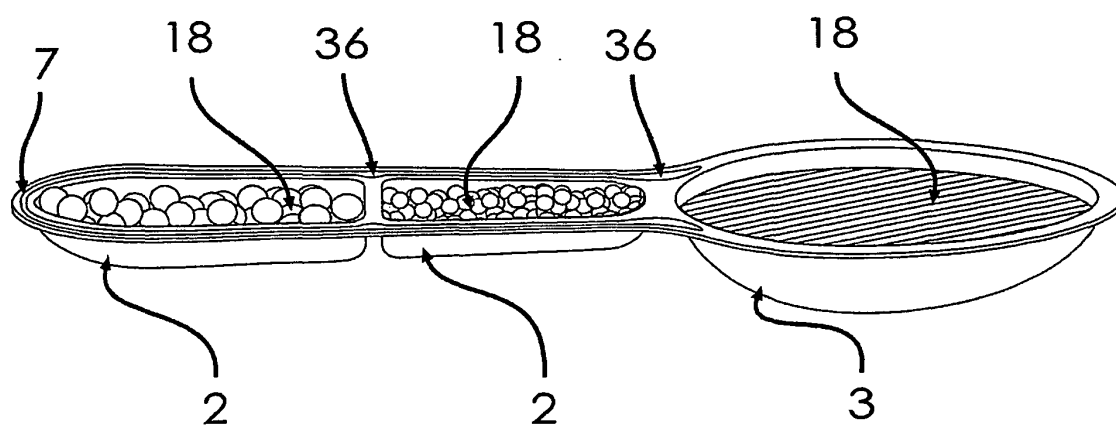
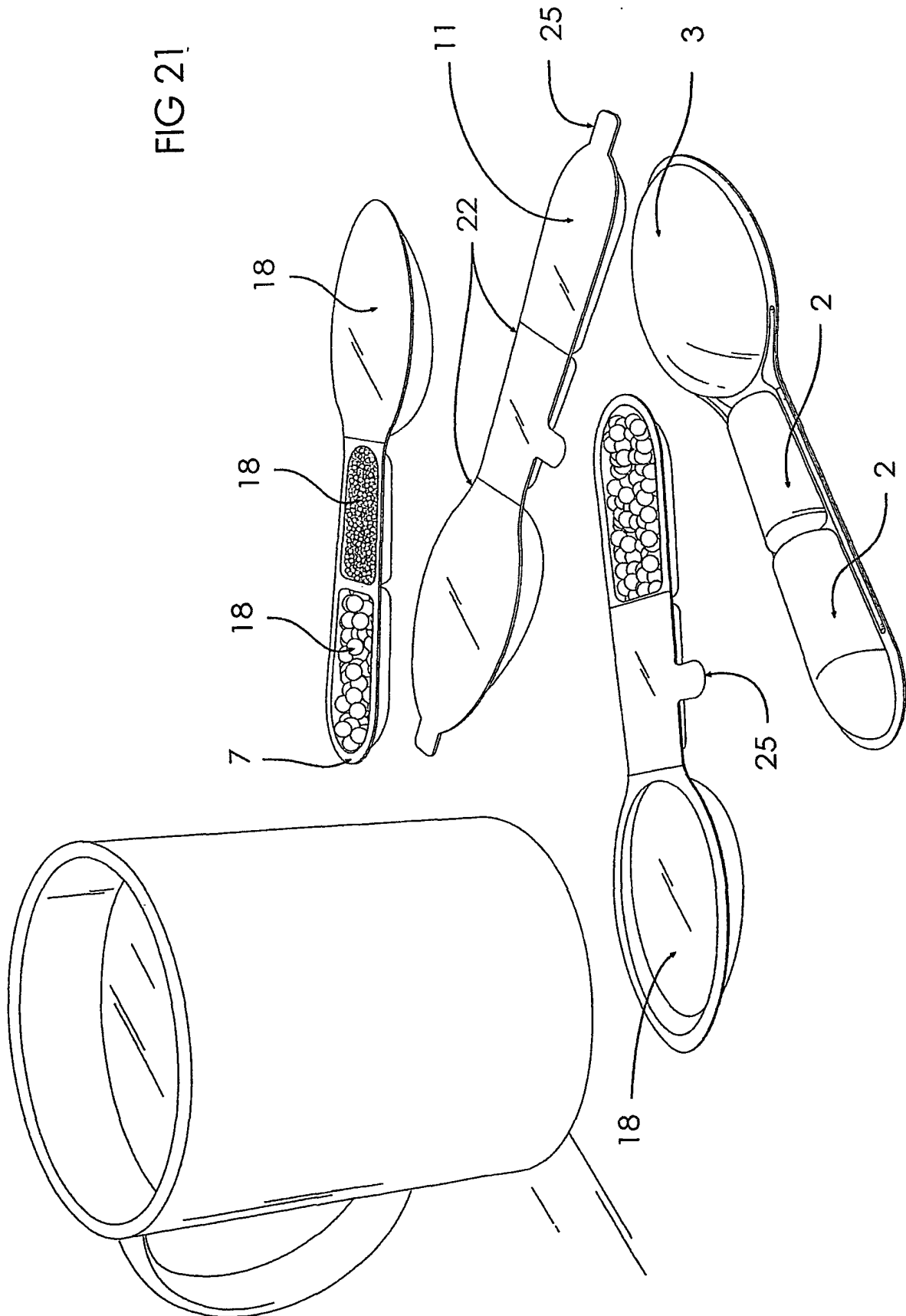
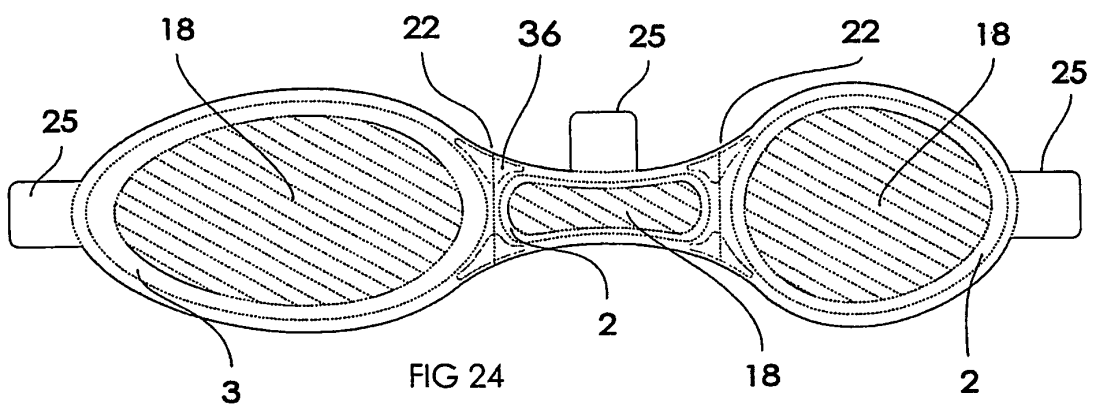
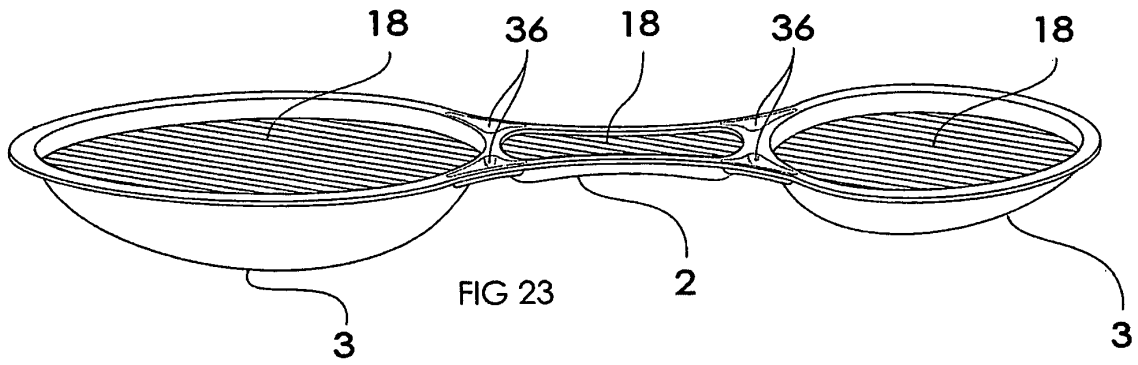
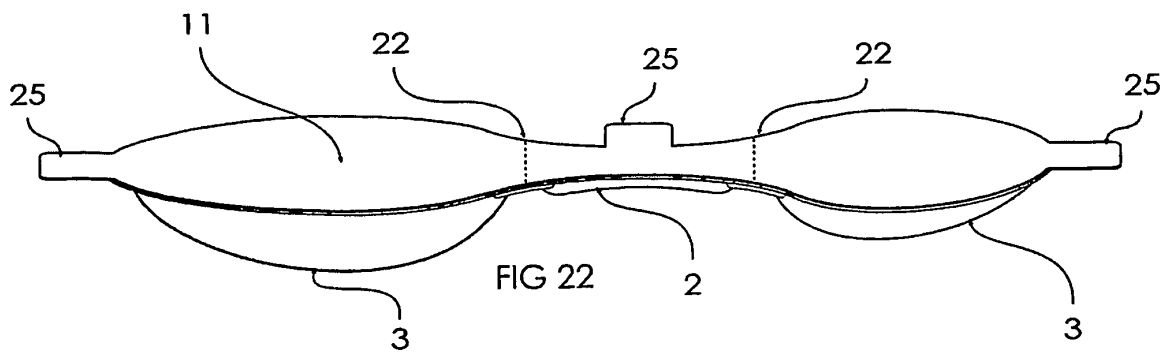
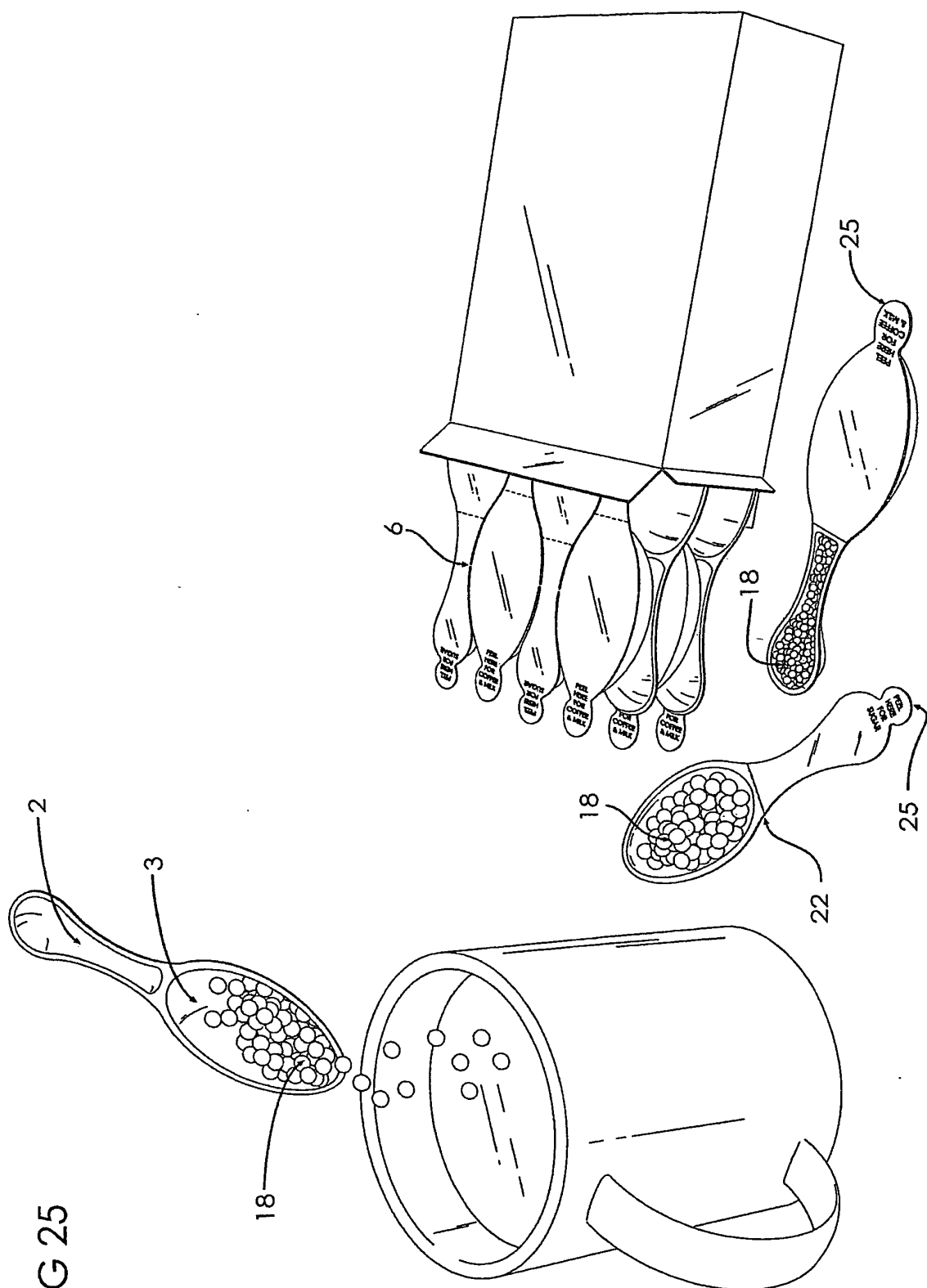
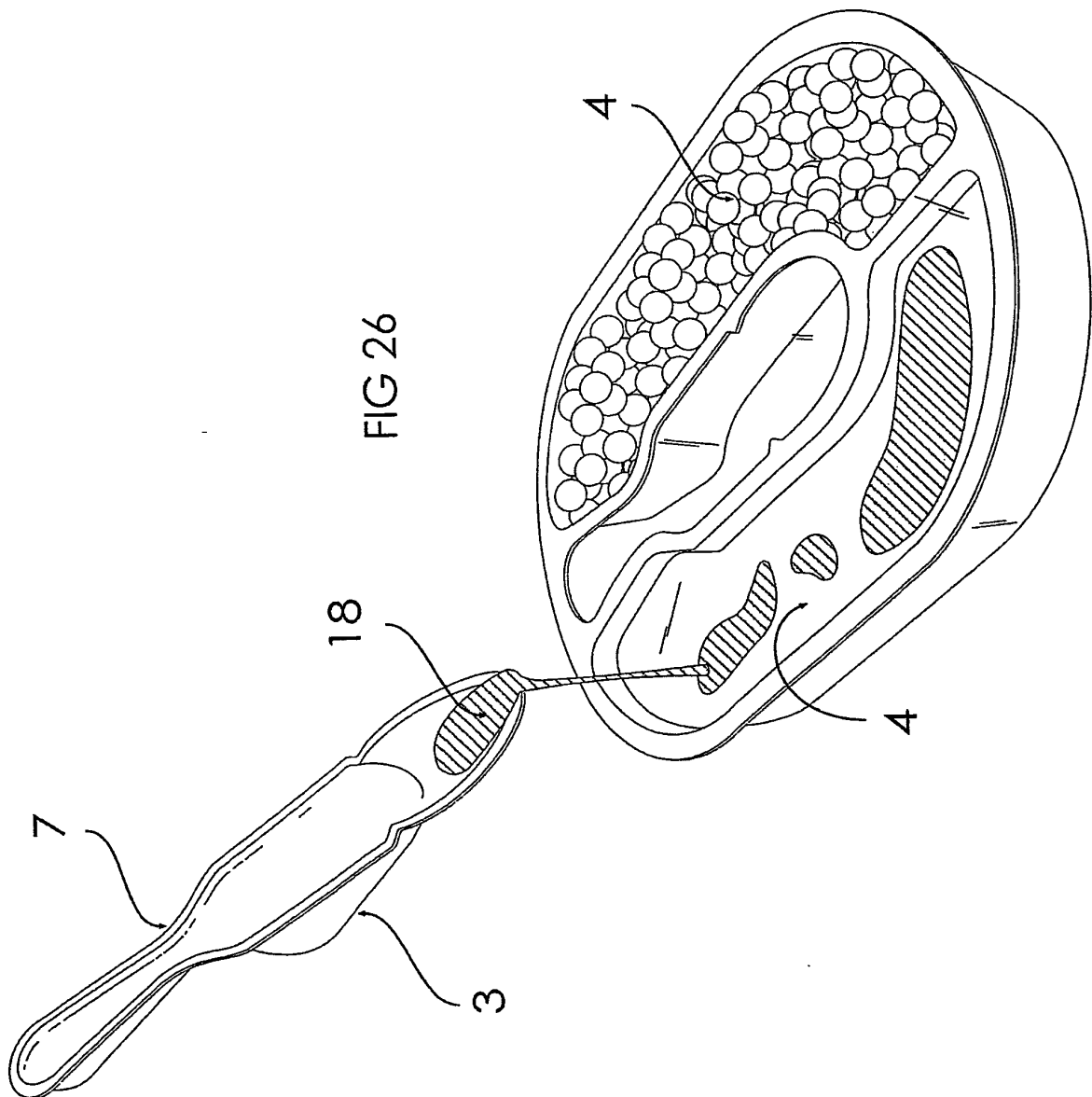


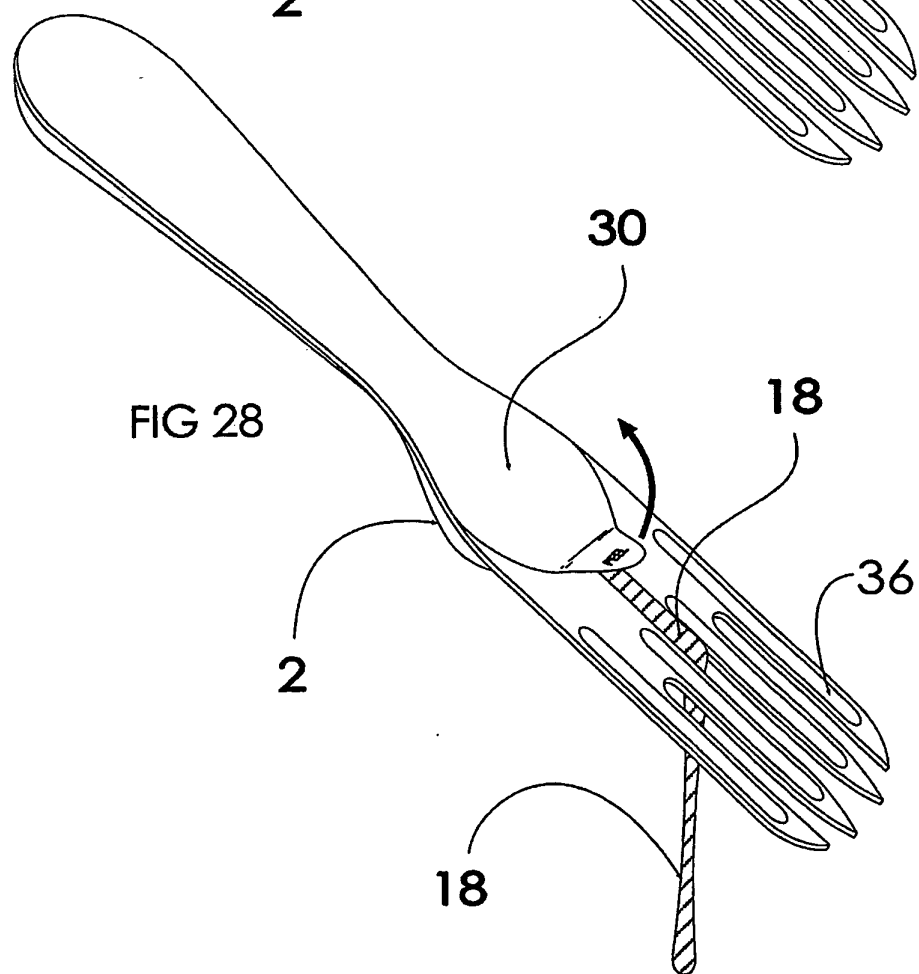
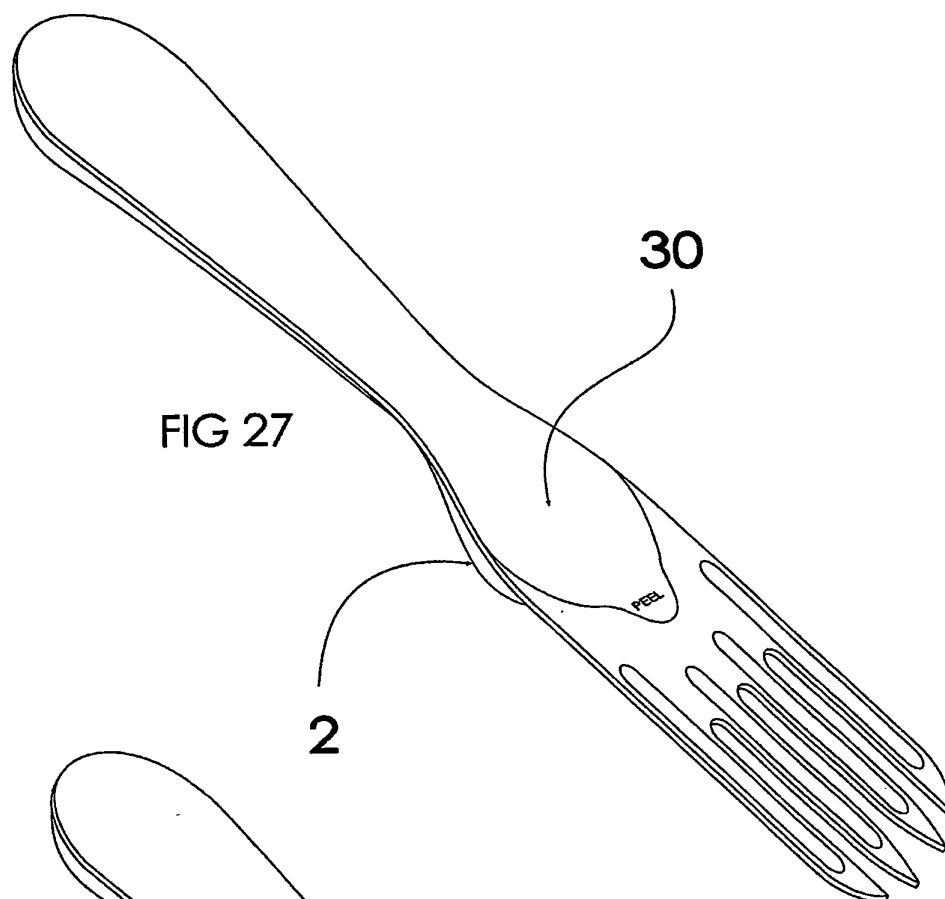
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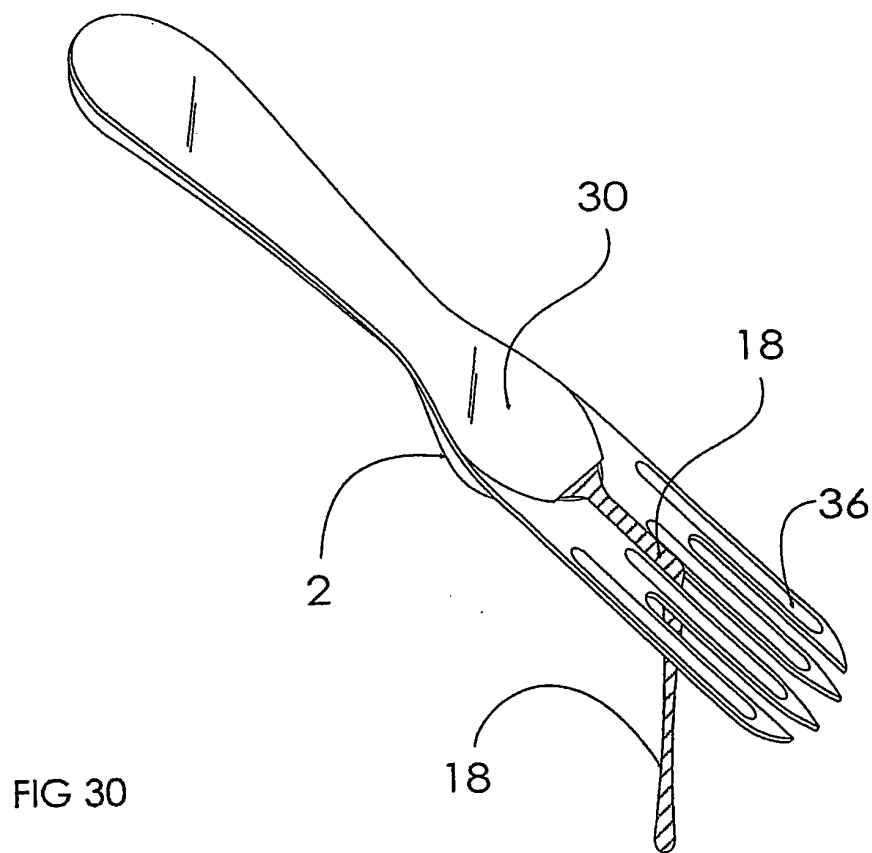
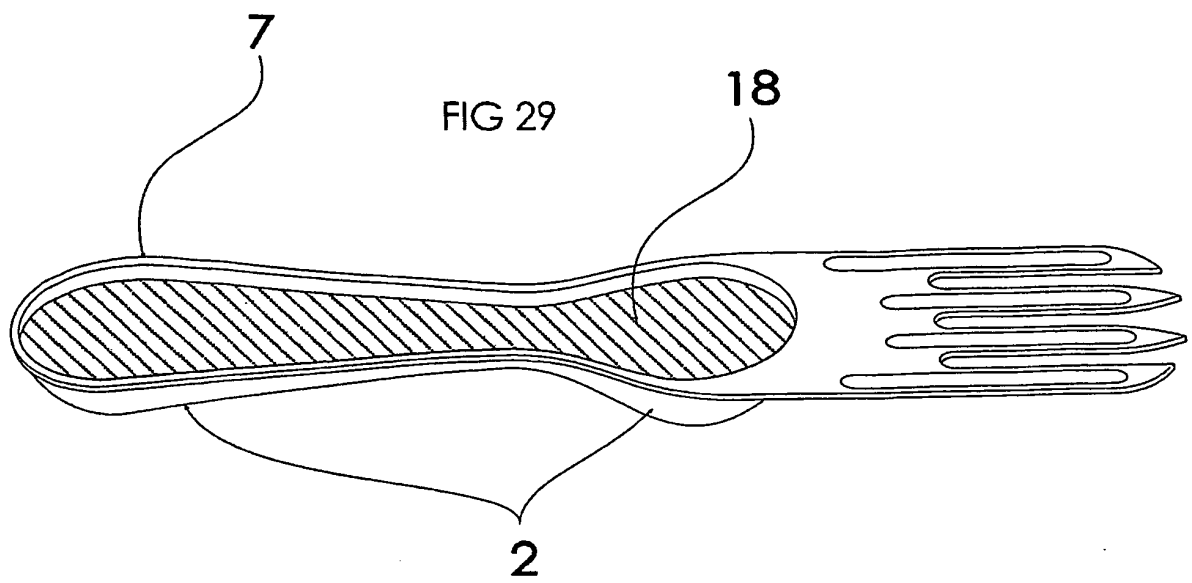


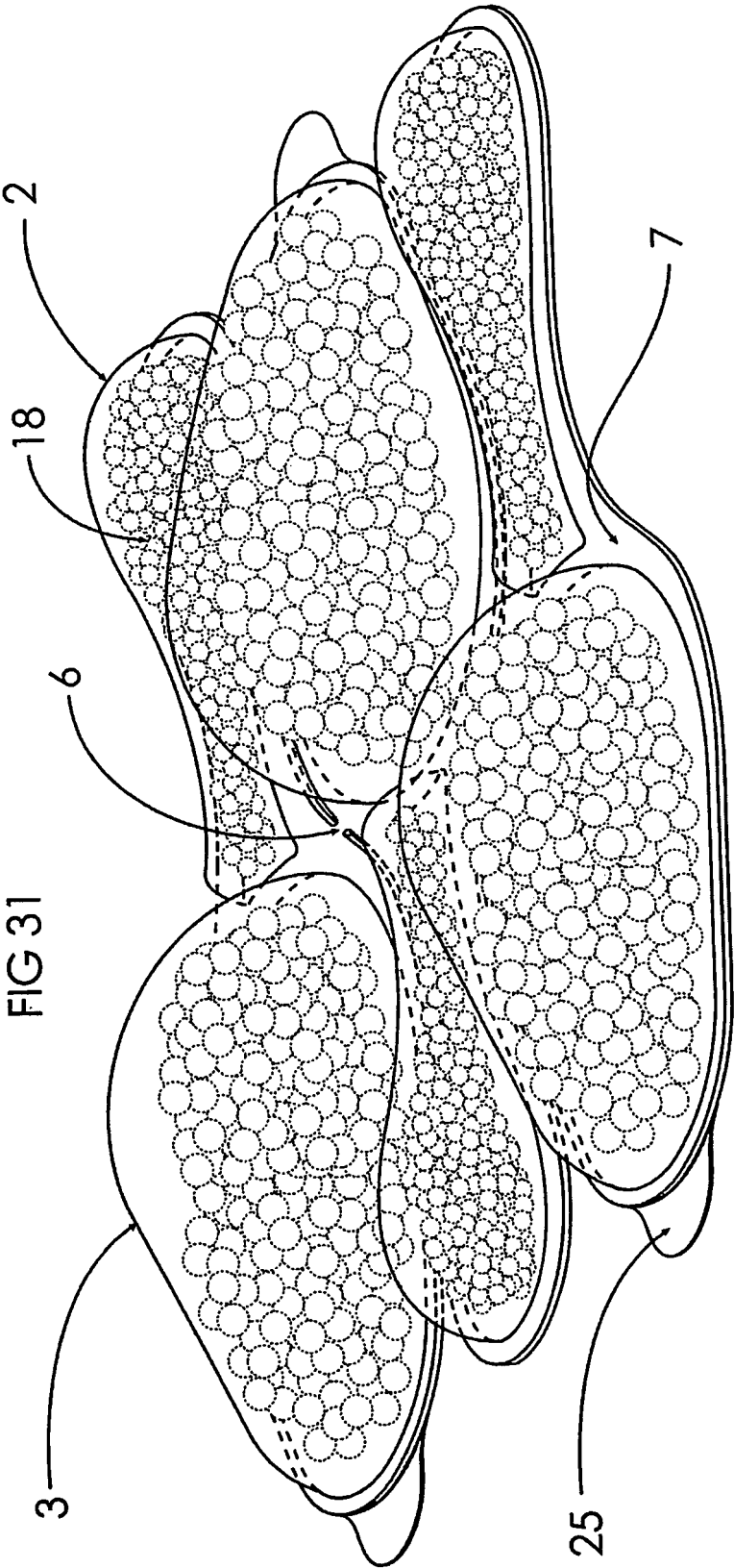


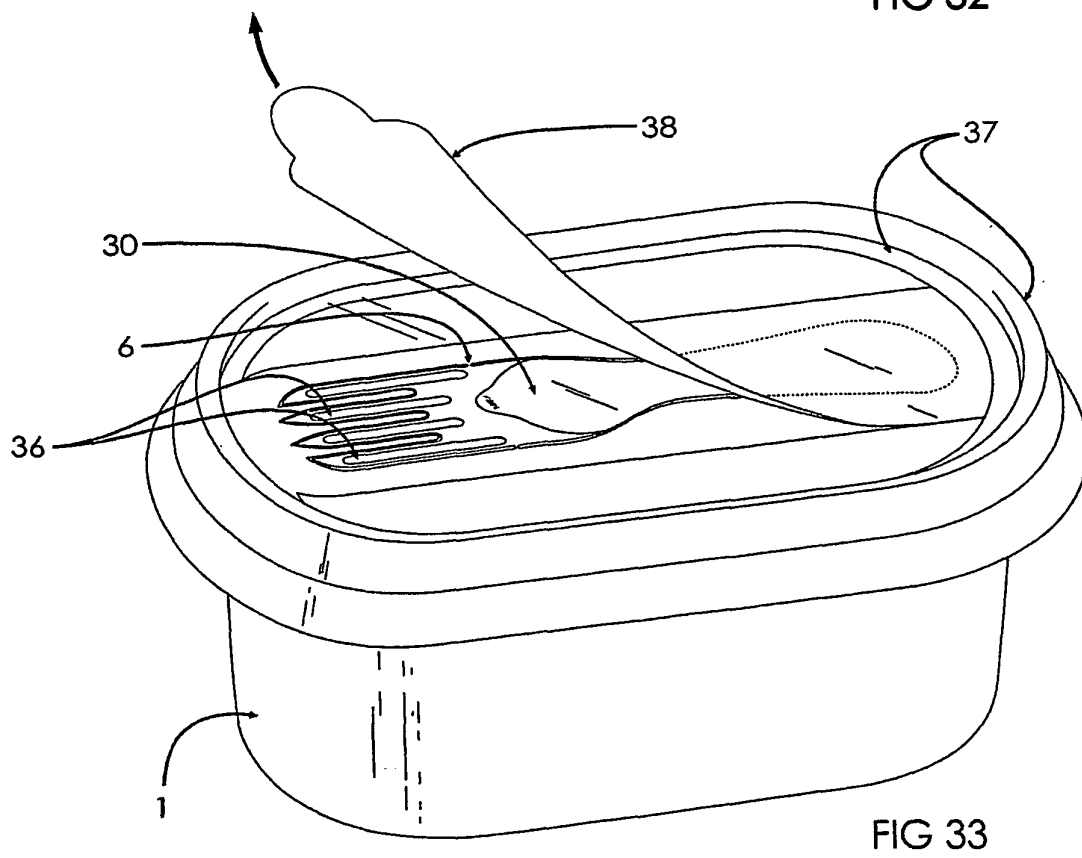
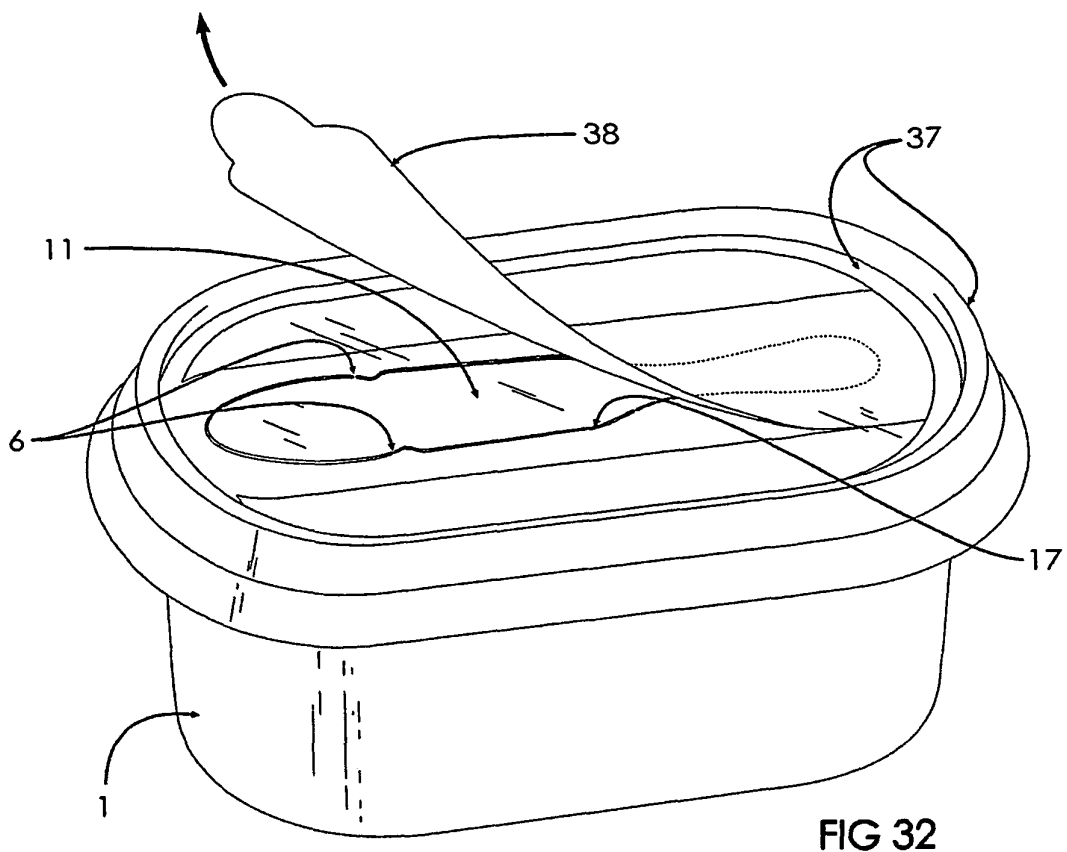












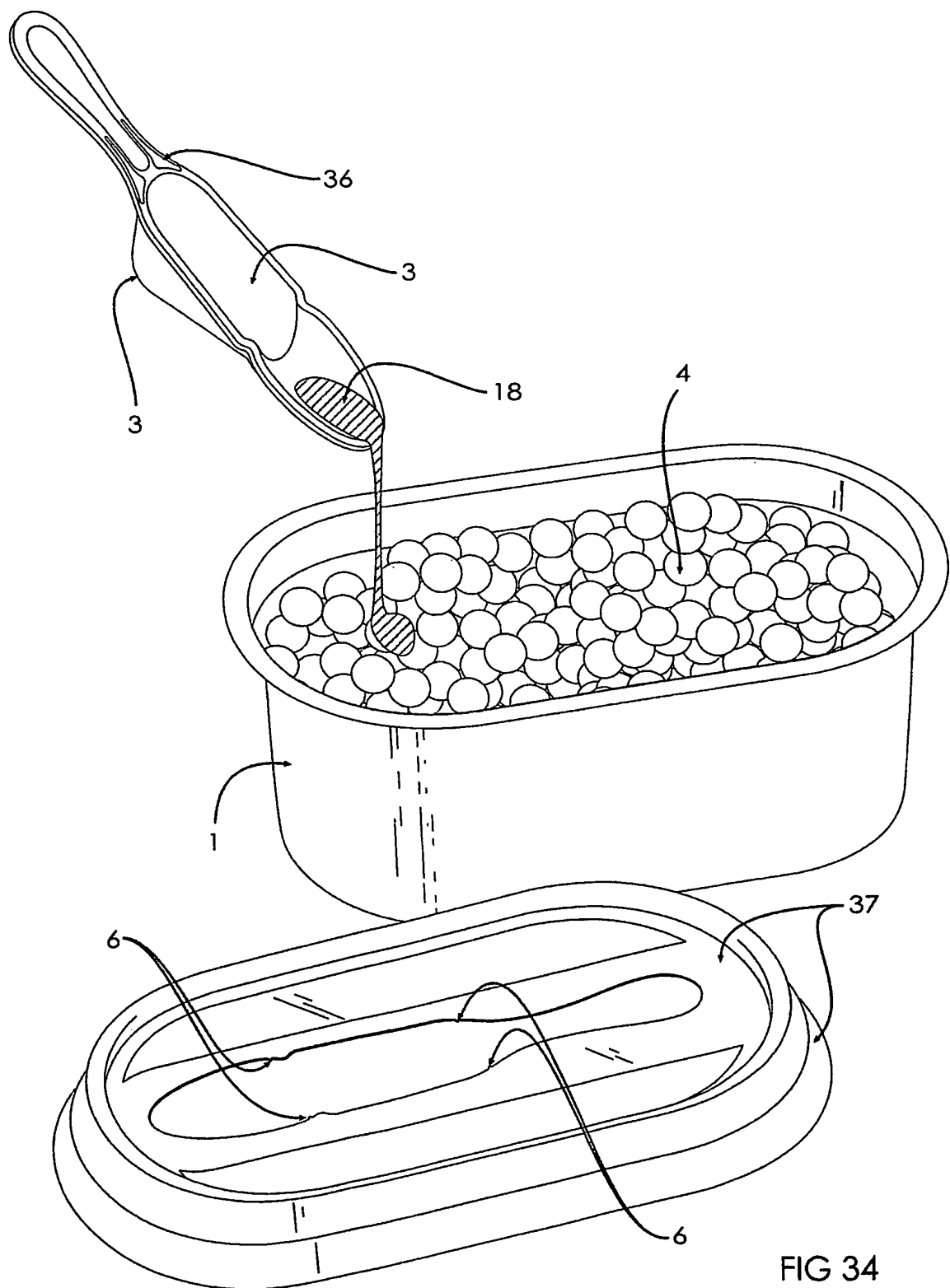


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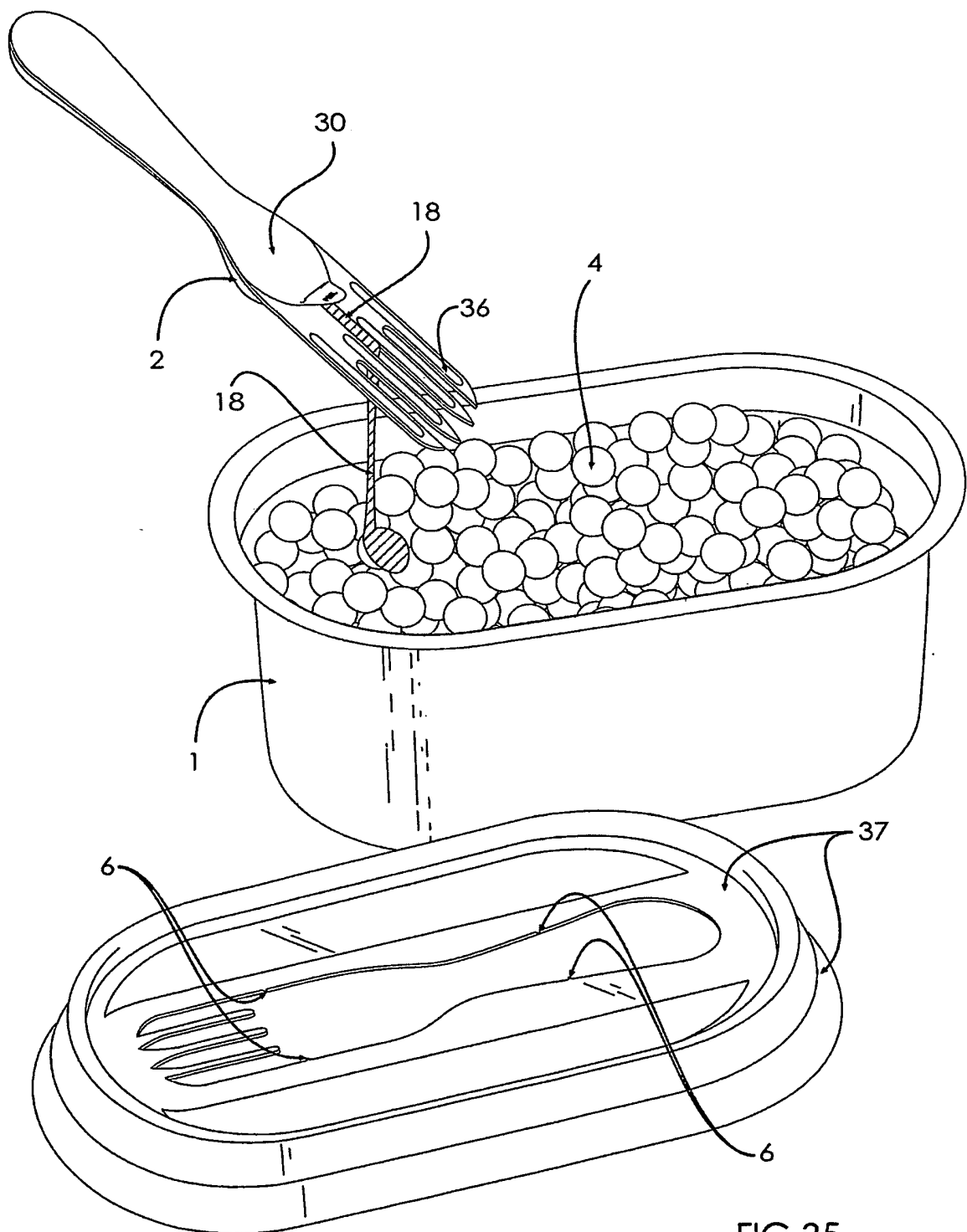


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