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(54) **Device for serving food, drinks and snacks**

(57) The invention is an improved device for serving drinks, creams, snacks or other elaborated food, at events such as weddings, meetings or any kind of cocktails, and consists on a special plate or tray (1) with ori-

fices or indents (3) on it so cups, glasses or vessels (2) fit so perfectly on it, that the liquids, creams or food contained in them cannot slide, spill or flip undesirably.

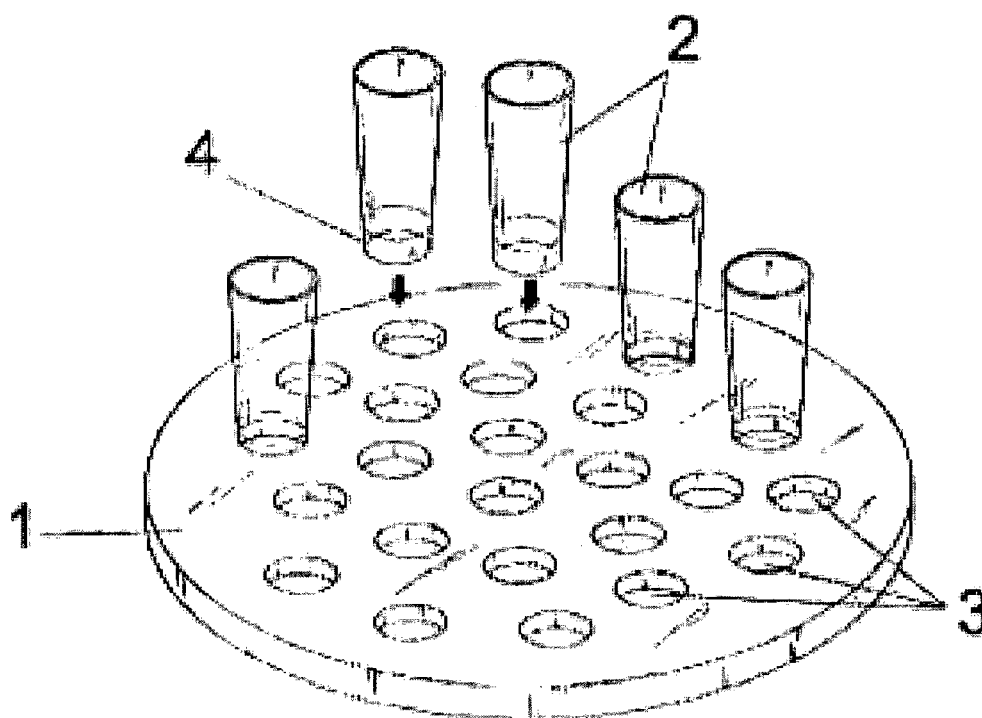


FIG. 1

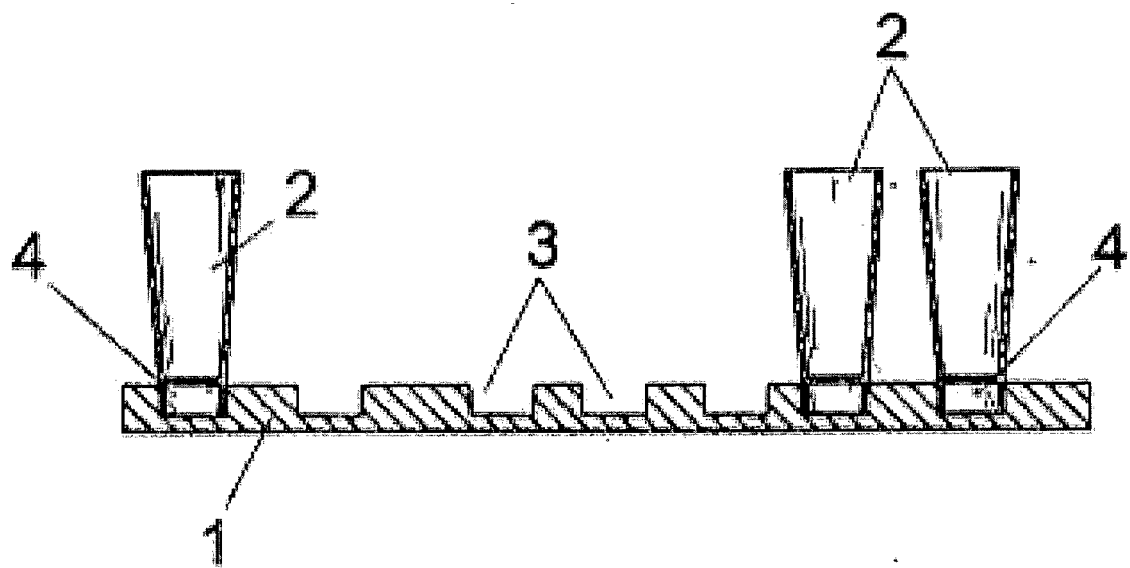


FIG. 2

Description

OBJECT OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to a device for serving drinks / snacks at events, specifically to allow in certain events such as weddings, meetings or any kind of cocktails, the waiter can serve the guests drinks in small glasses, so totally effective and do safely vessels can slide and / or tip on the tray surface.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] As is known, in certain types of events where the guests will have presented them with snacks and drinks, such as liqueurs, creams, gazpacho, etc., Service staff or waiters are passing trays of drinks between invited, so that the waiter in a tray carrying a plurality of glasses with drinks.

[0003] Well, when it comes to a drink or gift is in small doses, such as a small glass of gazpacho, cream, liqueur, or otherwise, the waiter carries his tray small vessels, containing different types of products, in some cases liquors, sorbets, soups, broths, in other cases creams, etc. which implies that the handling of the tray can result in tipping it from undesirably, carrying the Slip and sometimes overturning some of the vessels or containers of liquids for drinking, requiring that the waiter has great skill and balance to avoid this potential problem.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The device that is proposed has been conceived to solve the aforementioned problem, based on a simple and effective solution.

[0005] More specifically, the device of the invention is intended for use in beverage service in small doses, ie cups, whatever the type of fluid that provides the guest the event.

[0006] Said device is formed from a plate, preferably of circular contour and remarkable thickness, in which are provided a plurality of recesses or pockets for the accommodation determining base or lower section of the respective beverage container vessels, so that the lower section of the vessel is set in the corresponding housing, that is pressure fit and thereby prevents sliding and overturning the vessel and, consequently, the content thereof, so that the server may carry the plate tray mode without maintaining a balance as conventionally required.

[0007] The plate is preferably of acrylic or similar material without discarding any other suitable material, preferably a material being easily washable and cleanable and which does not deteriorate with moisture, since in many cases the liquids drip cups containing may reach the plate, and that this deterioration is not so material is used impervious to liquids and easily cleanable logically.

[0008] The cups presented as a lower section extending from the bottom, which is the pressure and is gathered

tightly in the recess or housing established in the bottom of the tray plate in functions. Furthermore, the cups are of different color to distinguish, for example, containing a particular type of liquor with liquor containing another and also distinguish other containers cups creams, soups, other foodstuffs, etc., Sufficient to waiter that the type of content in relation to the color of the cup, without danger of consumer confusion.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009] To complement the description that is being made and in order to aid a better understanding of the characteristics of the invention according to a preferred practical embodiment thereof, accompanying as an integral part of this description a set of drawings wherein by way of illustration and not restrictively, the following has been represented:

Figure 1. - Shows a top view corresponding to the device of the invention which reveal two cups placed in corresponding recesses or cavities of the plate constituting the tray, and two cups in explosion is say in a position to be housed in the corresponding housings or cavities.

Figure 2. - Shows a sectional view of the device shown in the previous figure, suitably coupled with two cups in their corresponding recesses.

PREFERRED EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION

[0010] As can be seen in the figures, the device of the invention comprises a plate (1) and a plurality of cups (2), where the plate (1) is of considerable thickness, preferably circular contour, without discarding other contours 35 and above said plate are made of a plurality of recesses or housings (3) for receiving the lower section (4) which extends in the bottom of the cups (2), being that the lower section (4) fitted into the recesses (3) and thus allowing the carrying plate (1) like a tray with the cups (2) without possibility of their slipping and thus preventing spillage of the contents thereof.

[0011] As mentioned above, based on the described device, the waiters serving drinks at events in small doses, and generally tend to be served in small cups or glasses, may carry many of the latter, properly arranged on the plate (1) constituting the tray in a stable position and without the possibility of moving and therefore avoiding spillage of the liquid or the contents thereof, with the special particularity that these cups (2) may have different colored to distinguish the type

Claims

1. Device for serving drinks / snacks at events, which being provided for use in events where drinks are

served in small doses in certain events or cocktails, such as weddings, meetings, etc., Is characterized is formed from a plate of considerable thickness, on whose upper surface is performed by determining a plurality of recesses for accommodation containers as many cups of drinks or liquids that are intended to serve, and whose cups from its bottom extending in a setting section for determining cavities in the housings of the plate.

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2. Device for beverage service / event snack according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the contour plate is preferably circular or any geometrical form, and forms a kind of tray.

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3. Device for beverage service / event snacks, according to previous claims, **characterized in that** the plate constituting the tray is preferably species methacrylate or other materials not easily cleanable and attackable by liquids.

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4. Device for beverage service / event snack according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the cups of the beverage containers are susceptible to different colors to distinguish different types of drinks, beverages or food contained therein of beverage cups carried by each color.

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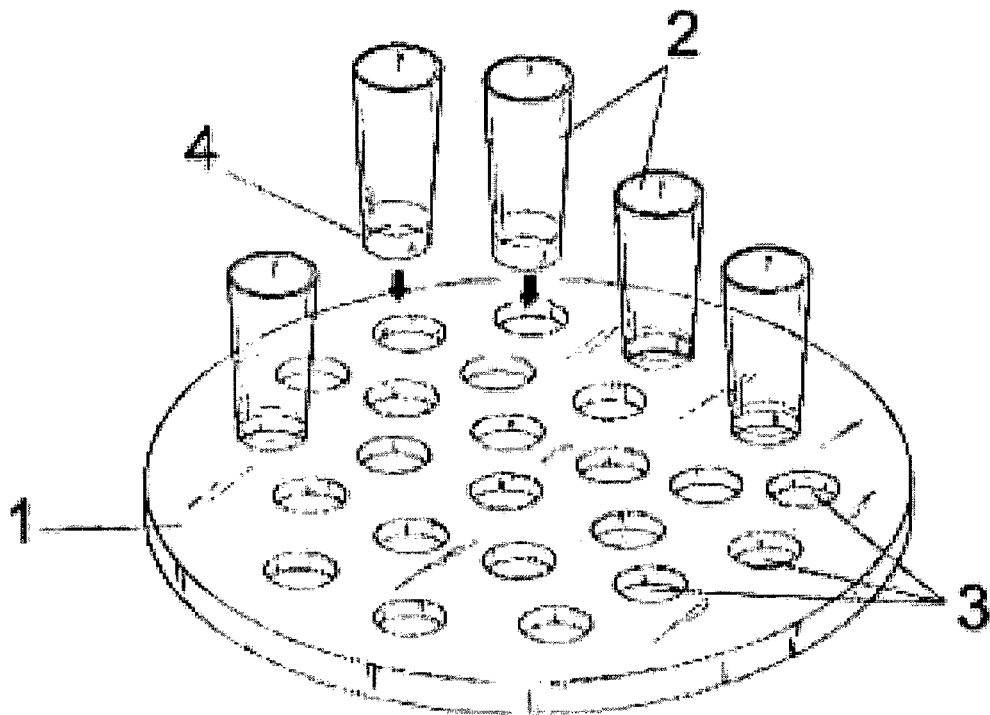


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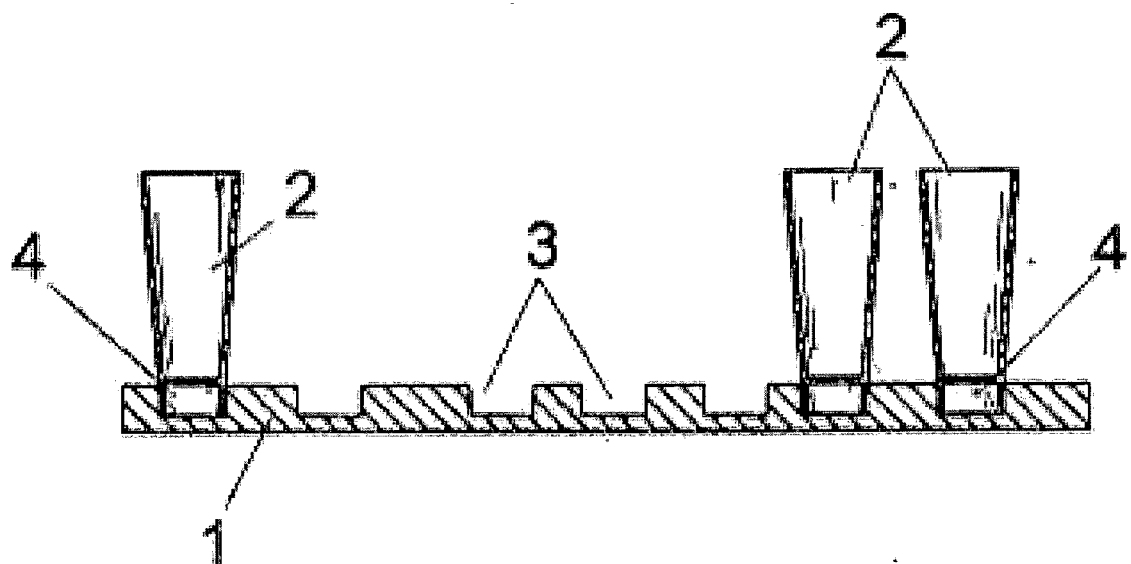


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