WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A breast pump, comprising:

a container, comprising a deformable body and a lid, the container further comprising an inlet and a vent, wherein the vent is provided with a vent valve which is configured to allow air flow out of the container through the vent but not into the container through the vent;

a nipple engaging means for receiving milk expressed from a user's breast; and

a flexible conduit fluidly connecting the nipple engaging means and the inlet of the deformable container,

wherein, in use, milk expressed from the breast flows from the nipple engaging means through the flexible conduit to the container;

characterized by further comprising a one-way valve connected to the lid and removeable from the lid for cleaning, wherein,

the lid is provided with a spigot which is threaded on an external surface of the lid;

a base of the spigot is provided with a plurality of angled teeth which engage complementary angled teeth provided on a base of the one-way valve to form a ratchet mechanism, wherein the ratchet mechanism resists accidental detachment of the one-way valve from the lid.

2. The breast pump of claim 1, wherein the nipple engaging means comprises a conduit connecting portion configured to removably connect to the flexible conduit.

3. The breast pump of claim 2, wherein the conduit connecting portion is configured to direct the flexible conduit away from the nipple engaging means in a direction such that, in use, at least an end portion of the flexible conduit connected to the conduit connecting portion lies substantially alongside the user's body.

4. The breast pump of claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the nipple engaging means comprises an annular flange adapted to engage the user's breast and a passage fluidly connecting an interior of the flange and the conduit connecting portion to allow milk expressed from the user's breast to flow into the flexible conduit.

5. The breast pump of claim 4, wherein the passage comprising a bend between the flange and the conduit connecting portion.

6. The breast pump of claim 4 or claim 5, wherein the conduit connection portion

comprises a central axis perpendicular to a central axis about which the flange is provided.

7. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 6, further comprising an adhesive member for holding the nipple engaging means in position on the user's breast.

8. The breast pump of claim 7, wherein the nipple engaging means comprises a groove configured to receive the adhesive member therein.

9. The breast pump of claim 7 or claim 8, wherein the adhesive member is reusable and/or replaceable.

10. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein in use, the nipple engaging means protrudes from a surface of the user's breast by a distance of 35mm or less.

11. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the nipple engaging means is resiliently deformable.

12. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the flexible conduit is at least 500mm long.

13. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein the flexible conduit comprises a silicone tube.

14. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 13, wherein the flexible conduit has an outer diameter of no more than 6mm.

15. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein the breast pump comprises an inlet valve between the nipple engaging means and an interior of the container, wherein the inlet valve allows fluid to flow from the nipple engaging means towards the interior of the container, but not from the interior of the container towards the nipple engaging means.

16. The breast pump of claim 15, wherein the inlet valve is connected to or integral with the container.

17. The breast pump of claim 15 or claim 16, wherein one or both of the inlet valve and the vent valve comprises a duckbill valve.

18. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein the container comprises a conduit connecting formation, wherein the flexible conduit is connected to the conduit connecting formation in use.

19. The breast pump of any one of claims 1 to 18, further comprising a second nipple engaging means, wherein the second nipple engaging means is connected to the inlet

by the flexible conduit.

20. A kit of parts for a breast pump, the kit comprising:

a deformable container body;

a container lid comprising an inlet and a vent, wherein the vent is provided with a one-way vent valve;

a nipple engaging means for receiving milk expressed from a user's breast; and

a flexible conduit configured to fluidly connect the nipple engaging means and the inlet of the deformable container such that when the breast pump is in use, milk expressed from the breast flows from the nipple engaging means through the conduit to the container;

characterized in:

wherein the breast pump comprises a one-way valve connected to the container lid and removeable from the container lid for cleaning, wherein,

the container lid is provided with a spigot which is threaded on an external surface of the container lid;

a base of the spigot is provided with a plurality of angled teeth which engage complementary angled teeth provided on a base of the one-way valve to form a ratchet mechanism, wherein the ratchet mechanism resists accidental detachment of the one-way valve from the container lid.

21. The kit of claim 20, wherein the kit comprises a ring configured to connect the container lid to the deformable container body.

22. The kit of claim 20 or claim 21, wherein the kit comprises an adhesive member for holding the nipple engaging portion in position on the user's breast.

~~23. A nipple engaging means for a breast pump, the nipple engaging means comprising:~~

~~an annular flange adapted to engage a user's breast;~~

~~a conduit connecting portion configured to removably connect to a flexible conduit;~~

~~a passage fluidly connecting an interior of the flange and the conduit connecting portion to allow milk expressed from the user's breast to flow into the conduit;~~

~~wherein the conduit connecting portion is configured to direct the conduit away from the nipple engaging means in a direction such that, in use, at least an end portion of the conduit connected to the conduit connecting portion lies substantially alongside the user's body.~~

~~24. The nipple engaging means of claim 23, wherein the nipple engaging means comprises an adhesive member for holding the nipple engaging means in position on the user's breast.~~

~~25. The nipple engaging means of claim 24, wherein the nipple engaging means comprises a groove configured to receive the adhesive member therein.~~

~~26. The nipple engaging means of claim 25, the adhesive member comprises a central opening correspondingly sized to fit into the groove.~~

~~27. The nipple engaging means of any one of claims 23 to 26, wherein the adhesive member is shaped and sized to adhere to both the flange and the user's breast in use.~~

~~28. The nipple engaging means of any one of claims 23 to 27, wherein the nipple engaging means is resiliently deformable.~~

~~29. The nipple engaging means of any one of claims 23 to 28, wherein the nipple engaging means protrudes from a surface of the user's breast by a distance of 35mm or less.~~