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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

Improvements in and relating to Carrier or Holders for Food Containers.

We (Mr.) WONG CHOK MENG, Selangor National, and (Madam) LIEW YUEN FONG, Federal Citizen of Malaya, both of 49 Tong Shin Terrace, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Federation of Malaya, do hereby declare the invention for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:

This invention relates to a carrier or holder for food containers of the kind known in Eastern countries as "tiffin carriers".

15 The object of the invention is to provide an improved carrier or holder of this kind adapted to carry a nest of food containers and knives, forks, spoons and other implements.

20 According to the invention the carrier or holder comprises a frame structure having a handle, a pair of downwardly extending external side members depending from said handle, means arranged on the outer sides 25 of one or both of said external side members, for carrying spoons, forks, knives or other implements, internal side members extending upwardly from the lower end of said external side members parallel therewith and free at their upper ends for supporting a pile or nest of food containers and resilient or spring means adapted to hold the said pile or nest of containers in position.

35 In order that the invention may be more clearly understood one particular embodiment thereof will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings wherein:

40 Fig. 1 is an elevational view of the complete carrier or holder;

Figs. 2 and 3 are perspective views of parts of the carrier showing means for carrying spoons, forks or other implements; 45 and

Fig. 4 is a part sectional side elevation showing a modified form of the means for carrying spoons, forks or other implements.

Referring now to Fig. 1 of these drawings the carrier or holder proper comprises a 50 frame structure formed from flat strip metal, or other suitable material, and comprises a handle 5 from which depend downwardly extending external side portions 6 and from the lower end of these external side portions 55 6 are internal side portions 7 extending vertically upwards parallel to the external side portions 6. Said internal side portions are free at their upper ends so that a nest or pile of food containers 8, 9, 10 and 11, each 60 having on diametrically opposite sides an eyelet 12 or the like, can be threaded onto said internal side portions by means of said eyelet or like parts, the containers thus being stacked one upon the other, as shown, 65 between the side portions 6 of the carrier or holder. Also extending downwardly from the handle 5 are two resilient spring elements 13 and 14 also formed from strip metal, adapted to press downwards upon 70 the lid of the top container 8 when the nest of containers are fitted into the carrier. The parts 5, 6 and 7 of the frame structure are preferably formed from a single strip of metal bent to the desired shape as shown 75 while the resilient or spring elements are welded, riveted or otherwise secured to the handle part 5.

On the outer surfaces of one or both external side portions 6 are arranged means 80 15 for carrying implements such as knives, forks, spoons 16, chop sticks 17 or other implements.

In the embodiments shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the means for carrying knives, forks, 85 spoons and such like implements consists of a pocket or compartment open at its upper end and closed at its lower end. Such pocket or compartment may, however, be of any other form, for example it may be 90

constructed as shown in Fig. 3, that is comprising a lower shallow pocket 15a and an upper bracket like part 15b. Alternatively the compartment may be constructed as 5 illustrated in Fig. 4, that is open at its upper and lower ends and tapering downwards so that a spoon, for example, can be wedged in position as shown.

What we claim is:

- 10 1. A carrier or holder for food containers comprising a frame structure having a handle, a pair of downwardly extending external side members depending from said handle, means arranged on the outer sides 15 of one or both of said external side members for carrying spoons, forks, knives or other implements, internal side members extending upwardly from the lower end of said external side members parallel therewith and free at their upper ends for supporting a pile or nest of food containers, 20 and resilient or spring means adapted to hold the said pile or nest of containers in position.
- 25 2. A carrier or holder according to Claim 1, wherein the frame structure is formed from flat strip metal or other suitable material.
- 30 3. A carrier or holder according to Claims 1 and 2, wherein the handle and external and internal side members of the

frame structure are formed from a single strip of metal bent into the desired shape.

4. A carrier or holder according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the resilient 35 or spring means consists of two resilient strip metal portions connected with the handle of the carriers or holder.

5. A carrier or holder according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the food 40 containers are each provided on diametrically opposite sides with eyelets or the like whereby said containers can be threaded onto the internal side members one upon the other. 45

6. A carrier or holder according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the means for carrying spoons, forks, knives or other implements consists of pockets or compartments constructed and arranged 50 substantially as described with reference to Figs. 2, 3 or 4 of the accompanying drawings.

7. A carrier or holder for food containers substantially as herein described with 55 reference to Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawings.

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