CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of forming a nipple for a baby bottle, comprising:

forming a first conical wall section;

forming a second conical wall section molded adjacent the first conical wall section;

preventing inwards depression of the second conical wall section;

characterized by

forming a vent hole in a side wall of the first conical wall section; and

providing a flap at an end of the vent hole to allow air to enter the nipple when in use but to close the vent hole when suction on the nipple ceases; and

cutting an opening through the second conical wall section into an interior section of the nipple while preventing said inwards depression of the second conical wall section.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said inwards depression of the second conical wall section is prevented by compressing the second conical wall section.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said inwards depression of the second conical wall section is prevented by stretching second conical wall section.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein forming a second conical wall section comprises:

forming a cylinder extending away from the first conical wall section; and

forming a dome extending away from the cylinder.

5. The method of Claim 4, wherein said inwards depression of the second conical wall section is prevented by stretching the dome.

6. The method of Claim 4, wherein said inwards depression of the second conical wall section is prevented by compressing the dome.

7. The method of any preceding Claim comprising the step of forming a base extending from the first conical wall section in a direction opposite to the second conical wall section.

8. The method of any preceding claim, wherein a base is formed extending radially outward from the second conical wall section remotely from the first conical wall section.

9. The method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the first and second conical wall sections are formed over a mold to prevent the second conical wall section being depressed inwardly during the cutting process.