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(54) Title: CONTAINER WITH SCOOPING UTENSIL AND SCOOPING RETAINER IN THE CLOSURE

(57) Abstract: An improved container (10) provides a container body (12) and a closure (14). In some embodiments, a scooping utensil retainer (20) is disposed on the closure. The scooping utensil retainer includes opposing flanges (30, 32) protruding from the closure surface (18). A flange rib (34) protrudes from the first flange (30) into the flange gap, extending from the closure surface to the distal end of the flange. A tapered retainer gap (42) is provided between flanges for resiliently clamping the handle (24) of a scooping utensil (22). In some embodiments, the closure can include an annular ridge (110) shaped for engaging a downwardly extending skirt (98) on a like container when two like containers are vertically stacked. In some embodiments the container body includes an in-mold label (124) affixed to a substantially straight side wall, and covering at least about 95% of the exterior surface area of the container body.

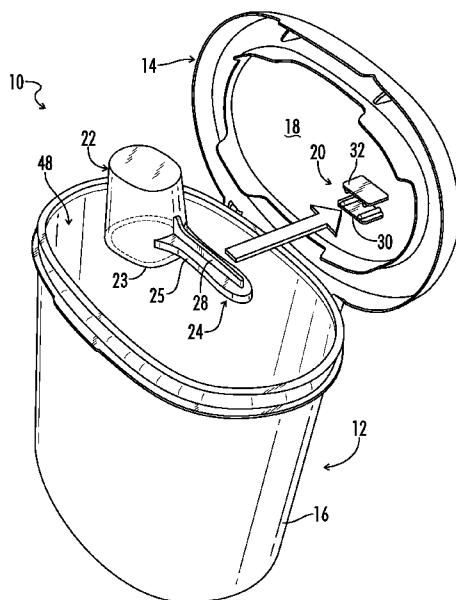


FIG. 1



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