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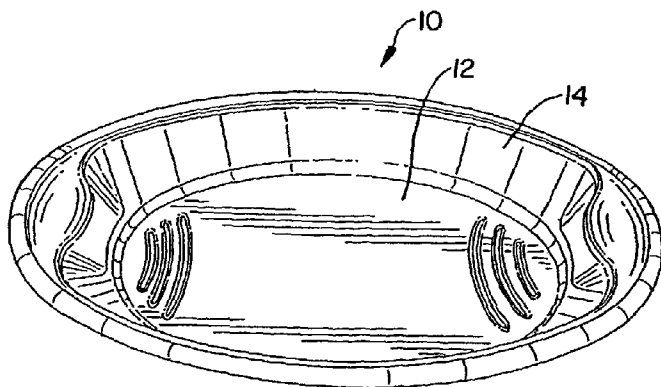
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(57) Abstract: A disposable plate (10) for carrying and serving food is disclosed. One particular aspect of the invention includes a plate with a substantially circular food-contact area (12) with a substantially oval rim periphery (16). The rim (16) is formed to make the plate easy to hold, with grooves (18) adapted to accommodate fingers and/or thumbs. The present invention may be designed to segment the food storage areas of the plate into multiple compartments by using a divider wall (122). Also, the food-contact area can be slightly domed to force food to shift to the outer portion of the food-contact area and inhibit the food from slipping to the middle of the plate, thus keeping the plate center from sagging.