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Fig. 1.

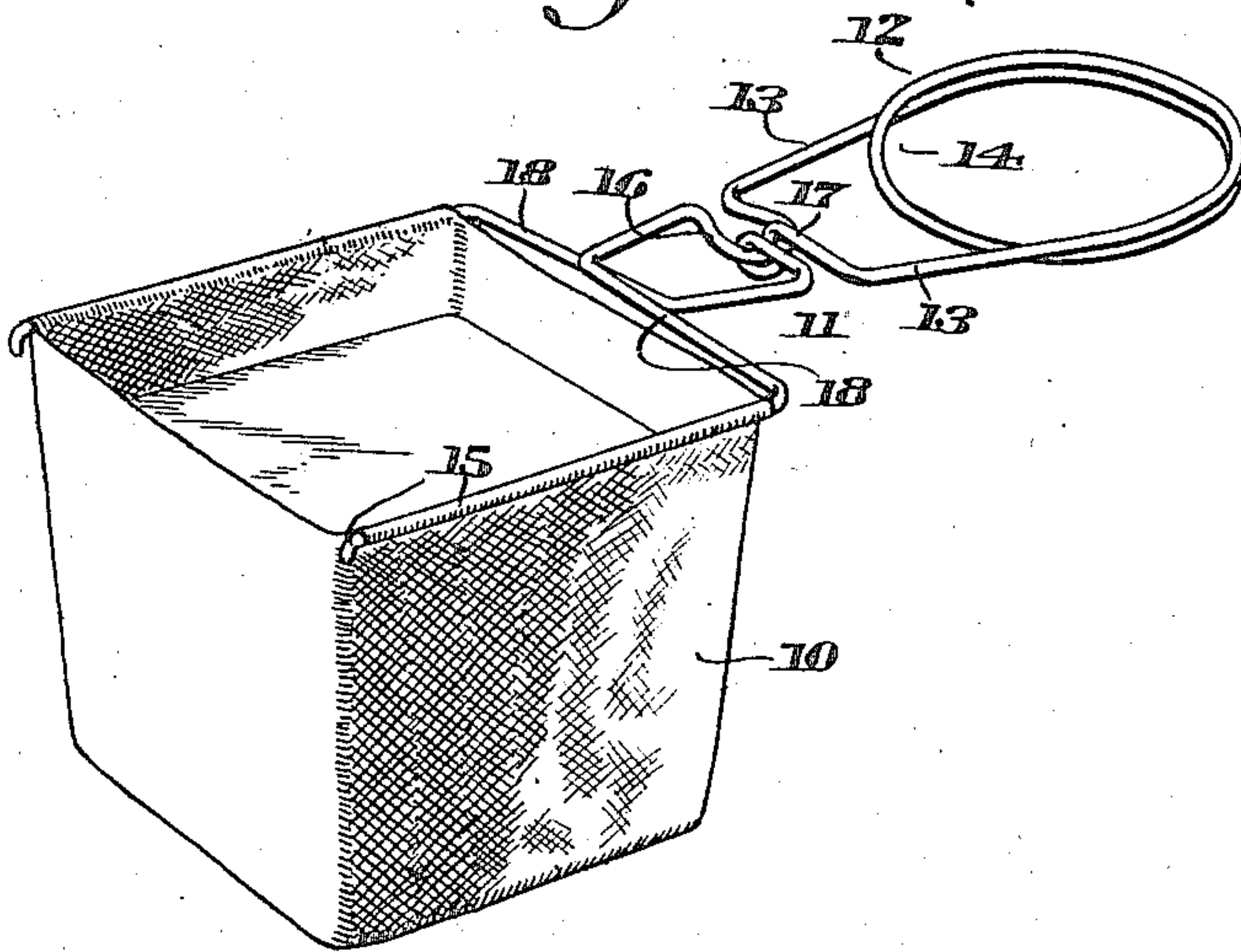
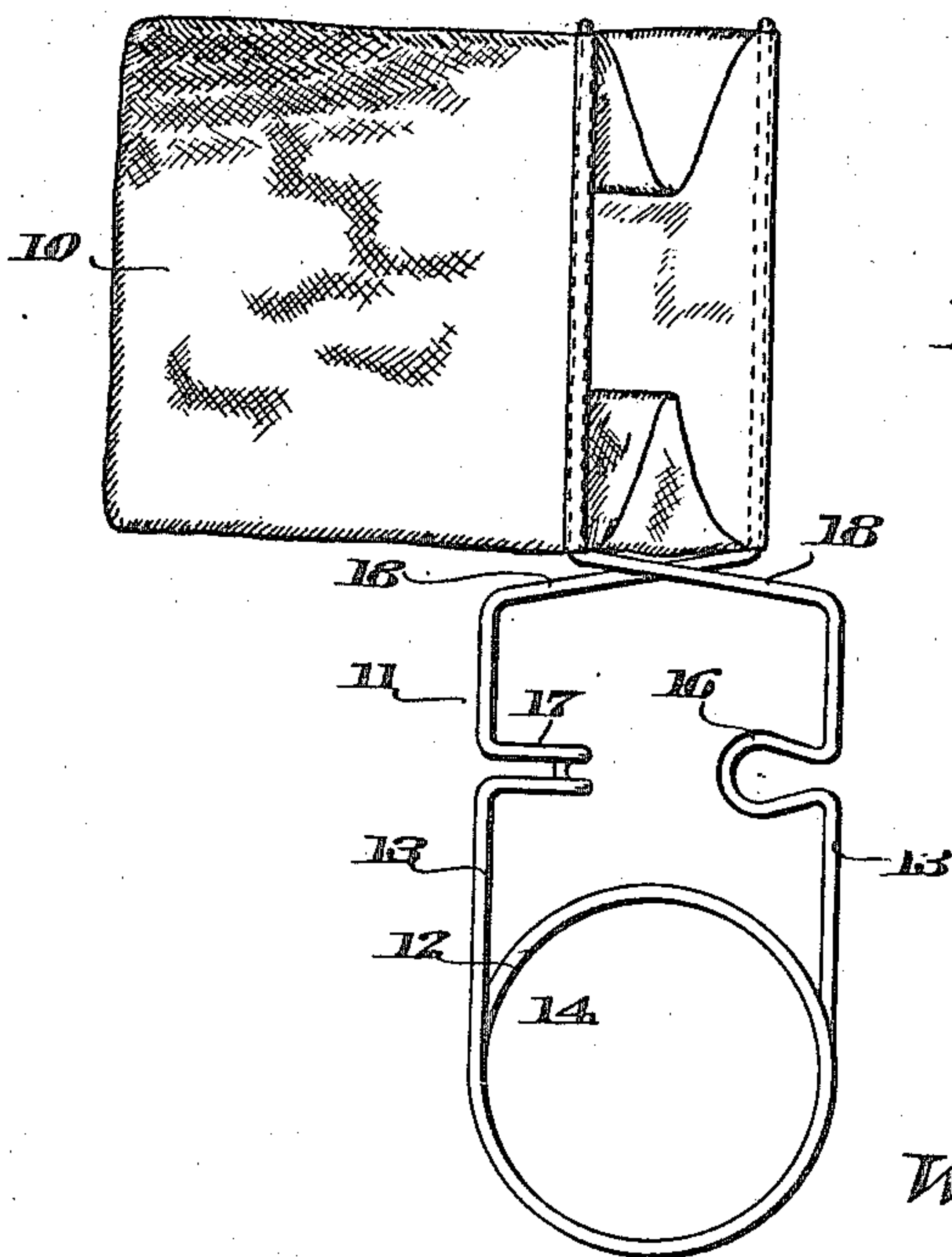


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. WATKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodlawn, in the county of Jefferson and State of Alabama, have invented new and useful Improvements in Drinking-Cups, of which the following is a specification.

An object of the invention is to provide a foldable drinking cup of a simple construction, which can be so arranged that it can be readily carried in the pocket when not in use and will lie flat in the pocket and take up very little room.

The invention still further contemplates the provision of a drinking cup and a frame for the cup body and which is so formed and constructed that when the cup is in use the frame will support the cup body in position to permit of filling the cup with fluid and holding the cup in drinking position.

In the further disclosure of the invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, constituting a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the cup open and filled; and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the cup in a partially collapsed position.

Referring more particularly to the views, I disclose a cup body 10 which is preferably made of a material such as rubberized or waterproof cloth. The cup body is of a substantially rectangular shape when open and, owing to the material from which it is made, can be readily folded. A frame 11 is provided for the cup body 10, said frame being preferably formed of a single piece of spring-like wire looped at its medial portion to form a spring 12 which, with sides 13, constitutes a handle 14. The free ends of the sides are sewed or otherwise secured to the cup body 10 along opposed edges thereof and are preferably engaged with the cup body by having opposed edges of the cup body formed to provide channel-like portions 15 through which the free ends of the sides extend, as shown.

One of the sides 13 between the handle and free end engaging the cup body is formed to provide a loop 16 and the other side

13 is formed to provide a hook 17 adapted to be engaged with the loop 16 so as to spread the free ends of the sides apart and hold the cup body in an open position, said free ends of the sides being adapted to move toward each other, due to the action of the spring 12 when the hook is disengaged from the loop 16. The sides furthermore have inwardly bent portions 18 which cross one another in order that when the sides of the handle are pressed together to secure the hook 17 to the loop 16, the free ends of the sides will be moved apart to secure the cup body in open and filling position.

When the hook 17 is disengaged from the loop 16 the cup body will be collapsed and can be wound around the free ends of the sides, after which the entire article can be placed in the pocket and will lie flat therein and take up very little room.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the cup consists of substantially two parts, namely, a cup body and a holding structure therefor, the same being formed of simple materials, thus permitting of manufacturing the cup at a slight cost.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A cup comprising a frame formed of a single piece of spring-like wire providing a handle and supports, of a cup body formed of a pliable material, said cup body being carried on the supports, with said frame normally closed to collapse said cup body, and means formed with the frame for holding said cup body in an open position and against the spring like action of the said frame.

2. A cup comprising a frame formed of a single piece of spring-like wire providing a handle and supports, of a cup body formed of a pliable material, said cup body being carried on said supports, with said frame normally closed to collapse said cup body, a hook formed with the frame, and a loop formed with the frame and adapted to be engaged by the hook to hold the frame in an open position and secure the cup body in an open position.

3. A cup comprising a frame, a spring formed by a part of said frame and normally holding said frame in a closed posi-

tion, a cup body supported on said frame
and adapted to be held open when said
frame is open and closed by the spring of
the frame, and means formed with the frame
5 for securing said frame in open position
and holding said cup body open.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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