

a lever-like lifting action of the lid relative to the base; additionally, cam means are provided on lid 12 and base 14 such that upon the exertion of such compressive force adjacently outwardly of the displaced surfaces, an outward movement of a portion of lid 12 relative to base 14 is effected which facilitates the lever-like pivotal opening.

In order to effect the foregoing rear wall 22 of lid 12 includes a lower central lateral surface 36 which merges at its extremities, through a generally upwardly and outwardly extending shoulder portions 37, with lateral side surfaces 38 which are disposed upwardly of central lateral surface 36. That is lateral side surfaces 38 are in closer proximity to panel 16 than is the lower central lateral surface 36. In a similar fashion rear wall 28 of base 14 is provided with an upper central lateral surface 40 which merges at its extremities, through generally outwardly and downwardly extending shoulder portions 41, with opposed downwardly disposed lateral side surfaces 42; i.e., opposed lower lateral side surfaces 42 are in closer proximity to panel 30 than is the upper central lateral surface 40. As will be apparent from the drawings the upper lateral side surfaces 38 of lid 12 are complementary to lower lateral side surfaces 42 of base 14 and are formed in adjacent corners of container 10 generally along the periphery container and intermediate fulcrum surfaces 46 and central lateral surfaces 36 and 40. Also generally disposed along the periphery of container 10 intermediate fulcrum surfaces 46 and the displaced surfaces, i.e., lateral side surfaces 38 and 42, container 10 is provided with camming means for effecting an outward movement of rearward portions of sidewall 18 relative to panel 30 upon selective application of compressive forces. In the preferred embodiment the camming means takes the form of providing base 14 with diametrically opposed downwardly and outwardly sloping surfaces 48 which are disposed adjacently beneath and rearwardly of fulcrum surfaces 46. Similarly the rearward portion of sidewalls 18 of lid 12 are provided with complementary downwardly and outwardly sloping, opposed cam surfaces 50 which, when the container is in a closed position, closely abut or even contact cam surfaces 48 in a generally flush-like manner.

Thus, in general, when lid 12 is telescopically positioned upon base 14 with the sidewalls 18 and front wall 20 being generally disposed outwardly of sidewall 24 and front wall 26 in a flush-like manner, wall 52 and wall 54 are brought into sealing inter-engagement to define the tablet chamber 53 and cam 50 is brought into close abutting relationship with cam 48. Central lateral surfaces 36 and 40 are likewise brought into close abutting relationship. Because of the ledge 32 it will be seen that there will be no significantly exposed edges which would allow for the convenient opening of the container anywhere along the sides or front thereof; i.e., if a compressive force is applied to lid 12 relative to base 14 tighter engagement results, not an opening engagement, and because of the lack of exposure of edges there is no convenient way of effecting an opening of the container. If outwardly directed forces are applied to complementary lateral side surfaces 38 and 42 opening of the container will not be effected. Furthermore, access to the displaced surface means, notably, side surfaces 38 and 42 can be substantially precluded by having hinge 34 substantially coextensive in length with the rear walls 22 and 28 respectively. When in a closed telescopic position, compressive forces applied to lid 12

and base 14, generally centrally between the rear walls 22 and 28, likewise will not effect a container opening because central surfaces 36 and 40 provide abutments which limit closer approaching motion to a point precluding opening of container 10. Thus an opening of the container is only conveniently effected by the selective application of a compressive force, generally represented by the arrow in FIG. 6, to lid 12 relative to base 14 at the corner of container 10. Thus upon application of such a compressive force the complementary displaced surfaces at the corner, i.e., upward side surface 38 and lower side surface 42 are brought into closer proximity to each other, notwithstanding contact of central surfaces 36 and 40, and the inner surface of panel 16 interacts with fulcrum surface 46 to effect a lever-like release, in a pivotal manner about hinge 34, of the telescopic engagement of lid 12 and base 14 and the concurrent release of the sealing inter-engagement of wall 54 and wall 52; this lever-like release is facilitated by contact of cam surface 50 with cam surface 48 to distort sidewall 18 adjacent cam 50 outwardly relative to panel 30. The lever-like action is exemplified in FIG. 6.

FIG. 7 represents an alternate embodiment for effecting the sealing engagement of wall 52 and wall 54. As seen therein wall 52 is provided with an annular recess 58 and wall 54 is provided with a bead-like portion 56, the recess and bead being so proportioned that they are brought into snug sealing engagement.

While the invention has been described with particularity above it will of course be apparent that modification is possible which pursuant to the patent laws and statutes do not depart from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

I claim:

1. A selectively openable, telescopically closeable tablet container molded as a single piece, said container comprising: a lid with a top panel having a peripheral skirt depending downwardly from said top panel; a base having a bottom panel and a skirt extending upwardly from said bottom panel, said base skirt having at least one downwardly extending surface which merges with an upper surface of said base skirt to define a fulcrum; hinge means joining said lid and base and allowing for said lid and base to be brought into telescopic relation; motion limiting means disposed inwardly of said hinge means for limiting relative closer approaching movement of said top panel and said bottom panel, when said lid and base are in closed telescopic relation, to a non-opening position; first wall means integral with top panel and second wall means integral with said bottom panel, said first and second wall means being interengageable to define a sealed, internally disposed tablet chamber upon relative telescopic positioning of said lid and base; displaced surface means generally disposed along the periphery of said container, at a location intermediate said motion limiting means and said fulcrum, so arranged and constructed that upon compression of adjacent portions of said top panel and bottom panel said surface means are brought into closer proximity to each so as to produce, along with contact of an internal surface portion of said top panel with said fulcrum, a lever-like action which disengages said first and second wall means to open said container and tablet chamber; and cam means, generally disposed along the periphery of said container intermediate said fulcrum and said displaced surface means, so arranged and constructed that upon said compression of said top and bottom pan-