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### LIQUID-CONTAINING COMBINATION CONTAINER, CONTAINER SET, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING LIQUID-CONTAINING CONTAINER

#### Abstract

A liquid-containing combination container includes a first container that contains a liquid, a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container. The first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion. the stopper has oxygen permeability.

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## Background/Summary

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 18/283,923, filed Jan. 5, 2024, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

### TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates to a liquid-containing combination container, a container set, and a method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container.

### BACKGROUND ART

[0003] A known container contains a liquid (for example, PTL 1). The liquid is decomposed in the container due to oxygen depending on the kind of the liquid. It can be understood that a container that has an oxygen barrier property is used in order to deal with this failure. [0004] PTL 1: JP2011-212366A

### SUMMARY OF INVENTION

[0005] However, oxygen can be dissolved in the liquid when the liquid is manufactured. As for the container that has the oxygen barrier property, the degradation of the liquid caused by the dissolved oxygen in the liquid cannot be dealt with. That is, an existing technique cannot sufficiently reduce the degradation of the liquid that is contained in the container due to oxygen. It is an object of the present disclosure to reduce the degradation of a liquid due to oxygen.

[0006] A first liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and the first container contains silicone.

[0007] As for the first liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, and the stopper may contain silicone.

[0008] A second liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, and the stopper has oxygen permeability.

[0009] As for the first and second liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, an oxygen permeability coefficient ( $\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.3} (\text{STP}) \cdot \text{Math.cm} / (\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.2} \cdot \text{Math.sec} \cdot \text{Math.Pa})$ ) of a material of the stopper may be higher than an oxygen permeability coefficient ( $\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.3} (\text{STP}) \cdot \text{Math.cm} / (\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.2} \cdot \text{Math.sec} \cdot \text{Math.Pa})$ ) of a material of the container body.

[0010] As for the first and second liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, an oxygen permeability coefficient of a material of the stopper may be

$1 \times 10^{\text{sup.}-12}$  (cm.sup.3 (STP).Math.cm/(cm.sup.2.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or more.

[0011] A third liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, and an oxygen permeability coefficient of a material of the stopper is  $1 \times 10^{\text{sup.}-11}$  (cm.sup.3 (STP).Math.cm/(cm.sup.2.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or more.

[0012] As for the first to third liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, an opening area of the container body may be 1 mm.sup.2 or more, and a thickness of the stopper may be 5 mm or less.

[0013] As for the first to third liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the container body may have an oxygen barrier property.

[0014] As for the first to third liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, an oxygen concentration in the first container may be equal to an oxygen concentration in the second container.

[0015] As for the first to third liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, an oxygen concentration in the first container may be 0.05% or less, and an oxygen concentration in the second container may be less than 0.3%.

[0016] A fourth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid and that has oxygen permeability and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, an oxygen concentration in the first container is less than 0.3%, and an oxygen concentration in the second container is 0.05% or less.

[0017] As for the first to fourth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, an amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid in the first container may be less than 0.15 mg/L.

[0018] A fifth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid and that has oxygen permeability and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and an amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid in the first container is less than 0.15 mg/L.

[0019] As for the first to fifth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container may be provided.

[0020] As for the first to fifth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a syringe that includes a cylinder and a piston that is inserted into the cylinder, and the syringe may contain the liquid in a container space that is defined by the cylinder and the piston.

[0021] As for the first to fifth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the piston may include a gasket that is disposed in the cylinder and that defines the container space, and the gasket may have oxygen permeability.

[0022] As for the first to fifth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the syringe may include a stopper that closes an opening portion that is provided in the cylinder, and the stopper may have oxygen permeability.

[0023] A sixth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid and that has oxygen permeability and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container is provided.

[0024] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the container body may have an oxygen barrier property. As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the container body may be composed of glass.

[0025] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the stopper may have oxygen permeability. As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the stopper may contain silicone.

[0026] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a dehydrating agent that absorbs moisture in the second container may be provided.

[0027] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a partial volume of the first container obtained by subtracting a volume of the liquid from a volume of the first container may be 50 mL or less.

[0028] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a volume of the liquid that is contained in the first container may be 20 mL or less.

[0029] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a fixture that is mounted on the container body and that fixes the stopper to the container body, the stopper may include a plate portion that is disposed on the container body and that covers the opening portion and an insertion projection that projects from the plate portion and that is inserted into the opening portion, the fixture may cover a periphery of the plate portion, and the fixture may have an exposure hole through which a region of the plate portion that is exposed to an inside of the container body is exposed. The container body may have an oxygen barrier property. The container body may be composed of glass. The fixture may have an oxygen barrier property. The fixture may be composed of metal. The stopper may have oxygen permeability. The stopper may contain silicone.

[0030] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a step may be formed between a portion around the exposure hole of the fixture and a portion of the stopper that is exposed to an inside of the exposure hole.

[0031] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a portion around the exposure hole of the fixture may include a bent portion that bends such that the bent portion approaches the plate portion and may press the plate portion toward an inner portion of the container body.

[0032] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a portion of the stopper that is exposed to an inside of the exposure hole may include a linear projecting portion that linearly extends, and the linear projecting portion may indicate a position of a region of the plate portion that is exposed to an inside of the container body.

[0033] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a portion of the stopper that is exposed to an inside of the exposure hole may include a linear projecting portion that linearly extends, and the linear projecting portion may extend on a peripheral portion of a region of the plate portion that is exposed to an inside of the container body.

[0034] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a portion of the stopper that is exposed to an inside of the exposure hole may include a linear projecting portion that linearly extends, a part of the linear projecting portion may be covered by the fixture, and the other part of the linear projecting portion may be exposed to the inside of the exposure hole.

[0035] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a gap may be formed between a portion around the exposure hole of the fixture and a portion adjacent to the linear projecting portion of the stopper.

[0036] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the linear projecting portion may include multiple linear projecting portions that are separated from each other, and an end portion of the linear projecting portion that is exposed to an inside of the exposure hole may be located on a region of the plate portion that is exposed to an inside of the container body.

[0037] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the second container may include a to-be-opened portion (opening-intention portion)

that is to be opened, and an oxygen absorber may be between the to-be-opened portion of the second container and the first container.

[0038] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the container body may have an oxygen barrier property, the stopper has oxygen permeability, and an oxygen absorber may be between the second container and the stopper.

[0039] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, a deoxygenated member that includes the oxygen absorber and a parcel that contains the oxygen absorber may be attached to (mounted on) the second container.

[0040] The first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber that is disposed on a portion of the first container that has oxygen permeability.

[0041] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the container body may have an oxygen barrier property, the stopper may have oxygen permeability, and an oxygen absorber may face the stopper.

[0042] The first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber, and the oxygen absorber may be at least partly located above a portion of the first container that has the oxygen permeability.

[0043] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a fixture that is mounted on the container body and that fixes the stopper to the container body, and a deoxygenated member that includes the oxygen absorber and a parcel that contains the oxygen absorber may be attached to (mounted on) the fixture.

[0044] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the liquid may contain an aqueous solution, a deoxygenated member that includes the oxygen absorber does not contain a water retention agent or contains a water retention agent that is capable of retaining moisture in a volume equal to or less than 5% of an initial volume of the liquid.

[0045] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the liquid may contain alcohol or oil, and a deoxygenated member that includes the oxygen absorber may contain a water retention agent that retains moisture.

[0046] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the liquid may contain a non-aqueous solvent, and a deoxygenated member that includes the oxygen absorber may contain a water retention agent that retains moisture. The non-aqueous solvent may be a solvent in which a main component is not water. A ratio of a volume of moisture to the non-aqueous solvent may be 2% or less, may be 1% or less, or may be 0.5% or less.

[0047] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper may have oxygen permeability, and a contact angle of an inner surface of the stopper may be 80° or more.

[0048] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper may be permeable to oxygen, a sheet that has oxygen permeability and liquid repellency may be provided between a liquid that is contained in the container body and the stopper.

[0049] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the sheet may be held between the stopper and the container body.

[0050] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present

disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper is permeable to oxygen, and a recessed portion that is capable of holding gas may be provided on an inner surface of the stopper.

[0051] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion, a stopper that closes the opening portion, and an extension wall portion that extends from an inner surface of the container body.

[0052] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion, a stopper that closes the opening portion, and an extension wall portion that extends from an inner surface of the container body, the extension wall portion may have an annular shape that includes an outer periphery and an inner periphery, the extension wall portion may be connected to the inner surface of the container body over the entire length of the outer periphery, and a hole that is defined by the inner periphery may be provided.

[0053] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper may be permeable to oxygen, an outer surface of the stopper may have unevenness or may include a projection that projects from the outer surface of the stopper.

[0054] As for the first to sixth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper may be permeable to oxygen, an inner surface of the stopper may have unevenness or may include a projection that projects from the inner surface of the stopper.

[0055] A seventh liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, and a gap is formed between the stopper of the first container that is contained in the second container and the second container.

[0056] An eighth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, a tray that contains the first container, and a second container that has an oxygen barrier property and that contains the tray that contains the first container, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, a portion of the tray is located between the stopper and the second container, and a gap is formed between the tray and the stopper.

[0057] As for the eighth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the tray may include a bottom wall and a side wall that is connected to the bottom wall, the side wall may include a first side wall portion that faces the stopper of the first container that is contained in the tray and a second side wall portion that faces the first side wall portion, and the gap may be formed between the first side wall portion and the stopper.

[0058] As for the eighth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the second container may be a film container, the second side wall portion may be capable of being disposed so as to face a placement surface on which the liquid-containing combination container is placed with the second container interposed therebetween.

[0059] As for the eighth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the second side wall portion may be capable of being disposed so as to face a placement surface on which the liquid-containing combination container is placed with the second container interposed therebetween such that the bottom wall inclines with respect to the placement surface.

[0060] As for the eighth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the tray may include a recessed portion, a projecting portion, a hole, or a combination thereof.

[0061] As for the eighth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the tray may include a bottom wall and a side wall that is connected to the bottom wall, and a flange portion that extends from the side wall, and the flange portion may include the recessed portion or the projecting portion.

[0062] A ninth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the second container includes a tray that includes an opening portion and that contains the first container and a lid member that closes the opening portion of the tray, the tray includes a bottom wall and a side wall that is connected to the bottom wall and that faces the stopper, and a gap is formed between the side wall and the stopper.

[0063] As for the ninth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the side wall may include a first side wall portion that faces the stopper of the first container that is contained in the tray and a second side wall portion that faces the first side wall portion, the gap may be formed between the first side wall portion and the stopper, and the second side wall portion may be capable of being disposed so as to be located on a placement surface on which the liquid-containing combination container is placed.

[0064] As for the ninth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the second side wall portion may be capable of being disposed so as to be placed on a placement surface on which the liquid-containing combination container is placed such that the bottom wall inclines with respect to the placement surface.

[0065] The eighth and ninth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container, and the oxygen absorber may be located between the tray and the first container.

[0066] As for the eighth and ninth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the tray may include a bottom wall and a side wall that is connected to the bottom wall, the side wall may include a first side wall portion that faces the stopper of the first container that is contained in the tray and a second side wall portion that faces the first side wall portion, and the oxygen absorber may be located between the first side wall portion and the stopper.

[0067] The eighth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container, and the oxygen absorber may be located between the tray and the second container.

[0068] The ninth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container, and the oxygen absorber may be held by the lid member.

[0069] As for the eighth and ninth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure, the tray may include a bottom wall and a side wall that is connected to the bottom wall, and the bottom wall may include a projection that is inserted into a recessed portion between the stopper and the container body.

[0070] A tenth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the second container includes a first film and a second film that contains the first container between the second film and the first film, the first film and the second film are joined at a seal portion so as to be capable of being peeled, the seal portion includes a first seal portion that bends, and the first

seal portion projects so as to be separated from the stopper in a direction in which the first seal portion and the stopper face each other.

[0071] The tenth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber between the first seal portion and the stopper.

[0072] As for the tenth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the stopper may face the first seal portion, the seal portion may include a first side seal portion that is connected to an end of the first seal portion and a second side seal portion that is connected to the other end of the first seal portion, a container space in which the first container is contained may be formed between the first side seal portion and the second side seal portion, a minimum distance along the first film between the first side seal portion and the second side seal portion and a minimum distance along the second film between the first side seal portion and the second side seal portion may be shorter than a length of the first container in a direction in which the stopper is inserted into the opening portion.

[0073] An eleventh liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper is permeable to oxygen, the second container includes a first film and a second film that contains the first container between the second film and the first film, the second container is opened in a manner in which the first film and the second film are cut at a to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion), the first film and the second film are joined at a seal portion, the seal portion includes a first side seal portion and a second side seal portion that are separated in a longitudinal direction of the to-be-opened portion, and a through-portion that extends through the first film and the second film is provided at a position at which the second side seal portion intersects with the to-be-opened portion.

[0074] As for the eleventh liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the first side seal portion may have a notch that corresponds to an end of the to-be-opened portion.

[0075] As for the eleventh liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the second side seal portion may include a wide portion that is wider than an adjacent portion, and the through-portion may be provided at a position at which the wide portion intersects with the to-be-opened portion.

[0076] As for the eleventh liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the second side seal portion may include an inner edge that projects such that the inner edge approaches the first side seal portion at the wide portion.

[0077] As for the eleventh liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the first container may be contained in the second container such that the stopper faces a space in the second container between the first side seal portion and the wide portion.

[0078] The eleventh liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container, and the oxygen absorber may be held by the second container at a position away from the wide portion in a direction in which the space in the second container faces the stopper.

[0079] The eleventh liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber between the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) and the first container.

[0080] A twelfth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and an outer box that contains the second container, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the second container includes a first film



and a second film that contains the first container between the second film and the first film, the first film and the second film are joined at a seal portion so as to be capable of being peeled, the outer box includes an outer box body and a lid portion that relatively moves with respect to the outer box body and that opens the outer box, the first film is attached to (mounted on) the outer box body, the second film is attached to (mounted on) the lid portion, the lid portion is relatively moved with respect to the outer box body, the second film is consequently peeled from the first film at the seal portion, and the second container is opened.

[0081] As for the twelfth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the outer box may include a transparent portion that is transparent.

[0082] A thirteenth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the second container includes a first film, a second film that is joined to the first film and that contains the first container between the second film and the first film, and a gas bag (gas package, gas pouch) that is provided between the first film and the second film and that contains gas.

[0083] As for the thirteenth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the gas bag may be joined to the first film and the second film.

[0084] As for the thirteenth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the first film and the second film may be joined at a seal portion, and the gas bag may be joined to the first film and the second film at the seal portion.

[0085] As for the thirteenth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure, the seal portion may include a first side seal portion and a second side seal portion that are separated in a width direction, the gas bag may include a first gas bag that is joined to the first film and the second film at the first side seal portion and a second gas bag that is joined to the first film and the second film at the second side seal portion, and the first container may be located between the first gas bag and the second gas bag.

[0086] The thirteenth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure may include an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container, and the oxygen absorber may be held between the gas bag and one of the first film and the second film.

[0087] A first container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and the first container contains silicone.

[0088] As for the first container set according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, and the stopper may contain silicone.

[0089] A second container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, and the stopper has oxygen permeability.

[0090] A third container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, and an oxygen permeability coefficient of a material of the stopper is  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  (cm<sup>3</sup> (STP)·Math.cm/(cm<sup>2</sup>·Math.sec·Math.Pa)) or more.

[0091] As for the first to third container sets according to the present disclosure, an oxygen concentration in the first container may be 1.5% or less.

[0092] A fourth container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid and that has oxygen permeability, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and an oxygen concentration in the first container is 1.5% or less.

[0093] A fifth container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid and that has oxygen permeability, a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container.

[0094] A sixth container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, and the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, and a gap is formed between the stopper of the first container that is contained in the second container and the second container.

[0095] A seventh container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, a tray that is capable of containing the first container, and a second container that has an oxygen barrier property and that is capable of containing the tray that contains the first container, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the tray is located between the stopper and the second container, and a gap is formed between the tray and the stopper.

[0096] An eighth container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the second container includes a tray that includes an opening portion and that contains the first container and a lid member that closes the opening portion of the tray, the tray includes a bottom wall and a side wall that is connected to the bottom wall and that faces the stopper, and a gap is formed between the side wall and the stopper.

[0097] A ninth container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the second container includes a first film and a second film that contains the first container between the second film and the first film, the first film and the second film are joined at a seal portion so as to be capable of being peeled, the seal portion includes a first seal portion that bends, and the first seal portion projects so as to be separated from the stopper in a direction in which the first seal portion and the stopper face each other.

[0098] A tenth container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the second container includes a first film and a second film that contains the first container between the second film and the first film, the second container is opened in a manner in which the first film and the second film are cut at a to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion), the first film and the second film are joined at a seal portion, the seal portion includes a first side seal portion and a second side seal portion that are separated in a longitudinal direction of the to-be-opened portion, and a through-portion that extends through the first film and the second film is provided at a position at which the second side seal portion intersects with the to-be-opened portion.

[0099] An eleventh container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an

oxygen barrier property, and an outer box that is capable of containing the second container, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, the second container includes a first film and a second film that contains the first container between the second film and the first film, the first film and the second film are joined at a seal portion so as to be capable of being peeled, the outer box includes an outer box body and a lid portion that relatively moves with respect to the outer box body and that opens the outer box, the first film is attached to (mounted on) the outer box body, the second film is attached to (mounted on) the lid portion, the lid portion is relatively moved with respect to the outer box body, the second film is consequently peeled from the first film at the seal portion, and the second container is opened.

[0100] A twelfth container set according to the present disclosure includes a first container that contains a liquid, and a second container that is capable of containing the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property, the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, the stopper has oxygen permeability, and the second container includes a first film, a second film that is joined to the first film and that contains the first container between the second film and the first film, and a gas bag that is provided between the first film and the second film and that contains gas.

[0101] A first method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure includes closing a second container that contains a first container, and adjusting an amount of oxygen in the first container, the first container contains a liquid and has oxygen permeability, the second container has an oxygen barrier property. In the adjusting the amount of oxygen, oxygen in the first container permeates the first container, and an oxygen concentration in the first container reduces.

[0102] In the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, the first container may contain silicone.

[0103] In the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, and the stopper may contain silicone.

[0104] In the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, and the stopper may have the oxygen permeability.

[0105] In the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, an oxygen permeability coefficient ( $\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.3} (\text{STP}) \cdot \text{Math.cm} / (\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.2} \cdot \text{Math.sec} \cdot \text{Math.Pa})$ ) of a material of the stopper may be higher than an oxygen permeability coefficient ( $\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.3} (\text{STP}) \cdot \text{Math.cm} / (\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.2} \cdot \text{Math.sec} \cdot \text{Math.Pa})$ ) of a material of the container body.

[0106] In the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, the first container may include a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, an oxygen permeability coefficient of a material of the stopper may be  $1 \times 10 \cdot \text{sup.-12} (\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.3} (\text{STP}) \cdot \text{Math.cm} / (\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.2} \cdot \text{Math.sec} \cdot \text{Math.Pa}))$  or more.

[0107] At the adjusting the amount of oxygen in the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, an oxygen concentration (%) in the first container and an oxygen concentration (%) in the second container may be equal to each other.

[0108] At the adjusting the amount of oxygen in the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, an oxygen concentration in the first container may be less than 0.3%, and an oxygen concentration in the second container may be 0.05% or less.

[0109] At the adjusting the amount of oxygen in the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, an amount of dissolved oxygen in the

liquid in the first container may be less than 0.15 mg/L.

[0110] In the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container may be provided.

[0111] In the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, a dehydrating agent that absorbs moisture in the second container may be provided.

[0112] In the first method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure, a period until equilibrium of permeation of oxygen through the first container is reached after the second container is closed may be within four weeks.

[0113] A second method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure is a method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container by using any one of the seventh to thirteenth liquid-containing combination containers according to the present disclosure and includes closing a second container that contains a first container and adjusting an oxygen concentration in a manner in which an oxygen absorber absorbs oxygen in the second container. In the adjusting the oxygen concentration, oxygen in the first container permeates the stopper, moves to a position outside the first container, and is absorbed by the oxygen absorber in the second container.

[0114] A third method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure is a method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container by using the eighth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure and includes closing a second container that contains a first container and adjusting an oxygen concentration in a manner in which an oxygen absorber absorbs oxygen in the second container, in the adjusting the oxygen concentration, oxygen in the first container permeates the stopper, moves to a position outside the first container, and is absorbed by the oxygen absorber in the second container, and the liquid-containing combination container is disposed on a placement surface such that the second side wall portion faces the placement surface on which the liquid-containing combination container is placed with the second container interposed therebetween.

[0115] A fourth method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container according to the present disclosure is a method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container by using the ninth liquid-containing combination container according to the present disclosure and includes closing a second container that contains a first container and adjusting an oxygen concentration in a manner in which an oxygen absorber absorbs oxygen in the second container, in the adjusting the oxygen concentration, oxygen in the first container permeates the stopper, moves to a position outside the first container, and is absorbed by the oxygen absorber in the second container, and the liquid-containing combination container is disposed on a placement surface such that the second side wall portion faces the placement surface on which the liquid-containing combination container is placed.

[0116] According to the present disclosure, a liquid can be inhibited from deteriorating due to oxygen.

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## Description

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0117] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an example of a liquid-containing combination container for describing an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0118] FIG. 2A is a longitudinal sectional view of a liquid-containing first container that can be included in the liquid-containing combination container in FIG. 1.

[0119] FIG. 2B is a longitudinal sectional view for a method of measuring an oxygen permeation amount as for a stopper of the first container illustrated in FIG. 2A.

[0120] FIG. 3 illustrates an example of a method of manufacturing the liquid-containing

combination container in FIG. 1 and the liquid-containing first container in FIG. 2.

[0121] FIG. 4 illustrates an example of the method of manufacturing the liquid-containing combination container in FIG. 1 and the liquid-containing first container in FIG. 2.

[0122] FIG. 5 illustrates an example of the method of manufacturing the liquid-containing combination container in FIG. 1 and the liquid-containing first container in FIG. 2.

[0123] FIG. 6 is a perspective view of a method of using the liquid-containing first container in FIG. 2.

[0124] FIG. 7A is a perspective view of another example of a second container.

[0125] FIG. 7B is a perspective view of another example of the second container.

[0126] FIG. 7C is a perspective view of another example of the second container.

[0127] FIG. 7D is a perspective view of another example of the second container.

[0128] FIG. 8 is a perspective view a modification to the second container.

[0129] FIG. 9A is a sectional view of an example of a deoxygenated member that includes an oxygen absorber.

[0130] FIG. 9B is a sectional view of another example of the deoxygenated member that includes the oxygen absorber.

[0131] FIG. 9C is a sectional view of an example of a deoxygenated film that includes the oxygen absorber.

[0132] FIG. 10 is a longitudinal sectional view of a modification to the stopper.

[0133] FIG. 11 is a longitudinal sectional view of another modification to the stopper.

[0134] FIG. 12 is a longitudinal sectional view of another modification to the stopper.

[0135] FIG. 13 is a longitudinal sectional view of the first container that includes a liquid repellent sheet.

[0136] FIG. 14 is a longitudinal sectional view of the stopper on which the liquid repellent sheet is provided.

[0137] FIG. 15 is a perspective view of an example of the first container that includes an extension wall portion.

[0138] FIG. 16 illustrates a method of using the first container illustrated in FIG. 15.

[0139] FIG. 17 illustrates a method of using the first container illustrated in FIG. 15.

[0140] FIG. 18 is a perspective view of another example of the first container that includes the extension wall portion.

[0141] FIG. 19 is a longitudinal sectional view of an example of the first container.

[0142] FIG. 20 is a longitudinal sectional view of another example of the first container.

[0143] FIG. 21 is a top view of the first container illustrated in FIG. 19.

[0144] FIG. 22 is a top view of another example of the first container.

[0145] FIG. 23 is a longitudinal sectional view of another example of the first container.

[0146] FIG. 24 is a longitudinal sectional view of another example of the first container.

[0147] FIG. 25 is a longitudinal sectional view of a modification to the first container illustrated in FIG. 20.

[0148] FIG. 26 is a longitudinal sectional view of another modification to the first container illustrated in FIG. 20.

[0149] FIG. 27 illustrates a first specific example of the second container and is a perspective view of a liquid-containing combination container.

[0150] FIG. 28 is a perspective view of the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 27.

[0151] FIG. 29 is a longitudinal sectional view of the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 27.

[0152] FIG. 30 is a sectional perspective view of an example of a tray that is included in the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 27.

[0153] FIG. 31 illustrates an example of a method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container

that uses the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 27.

[0154] FIG. 32 illustrates an example of a method of using the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 27.

[0155] FIG. 33 illustrates a second specific example of the second container and is a perspective view of a liquid-containing combination container.

[0156] FIG. 34 illustrates an example of a method of manufacturing a liquid-containing container that uses the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 33.

[0157] FIG. 35 is a longitudinal sectional view of the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 33.

[0158] FIG. 36 illustrates a third specific example of the second container and is a perspective view of a liquid-containing combination container.

[0159] FIG. 37 is a perspective view of the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 36.

[0160] FIG. 38 illustrates of a fourth specific example of the second container and is a perspective view of a liquid-containing combination container.

[0161] FIG. 39 is a perspective view of the second container illustrated in FIG. 38 that is opened.

[0162] FIG. 40 illustrates a fifth specific example of the second container and is a perspective view of a liquid-containing combination container.

[0163] FIG. 41 is a perspective view of an outer box that can be included in the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 40.

[0164] FIG. 42 is a longitudinal sectional view of the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 40 with the outer box closed.

[0165] FIG. 43 is a longitudinal sectional view of the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 40 with the outer box opened.

[0166] FIG. 44 illustrates a sixth specific example of the second container and is a perspective view of a liquid-containing combination container.

[0167] FIG. 45 is a sectional view taken along line A-A in FIG. 44.

[0168] FIG. 46 illustrates a method of manufacturing the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 44.

[0169] FIG. 47 is a perspective view of a modification to the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 36.

[0170] FIG. 48 is a perspective view of a modification to the liquid-containing combination container illustrated in FIG. 38.

## DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

[0171] An embodiment of the present disclosure will hereinafter be described with reference to the drawings. In the drawings attached to the present specification, a scale and an aspect ratio, for example, are appropriately changed from actual ones and exaggerated for convenience of ease of illustration and understanding.

[0172] FIG. 1 to FIG. 48 are diagrams for describing the embodiment of the present disclosure. A container set 20 includes a first container 30 and a second container 40. A liquid-containing first container 30L includes the first container 30 and a liquid L that is contained in the first container 30. The first container 30 has oxygen permeability. That is, the first container 30 includes at least a portion that is permeable to oxygen. The second container 40 has an oxygen barrier property. The second container 40 can contain the liquid-containing first container 30L. A liquid-containing combination container 10L includes the liquid-containing first container 30L and the second container 40. The liquid-containing first container 30L is contained in the second container 40. The liquid-containing combination container 10L adjusts an oxygen concentration in the second container 40 and can consequently adjust the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L in addition to the oxygen concentration in the first container 30. The first container 30 that has the oxygen permeability is an airtight container.

[0173] An airtight container means a container an air leak of which is not detected in a liquid immersion method that is defined as JISZ2330:2012. More specifically, when a container that contains gas is immersed in water and can inhibit bubbles from leaking, the container is determined to be the airtight container. In a state in which no bubbles that leak from the container are detected when the container that contains gas is immersed in water, the state of the airtight container is determined to be an airtight state. In a liquid immersion test, the container to be tested is immersed at a depth of 10 cm or more and 30 cm or less from a water surface. Whether bubbles are present is determined by visual observation for 10 minutes.

[0174] Components of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** will be described in detail with reference to an illustrated specific example. The liquid-containing first container **30L** will now be described.

[0175] The liquid-containing first container **30L** includes the first container **30** and the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** as described above. The first container **30** has the oxygen permeability. However, the first container **30** can seal the liquid L. That is, the first container **30** is permeable to oxygen but is not permeable to the liquid L.

[0176] The liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** is not particularly limited. The liquid may be a solution that contains a solvent and solute that is dissolved in the solvent. The solvent is not particularly limited but may be water or alcohol. The liquid is not limited to a liquid in strict meaning but may be a suspension in which solid particles are dispersed. The liquid L may be a food product such as green tea, coffee, black tea, soup, juice, broth, or a concentrate obtained by concentrating one or more of these. The liquid may be a medicine (drug, chemical) such as an internal medicine, an external medicine, or an injectable solution. The liquid L may not be a food product or a medicine. The liquid L may be blood or a body fluid.

[0177] The inside of the first container **30** may be sterile. The liquid L may be a liquid to be kept sterile. Examples of the liquid L to be kept sterile include a liquid that has high sensitivity such as a food product or a medicine. The liquid L that has the high sensitivity is likely to deteriorate due to post sterilization (also referred to as final sterilization) that is performed after manufacturing. The post sterilization cannot be used for the liquid that has the high sensitivity. Examples of the post sterilization include sterilization methods such as a high pressure steam method, a dry heat method, a radiation method, an ethylene oxide gas method, and a hydrogen peroxide gas plasma method. In the present specification, the liquid L that has the high sensitivity means that 5% or more of all active ingredients that are contained in the liquid in weight is dissolved (decomposed) when the post sterilization is performed on the liquid L, and 1% or more of one or more kinds of the active ingredients that are contained in the liquid is dissolved (decomposed) in weight when the post sterilization is performed on the liquid L. The liquid L that has the high sensitivity on which the post sterilization cannot be performed can be manufactured by using a manufacturing line that is disposed in a sterile environment. That is, the liquid L that has the high sensitivity can be manufactured by using a sterile operation method. Examples of the liquid L that has the high sensitivity include an anticancer drug, an antiviral agent, a vaccine, and an antipsychotic drug.

[0178] The entire space in which the manufacturing line for the liquid L is disposed may be replaced with inert gas to adjust the amount of oxygen in the liquid L that is manufactured by using the sterile operation method. However, massive capacity investment is needed to maintain an inert gas atmosphere in the entire space in which the manufacturing line for the liquid L is disposed, and there is a concern about the safety of an operator. Form the background described above, the amount of oxygen in the liquid L is typically adjusted, for example, by replacing the atmosphere in the first container **30** that contains the liquid L with the inert gas or by bubbling the liquid L by using the inert gas.

[0179] In contrast, a contrivance that is devised by the present inventors described below is that the liquid-containing first container **30L** is contained in the second container **40**, and consequently, the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L can be reduced to an amount of less than 0.15 mg/L,

0.04 mg/L or less, 0.03 mg/L or less, 0.02 mg/L or less, or less than 0.015 mg/L. It can be said that actions and effects caused by the contrivance of the present inventors are remarkable beyond the range that is predicted based on the technical level.

[0180] A product (the liquid L) that exhibits, for example, “sterilized” or “sterile”, the inside of a container that contains the product, a product (the liquid L) such as a medicine that needs to be “sterile” for marketing, and the inside of a container that contains the product are “sterile”, which is described herein. A product (the liquid L) that satisfies 10.sup.-6 of a sterility assurance level (SAL) that is defined as JIS T0806:2014 and the inside of a container that contains the product are also “sterile”, which is described herein. A product in which no microbes multiply at the room temperature (for example 20° C.) or more after the product is preserved for four weeks, the inside of a container that contains the product, a product in which no microbes multiply in a refrigeration state (for example, 8° C. or less) after the product is preserved for eight weeks or more, and the inside of a container that contains the product are also “sterile”, which is described herein. A medicine in which no microbes multiply at a temperature of 28° C. or more and 32° C. or less after the product is preserved for two weeks, and the inside of a container that contains the medicine are also “sterile”, which is described herein.

[0181] The first container **30** that contains the liquid L will now be described. The first container **30** can seal the liquid L as described above. That is, the first container **30** can hold the liquid L without leaking.

[0182] The first container **30** has the oxygen permeability. A container having the oxygen permeability means that oxygen in a predetermined oxygen permeation amount or more permeates the container in an atmosphere at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH and is movable between a position inside the container and a position outside the container. The predetermined oxygen permeation amount is  $1 \times 10^{-1}$  (mL/(day×atm)) or more. The predetermined oxygen permeation amount may be 1 (mL/(day×atm)) or more, may be 1.2 (mL/(day×atm)) or more, or may be 3 (mL/(day×atm)) or more. The first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability enables the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** to be adjusted due to the permeation of oxygen in the first container **30**.

[0183] An upper limit may be set for the oxygen permeation amount of oxygen that permeates the first container **30**. Setting the upper limit enables water vapor, for example, to be inhibited from leaking from the first container **30**. Setting the upper limit enables the liquid L in the first container **30** to be inhibited from being affected by a high speed at which gas permeates after the second container **40** is opened. The oxygen permeation amount of oxygen that permeates the first container **30** may be 100 (mL/(day×atm)) or less, may be 50 (mL/(day×atm)) or less, or may be 10 (mL/(day×atm)) or less.

[0184] The range of the oxygen permeation amount may be determined by using a combination of a freely selected value of the lower limit of the oxygen permeation amount described above and a freely selected value of the upper limit of the oxygen permeation amount described above.

[0185] The first container **30** may be permeable to all gasses. The first container **30** may be permeable to only some of gasses including oxygen, for example, only oxygen.

[0186] The first container **30** may have the oxygen permeability such that the whole of the first container **30** is permeable to oxygen. The first container **30** may have the oxygen permeability such that a portion of the first container **30** is permeable to oxygen.

[0187] The oxygen permeability coefficient of a material of the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability may be  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  (cm.sup.3 (STP).Math.cm/(cm.sup.2.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or more, may be  $5 \times 10^{-12}$  (cm.sup.3 (STP).Math.cm/(cm.sup.2.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or more, or may be  $1 \times 10^{-11}$  (cm.sup.3 (STP).Math.cm/(cm.sup.2.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or more. Setting the lower limit for the oxygen permeability coefficient enables the permeation of oxygen in the first container **30** to be facilitated and enables the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** to be rapidly adjusted. In the case



where the portion that has the oxygen permeability includes multiple layers, the material of at least one of the layers may have the oxygen permeability coefficient described above or the material of all of the layers may have the oxygen permeability coefficient described above.

[0188] In the case where an object to be measured is a resin film or a resin sheet, the oxygen permeability coefficient has a value that is measured in accordance with JIS K7126-1. In the case where the object to be measured is rubber, the oxygen permeability coefficient has a value that is measured in accordance with JIS K6275-1. The oxygen permeability coefficient has a value that is measured by using OXTRAN (OXTRAN, 2/61) that is a permeation measuring device made by AMETEK MOCON, the United States of America, in environments of a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH.

[0189] The area of the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability may be 1 mm.sup.2 or more, may be 10 mm.sup.2 or more, or may be 30 mm.sup.2 or more. The thickness of the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability may be 3 mm or less, may be 1 mm or less, or may be several tenths mm or less. This enables the permeation of oxygen in the first container **30** to be facilitated and enables the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** to be rapidly adjusted.

[0190] The first container **30** illustrated includes a container body **32** that includes an opening portion **33** and a stopper (plug) **34** that is held by the opening portion **33** of the container body **32**. The stopper **34** restricts leakage of the liquid L from the opening portion **33**. In this example, the stopper **34** may have the oxygen permeability. From the perspective that movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to a position outside the first container **30** is facilitated, the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability is preferably not in contact with the liquid L. As for the container that includes the container body **32** and the stopper **34**, the stopper **34** is typically separated from the liquid L that is contained in the container body **32**. That is, in a typical state in which the first container **30** is preserved, the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** of the first container **30** can be facilitated. In this point of view, the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability enables the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** to be rapidly adjusted.

[0191] The stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability may be composed of the material that has the oxygen permeability coefficient (cm.sup.3 (STP).Math.cm/(cm.sup.2.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) described above. The oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the stopper **34** may be higher than the oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the container body **32**. A portion of the stopper **34** may have the oxygen permeability. A portion of the stopper **34** may be composed of the material that has the oxygen permeability over the entire thickness. For example, the stopper **34** may have the oxygen permeability over the entire thickness at a central portion away from the periphery and may have the oxygen barrier property at a peripheral portion that surrounds the central portion.

[0192] For example, the structure of the portion of the first container that has the oxygen permeability may be determined such that the oxygen concentration (%) in the first container **30** is reduced by 5% or more when the first container **30** that contains a liquid that has an amount of dissolved oxygen of 8 mg/L is preserved in the second container **40** for four weeks.

[0193] In an illustrated example, the area of the opening portion **33**, that is, the opening area of the container body **32** may be 1 mm.sup.2 or more, may be 10 mm.sup.2 or more, or may be 30 mm.sup.2 or more. The thickness of the stopper **34** may be 3 mm or less or may be 1 mm or less. This enables the permeation of oxygen in the first container **30** to be facilitated and enables the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** to be rapidly adjusted. The needle of a syringe can puncture the stopper **34**. In addition, from the perspective of being punctured by a straw, the thickness of the stopper, for example, the thickness of the stopper that has the form of a film may be several tenths mm or less.

[0194] From the perspective that leakage of, for example, water vapor is reduced, or from the perspective that the liquid in the first container **30** is inhibited from being affected by a high speed

at which gas permeates after the second container **40** is opened, an upper limit may be set for the area of the opening portion **33**. Specifically, the area of the opening portion **33** may be 5000 mm.<sup>2</sup> or less. From the perspective that strength is ensured, the thickness of the stopper, for example, the thickness of the stopper composed of rubber may be 0.01 mm or more.

[0195] The stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability is not particularly limited but may have various structures. In an illustrated example, the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33** of the container body **32** and covers the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** illustrated in FIG. 2A includes a plate portion **34a** that has a plate shape and an insertion projection **34b** that extends from the plate portion **34a**. The insertion projection **34b** has, for example, a cylindrical shape. Multiple insertion projections **34b** may be provided on a circle. The insertion projection **34b** is inserted into the opening portion **33**. The plate portion **34a** includes a flange portion that extends outward from the insertion projection **34b** in a radial direction. The flange portion of the plate portion **34a** is placed on a head portion **32d** of the container body **32**. A stopper that includes an outer spiral and an inner spiral and that is mounted on the container body **32** by using the spirals that engage with each other may be used.

[0196] The stopper **34** may contain silicone. The stopper **34** may consist of silicone. A portion of the stopper **34** may be composed of silicone. The silicone that is contained in the stopper **34** is solid in environments in which the first container **30** is to be used. The silicone that is contained in the stopper **34** may not contain silicone that becomes a liquid in the room temperature such as silicone oil. Silicone is a substance a main chain of which is a siloxane bond. The stopper **34** may be composed of a silicone elastomer. The stopper **34** may be composed of silicone rubber.

[0197] Silicone rubber means rubber composed of silicone. Silicone rubber is synthetic resin a main component of which is silicone and is a rubber material. Silicone rubber is a rubber material a main chain of which is a siloxane bond. Silicone rubber may be a thermosetting compound that contains a siloxane bond. Examples of silicone rubber include methyl silicone rubber, vinyl-methyl silicone rubber, phenyl-methyl silicone rubber, dimethyl silicone rubber, and fluoro-silicone rubber.

[0198] The oxygen permeability coefficient of silicone and the oxygen permeability coefficient of silicone rubber may be  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  (cm.<sup>3</sup> (STP).Math.cm/(cm.<sup>2</sup>.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or more or may be  $1 \times 10^{-11}$  (cm.<sup>3</sup> (STP).Math.cm/(cm.<sup>2</sup>.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or more. The oxygen permeability coefficient of silicone and the oxygen permeability coefficient of silicone rubber may be  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  (cm.<sup>3</sup> (STP).Math.cm/(cm.<sup>2</sup> sec.Math.Pa)) or less. Silicone and silicone rubber have a hydrogen permeability coefficient of about 10 times that of natural rubber, an oxygen permeability coefficient of about 20 times thereof, and a nitrogen permeability coefficient of about 30 times thereof. Silicone and silicone rubber have a hydrogen permeability coefficient of 70 times or more of that of butyl rubber, an oxygen permeability coefficient of 40 times or more thereof, and a nitrogen permeability coefficient of 650 times or more thereof.

[0199] At least a portion of the stopper **34** may be composed of silicone. That is, the whole or a portion of the stopper **34** may be composed of silicone or silicone rubber. For example, a portion of the stopper **34** may be composed of silicone or silicone rubber over the entire thickness. The portion may be a central portion of the stopper **34** or may be a part or the whole of a peripheral portion that surrounds the central portion.

[0200] As illustrated in FIG. 2A, the container body **32** may include a bottom portion **32a**, a trunk portion **32b**, a neck portion **32c**, and the head portion **32d** in this order. As illustrated in FIG. 2A, the container space for the liquid L is formed mainly by the bottom portion **32a** and the trunk portion **32b**. The head portion **32d** forms an end portion of the container body **32**. The head portion **32d** is thicker than the other portions. The neck portion **32c** is located between the trunk portion **32b** and the head portion **32d**. The width of the neck portion **32c** is less than the diameters of the trunk portion **32b** and the head portion **32d**. The diameter of the neck portion **32c** is less than the diameters of the trunk portion **32b** and the head portion **32d**.

[0201] The container body **32** may be transparent such that the liquid L that is contained is

observable from the outside. Being transparent means that visible light transmittance is 50% or more and is preferably 80% or more. The visible light transmittance is measured at a measurement wavelength ranging from 380 nm to 780 nm by using a spectrophotometer ("UV-3100PC" conforming JIS K 0115 made by SHIMADZU CORPORATION) at an incident angle of 0° per 1 nm and is specified as the average value of total light transmittance at wavelengths.

[0202] The first container **30** illustrated also includes a fixture **36**. The fixture **36** restricts the stopper **34** such that the stopper **34** does not come off from the container body **32**. The fixture **36** is mounted on the head portion **32d** of the container body **32**. As illustrated in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2A, the fixture **36** covers the periphery of the plate portion **34a** of the stopper **34**. The fixture **36** presses the flange portion of the plate portion **34a** toward the head portion **32d**. Consequently, the fixture **36** restricts the stopper **34** such that the stopper **34** does not come off from the container body **32** with a portion of the stopper **34** exposed. In addition, the stopper **34** and the container body **32** can be liquid-tight and airtight. The fixture **36** makes the first container **30** airtight or airtight state. The fixture **36** may be a metal sheet that is fixed to the head portion **32d**. The fixture **36** may be a cap that is screwed to the head portion **32d**. The fixture **36** composed of metal has the oxygen barrier property.

[0203] In an illustrated example, the oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the container body **32** may be lower than the oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the stopper **34**. The container body **32** may have the oxygen barrier property. That is, only a portion of the first container **30** may have the oxygen permeability. The oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the portion that has the oxygen barrier property may be  $1 \times 10^{-13}$  (cm<sup>3</sup> (STP)·Math.cm/(cm<sup>2</sup>·Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or less or may be  $1 \times 10^{-17}$  (cm<sup>3</sup> (STP)·Math.cm/(cm<sup>2</sup>·Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or less.

[0204] Examples of the container body **32** that has the oxygen barrier property include a can composed of metal, a container body that includes a metal layer that is formed by vapor deposition or transfer, and a glass bottle. The container body **32** composed of a resin sheet or a resin plate can have the oxygen barrier property. In this example, the resin sheet and the resin plate may include a layer that has the oxygen barrier property such as an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH) or a polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) layer. The container body **32** may include a multilayer body that includes a metal deposition film. The container body **32** that uses the multilayer body or glass can have the oxygen barrier property and can be transparent. In the case where the first container **30** and the container body **32** are transparent, the liquid L that is contained therein can be checked from a position outside the first container **30**.

[0205] A portion of a container having the oxygen permeability means that oxygen in a predetermined oxygen permeation amount or more permeates the portion of the container and is movable between a position inside the container and a position outside the container in an atmosphere at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH. The predetermined oxygen permeation amount is  $1 \times 10^{-1}$  (mL/(day×atm)) or more. The predetermined oxygen permeation amount may be 1 (mL/(day×atm)) or more, may be 1.2 (mL/(day×atm)) or more, or may be 3 (mL/(day×atm)) or more. Also in the case where the portion of the first container **30** has the oxygen permeability, the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be adjusted.

[0206] The predetermined oxygen permeation amount may be 100 (mL/(day×atm)) or less, may be 50 (mL/(day×atm)) or less, or may be 10 (mL/(day×atm)) or less. Setting the upper limit for the oxygen permeation amount enables the leakage of, for example, water vapor to be reduced and enables the liquid in the first container **30** to be inhibited from being affected by a high speed at which oxygen permeates after the second container **40** is opened. The range of the oxygen permeation amount may be determined by using a combination of a freely selected value of the lower limit of the oxygen permeation amount described above and a freely selected value of the upper limit of the oxygen permeation amount described above.

[0207] As illustrated in FIG. 2B, the oxygen permeation amount (mL/(day×atm)) of oxygen that

permeates a portion of the container can be measured by using a test container **70** that contains the portion. The test container **70** includes a partition wall portion **71**. The test container **70** has an interior space that is defined by the partition wall portion **71**. The partition wall portion **71** includes the portion of the container and a main wall portion **72** that has the oxygen barrier property. The degree of permeation through the portion of the container is specified as the oxygen permeation amount (mL/(day×atm)) of the test container **70**.

[0208] The oxygen concentration in the test container **70** is maintained, for example, at 0.05% or less. The test container **70** is connected to a first flow path **76** and a second flow path **77**. The second flow path **77** is connected to an oxygen measuring device **79** that measures the amount of oxygen. The oxygen measuring device **79** can measure the amount (mL) of oxygen that flows in the second flow path **77**. The oxygen measuring device **79** can be an oxygen measuring device that is used in OXTRAN (OXTRAN, 2/61) made by AMETEK MOCON, the United States of America. The first flow path **76** supplies gas into the test container **70**. The first flow path **76** may supply gas that contains no oxygen. The first flow path **76** may supply inert gas. The first flow path **76** may supply nitrogen. The second flow path **77** discharges gas in the test container **70**. The first flow path **76** and the second flow path **77** have the oxygen barrier property. The test container **70** is maintained by using the first flow path **76** and the second flow path **77** such that no oxygen is substantially present therein. The oxygen concentration in the test container **70** may be maintained at 0.05% or less, may be maintained at less than 0.03%, or may be maintained at 0%.

[0209] The test container **70** is disposed in a test atmosphere at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH. The oxygen concentration of the atmosphere in which the test container **70** is disposed is higher than the oxygen concentration in the test container **70**. The test atmosphere is an air atmosphere. The oxygen concentration of the air atmosphere is 20.95%. The test container **70** is disposed in the test atmosphere, and consequently, oxygen permeates a portion **30X** of the container and moves from the test atmosphere into the test container **70**. Gas in the test container **70** is discharged from the second flow path **77**. The amount of oxygen that flows in the second flow path **77** is measured by the oxygen measuring device **79**, and the oxygen permeation amount (mL/(day×atm)) of oxygen that permeates the portion **30X** in the atmosphere at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH in a day can be measured.

[0210] In an example illustrated, the test container **70** is disposed in a test chamber **78**. An atmosphere in the test chamber **78** is maintained at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH. Air is supplied from a supply path **78A** into the test chamber **78**. Gas in the test chamber **78** is discharged via a discharge path **78B**. Air circulates through the supply path **78A** and the discharge path **78B**, and the oxygen concentration in the test chamber **78** is maintained at 20.95%.

[0211] In an example illustrated in FIG. 2B, a pump for circulating air may be provided on the supply path **78A** or the discharge path **78B**. If the oxygen concentration in the test chamber **78** can be kept constant, the supply path **78A** and the discharge path **78B** illustrated in FIG. 2B may be opened to the air atmosphere under atmospheric pressure.

[0212] FIG. 2B illustrates a method of measuring the oxygen permeation amount where the portion **30X** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability is taken as an example. In the example illustrated in FIG. 2B, the partition wall portion **71** includes the portion **30X** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability and the main wall portion **72** that has the oxygen barrier property. For example, the partition wall portion **71** may include the portion **30X** that is cut from the first container **30** and the main wall portion **72** that is connected to a peripheral portion **30Y** of the portion **30X**. The main wall portion **72** has a through-hole **72A** from which the portion **30X** is exposed. A circumferential portion around the through-hole **72A** and the portion **30Y** adjacent to the portion **30X** may be airtightly joined to each other. In an illustrated example, the portion **30Y** adjacent to the portion **30X** is airtightly joined to a portion around the through-hole of the main wall portion **72** with a barrier joint member **73** that has the oxygen barrier property interposed therebetween. In the example illustrated in FIG. 2B, a portion of the container set **20**

illustrated in FIG. 2A near the stopper **34** is cut. In the example, the stopper **34** corresponds to the portion **30X** that has the oxygen permeability. The portions **32c** and **32d** that form the opening portion **33** of the container body **32** and the fixture **36**, as the portion **30Y** adjacent to the portion **30X** that has the oxygen permeability, are airtightly connected to the main wall portion **72** with the barrier joint member **73** interposed therebetween.

[0213] In the example illustrated in FIG. 2B, the container body **32** is cut at the neck portion **32c**. The stopper **34** is compressed and held in the opening portion **33** that is formed by the head portion **32d** of the container body **32**. The fixture **36** makes the boundary between the container body **32** and the stopper **34** airtight. The fixture **36** composed of, for example, aluminum that has the oxygen barrier property partly covers the stopper **34**. The container body **32** and the fixture **36** that have the oxygen barrier property are connected to the main wall portion **72** with the barrier joint member **73** interposed therebetween. The stopper **34** is maintained in the same state as the state in which the first container **30** is closed when being actually used, for example, when being compressed in the opening portion **33** and fastened by the fixture **36**. Accordingly, the oxygen permeation amount as for the stopper **34** can be measured in the same conditions as those in actual use.

[0214] The method of measuring the oxygen permeation amount ( $\text{mL}/(\text{day} \times \text{atm})$ ) of oxygen that permeates the portion of the container is described above. The oxygen permeation amount ( $\text{mL}/(\text{day} \times \text{atm})$ ) of oxygen that permeates the whole of the container can be specified in a manner in which the oxygen permeation amounts that are measured concerning two or more separated portions of the container are added. For example, the oxygen permeation amount of the first container **30** illustrated in FIG. 2A can be specified in a manner in which the oxygen permeation amount of the container body **32** is measured, and the oxygen permeation amount of the container body **32** and the oxygen permeation amount of the portion **30X** that is measured by the method illustrated in FIG. 2B are added. The oxygen permeation amount ( $\text{mL}/(\text{day} \times \text{atm})$ ) of the container body **32** can be measured by using the test container **70** that is manufactured by combining the container body **32** with the main wall portion **72**.

[0215] The volume of the first container **30** may be, for example, 1 mL or more and 1100 mL or less, may be 3 mL or more and 700 mL or less, or may be 5 mL or more and 200 mL or less.

[0216] In an illustrated example, the container body **32** is a glass bottle that is colorless or colored. The container body **32** is composed of, for example, borosilicate glass. The first container **30** may be a vial bottle. A vial bottle is a container that includes a container body, a stopper (plug) that is inserted into an opening portion of the container body, and a seal that fixes the stopper and that corresponds to the fixture **36**, and the seal is clamped (tightened, pressed, press-fitted, capped) to a head portion of the container body together with the stopper by using, for example, a hand gripper. The volume of the first container **30** that is a vial bottle may be 1 mL or more or may be 3 mL or more. The volume of the first container **30** that is a vial bottle may be 500 mL or less or may be 200 mL or less.

[0217] In the case where the first container **30** is a vial bottle, the oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the stopper **34** may be higher than the oxygen permeability coefficient of glass of which the container body **32** is composed. The portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability is separated from the liquid L, and consequently, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to a position outside the first container **30** can be facilitated. The first container **30** that is a vial bottle can be stably disposed on a placement surface in a manner in which the bottom portion **32a** of the container body **32** is brought into contact with the placement surface. At this time, the stopper **34** is separated from the liquid L. The stopper **34** does not come into contact with the liquid L. Accordingly, the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** of the first container **30** can be facilitated with the first container **30** normally preserved.

[0218] The first container **30** illustrated can maintain the inner pressure at negative pressure under the atmospheric pressure. The first container **30** is capable of containing gas while the gas is

maintained at negative pressure under the atmospheric pressure. The first container **30** may be capable of containing gas while the gas is maintained at positive pressure under the atmospheric pressure. In these examples, the first container **30** may have rigidity so as to sufficiently maintain the shape thereof. However, the first container **30** may somewhat deform under the atmospheric pressure when the inner pressure is maintained at negative pressure or positive pressure. Examples of the first container **30** that can maintain the inner pressure at negative pressure or positive pressure include the illustrated specific example described above and a can composed of metal.

[0219] The phrase “be capable of containing gas while the gas is maintained at negative pressure under the atmospheric pressure” means that the inner pressure is a negative pressure of 0.80 atm or more, and the container can contain gas without damage. The container that is capable of containing gas while the gas is maintained at negative pressure under the atmospheric pressure may be airtight in the case where the inner pressure is 0.80 atm. The container that is capable of containing gas while the gas is maintained at negative pressure under the atmospheric pressure may be capable of maintaining the volume in the case where the inner pressure is 0.80 atm at 95% or more of the volume in the case where the inner pressure is 1.0 atm. The phrase “be capable of containing gas while the gas is maintained at positive pressure under the atmospheric pressure” means that the inner pressure is a positive pressure of 1.2 atm or less, and the container can contain gas without damage. The container that is capable of containing gas while the gas is maintained at positive pressure under the atmospheric pressure may be airtight in the case where the inner pressure is 1.20 atm. The container that is capable of containing gas while the gas is maintained at positive pressure under the atmospheric pressure may be capable of maintaining the volume in the case where the inner pressure is 1.2 atm at 105% or less of the volume in the case where the inner pressure is 1.0 atm.

[0220] The first container **30** is contained in the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property. The first container **30** that is contained in the second container **40** may be capable of containing gas without damage in the case where a difference between the inner pressure of the first container **30** and the inner pressure of the second container **40** is 0.2 atm or less. The first container **30** that is contained in the second container **40** may be airtight in the case where a difference between the inner pressure of the first container **30** and the inner pressure of the second container **40** is 0.2 atm or less. The first container **30** that is contained in the second container **40** may have a volume of 95% or more and 105% or less of the volume of the first container **30** when the inner pressure of the first container **30** is equal to the inner pressure of the second container **40** in the case where the difference between the inner pressure of the first container **30** and the inner pressure of the second container **40** is 0.2 atm or less. The inner pressure of the first container **30** may be less than the inner pressure of the second container **40** or the inner pressure of the first container **30** may be higher than the inner pressure of the second container **40** with the first container **30** contained in the second container **40**.

[0221] The second container **40** has a volume so as to be capable of containing the first container **30**. The second container **40** can be sealed, for example, by being welded by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining or by being joined by using a joining material such as adhesive or glue. The second container **40** may be airtight. The volume of the second container **40** may be, for example, 5 mL or more and 1200 mL or less. In the case where the first container **30** is a small container such as a vial bottle, for example, a container that has a volume of 1 mL or more and 20 mL or less, the volume of the second container may be 1.5 mL or more and 500 mL or less.

[0222] The second container **40** has the oxygen barrier property. The second container **40** having the oxygen barrier property means that the degree of the oxygen permeability, in other words, oxygen transmission rate ( $\text{mL}/(\text{m}^2 \times \text{day} \times \text{atm})$ ) of the container is 1 or less. The degree of the oxygen permeability ( $\text{mL}/(\text{m}^2 \times \text{day} \times \text{atm})$ ) of the container that has the oxygen barrier property may be 0.5 or less or may be 0.1 or less. The degree of the oxygen permeability (oxygen transmission rate) is measured in accordance with JIS K7126-1. The degree of the oxygen

permeability is measured by using OXTRAN (OXTRAN, 2/61) that is a permeation measuring device made by AMETEK MOCON, the United States of America, in environments of a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH. As for a container to which JIS K7126-1 is not used, the degree of the oxygen permeability may be specified in a manner in which the oxygen permeation amount described above is measured, the obtained oxygen permeation amount is divided by a surface area.

[0223] The oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property may be  $1 \times 10^{-13}$  (cm<sup>3</sup>·sup.3 (STP)·Math.cm/(cm<sup>2</sup>·Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or less or may be  $1 \times 10^{-17}$  (cm<sup>3</sup>·sup.3 (STP)·Math.cm/(cm<sup>2</sup>·Math.sec.Math.Pa)) or less.

[0224] Examples of the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property include a can composed of metal, a container that includes a metal layer that is formed by vapor deposition or transfer, and a glass bottle. The second container **40** may include a multilayer body that includes a layer that has the oxygen barrier property. The multilayer body may include a resin layer or a metal deposition film that has the oxygen barrier property such as an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH) or a polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) layer. The second container **40** may include a transparent portion. A portion of the second container **40** may be transparent. The whole of the second container **40** may be transparent. The second container **40** that uses the multilayer body and the second container **40** that uses glass or resin can have the oxygen barrier property and can be transparent. The second container **40** that is transparent enables the liquid-containing first container **30L** that is contained therein to be checked from a position outside the second container **40**.

[0225] In an example illustrated in FIG. 1, the second container **40** includes a resin film that has the oxygen barrier property. The second container **40** is a so-called pouch. The second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 1 is a so-called gusset bag. The second container **40** includes a first main film **41a**, a second main film **41b**, a first gusset film **41c**, and a second gusset film **41d**. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** face each other. The first gusset film **41c** has a fold and is located between the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. The first gusset film **41c** connects a side edge of the first main film **41a** and a side edge of the second main film **41b**. The second gusset film **41d** has a fold and is located between the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. The second gusset film **41d** connects the other side edge of the first main film **41a** and the other side edge of the second main film **41b**. The first and second main films **41a** and **41b**, and the first and second gusset films **41c** and **41d** are joined to each other along upper edges and lower edges. The films **41a** to **41d** are airtightly joined, for example, by being welded by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining or by being joined by using a joining material such as adhesive or glue.

[0226] As for the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 1, a folded film may serve as two or more of the films **41a** to **41d** adjacent to each other instead of separated films joined to each other. As illustrated in FIG. 1, the gusset bag can form a rectangular bottom surface of the second container **40**. The first container **30** is disposed on the bottom surface, and consequently, the first container **30** can be stably preserved in the second container **40**. As illustrated in FIG. 7A, however, the second container **40** may include a bottom surface film **41e** in addition to the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** instead of the gusset bag. The pouch is also called a standing pouch. The pouch can form the bottom surface, and the first container **30** can be stably preserved in the second container **40**.

[0227] As illustrated in FIG. 7B to FIG. 7D, the second container **40** that can be disassembled in a plate shape may be used. The second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 7B to FIG. 7D can be manufactured by joining a resin film by using a seal portion **49**. The second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 7B can be manufactured by joining the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** at the seal portion **49** that is provided therearound.

[0228] The second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 7C includes a film **41** that is folded along a fold

portion **41x**. Facing Portions of the film **41** that is folded are joined at the seal portion **49**, and consequently, the second container **40** can be manufactured. As for the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 7C, a portion that is surrounded by the fold portion **41x** and the seal portion **49** in three directions forms the container space.

[0229] The second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 7D is also referred to as a pillow container. Both edges of the single film **41** are joined to each other as the seal portion **49**, the film **41** is consequently formed into a tubular shape, both end portions of the tube are joined as the seal portion **49**, and consequently, the second container **40** is obtained.

[0230] In the various examples described above, each film that forms the second container **40** may be transparent.

[0231] FIG. 8 illustrates another example of the second container **40**. As illustrated in FIG. 8, the second container **40** may include a container body **42** and a lid **44**. The container body **42** includes a container portion **42a** and a flange portion **42b**. The container portion **42a** may form a container space that has a rectangular cuboid shape. The first container **30** is contained in the container space. The container portion **42a** may have a rectangular cuboid shape having an opening in a surface. The flange portion **42b** is provided around the opening of the container portion **42a**. The lid **44** has a flat plate shape. A peripheral portion of the lid **44** can be airtightly joined to the flange portion **42b** of the container body **42**. The container body **42** and the lid **44** may be composed of a resin plate that has the oxygen barrier property. The lid **44** and the container body **42** may be transparent. The thickness of the resin plate that has the oxygen barrier property may be 0.05 mm or more and 2 mm or less or may be 0.1 mm or more and 1.5 mm or less.

[0232] The second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 8 can maintain the inner pressure at negative pressure under the atmospheric pressure. The second container **40** can contain gas while the gas is maintained at negative pressure under the atmospheric pressure. The second container **40** may contain gas while the gas is maintained at positive pressure under the atmospheric pressure. In these examples, the second container **40** may have rigidity so as to sufficiently maintain the shape thereof. However, the second container **40** may somewhat deform under the atmospheric pressure when the inner pressure is maintained at negative pressure or positive pressure. Examples of the second container **40** that can maintain the inner pressure at negative pressure or positive pressure include a can composed of metal.

[0233] The portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability is at least partly separated from the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property, and consequently, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** into the second container **40** can be facilitated. In the example illustrated in FIG. 1, a gap G is formed between the stopper **34** of the first container **30** that is contained in the second container **40** and the second container **40**. The gap G can be ensured in the case where the container space of the second container **40** is larger than the shape of the first container **30**. In the case where the second container **40** is composed of a material that is flexible such as a resin film, the shape of the second container **40** is adjusted, and consequently, the gap G can be formed between the stopper **34** and the second container **40**.

[0234] The first container **30** and the second container **40** described above are included in the container set **20** and a combination container **10**. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** is obtained by using the liquid-containing first container **30L** and the second container **40**.

[0235] A method of manufacturing the liquid-containing combination container **10L** will now be described. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** is manufactured, and consequently, the liquid-containing first container **30L** that has an adjusted oxygen concentration is obtained.

[0236] The liquid-containing first container **30L** and the second container **40** that is not closed are first prepared. The liquid-containing first container **30L** is manufactured in a manner in which the first container **30** is filled with the liquid L. The liquid L such as a food product or a medicine is manufactured by using a manufacturing line that is disposed in a sterile environment at positive pressure. Pressure in the sterile environment is maintained at positive pressure from the perspective



that foreign substances such as microbes are inhibited from entering. As a result, the inner pressure of the liquid-containing first container **30L** that is obtained is positive pressure as in manufacturing environments.

[0237] As illustrated in FIG. 3, the second container **40** that is not closed has an opening **40a** for containing the liquid-containing first container **30L**. As for the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 1, upper edge portions of the films **41a** to **41d**, for example, are not joined to each other but form the opening **40a**. As for the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 8, the container body **42** to which the lid **44** is not attached is prepared. As illustrated in FIG. 3, the liquid-containing first container **30L** is contained in the second container **40** via the opening **40a**.

[0238] Subsequently, the second container **40** is filled with inert gas such as nitrogen. In an example illustrated in FIG. 4, the inert gas is supplied from a supply pipe **59**. The supply pipe **59** extends through the opening **40a** into the second container **40**. A discharge port **59a** of the supply pipe **59** is located in the second container **40**. The inert gas is supplied from the supply pipe **59**, and consequently, an inner portion of the second container **40** is replaced with the inert gas. That is, the liquid-containing first container **30L** is placed in an inert gas atmosphere. The inert gas is gas that is stable and less reactive. Examples of the inert gas other than nitrogen include noble gas such as helium, neon, and argon.

[0239] The second container **40** may be filled with the inert gas before, after, or at the same time the liquid-containing first container **30L** is disposed in the second container **40**.

[0240] As illustrated in FIG. 5, the second container **40** is subsequently closed with the liquid-containing first container **30L** contained and with the inert gas filled. As for the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 1, the upper edge portions of the films **41a** to **41d** are joined to each other, the opening **40a** is closed, and consequently, the second container **40** is closed. As for the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. 8, the peripheral portion of the lid **44** is joined to the flange portion **42b** of the container body **42**, and consequently, the second container **40** is closed. Joining may be done by using a joining material such as adhesive or glue or may be welding by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining. The second container **40** is airtight.

[0241] The second container **40** that contains the liquid-containing first container **30L** may be closed in an inert gas atmosphere instead of supplying the inert gas from the supply pipe **59**. In this manner, the liquid-containing first container **30L** is sealed in the second container **40** together with the inert gas.

[0242] Processes until the second container **40** is closed may be performed in a sterile environment. That is, the liquid-containing first container **30L** that is manufactured in a sterile state and the second container **40** that is sterilized or manufactured in a sterile state are brought in the sterile environment such as a sterile chamber. If the inert gas atmosphere in the chamber is isolated from the air atmosphere, the inert gas may not be supplied by using the supply pipe **59**. The second container **40** that contains the liquid-containing first container **30L** in the sterile environment is closed. Accordingly, the inside of the second container **40** that contains the liquid-containing first container **30L** is also sterile. That is, the liquid-containing first container **30L** can be preserved in the second container **40** in a sterile state.

[0243] Subsequently, the liquid-containing first container **30L** is preserved in the second container **40**. The second container **40** has the oxygen barrier property as described above. Oxygen is effectively inhibited from permeating the second container **40**. At least a portion of the first container **30** has the oxygen permeability. The second container **40** is filled with the inert gas, and the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** is very low. As for the liquid-containing combination container **10L**, oxygen in the first container **30** permeates the first container **30** and moves into the second container **40**. The oxygen concentration in the second container **40** increases as the oxygen moves from the first container **30** into the second container **40**, and the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** reduces. In a final equilibrium state in which the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is equilibrated, the oxygen concentration in the first container

**30** can match the oxygen concentration in the second container **40**.

[0244] In addition, the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** reduces, and subsequently, the partial pressure of oxygen in the first container **30** reduces. The partial pressure of oxygen in the first container **30** reduces, and subsequently, the saturation solubility (mg/L) of oxygen into the liquid L in the first container **30** reduces. The amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen of the liquid L reduces.

[0245] The liquid-containing first container **30L** is contained in the second container **40** as described above, and consequently, the oxygen concentration (%) of gas that is contained together with the liquid in the first container **30** can be reduced. In addition, the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L in the first container **30** can be reduced. For example, the liquid-containing first container **30L** is preserved in the second container **40** before use, and consequently, the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L in the first container **30** can be reduced.

[0246] The liquid L that has the high sensitivity such as a food product or a medicine can be dissolved (decomposed) by oxygen. For example, a solute in an aqueous solution that is a medicine can be dissolved (decomposed) by oxygen. A liquid that is a medicine and a solute in an aqueous solution that is a medicine can be dissolved (decomposed) by oxygen. Particles that are dispersed in a liquid in a suspension that is a medicine or a food product can be dissolved (decomposed) by oxygen. The liquid L is contained in the first container **30** that is disposed in the second container **40**, and consequently, dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid L can be reduced. That is, the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** can be adjusted after the liquid L is sealed according to the present embodiment, which is preferable for the liquid L that has the high sensitivity such as a food product or a medicine.

[0247] When the second container **40** is closed, an oxygen absorber (oxygen scavenger) **21** that absorbs oxygen in the second container **40** is provided instead of filling the second container **40** with the inert gas or in addition to filling the second container **40** with the inert gas. The oxygen absorber **21** absorbs oxygen, and consequently, the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** reduces, and oxygen in the first container **30** moves into the second container **40**. The use of the oxygen absorber **21** enables the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** and the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** to be more effectively reduced. The present inventors confirm that the use of the oxygen absorber **21** in a sufficient amount enables the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** and the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** to be maintained at low concentrations, for example, less than 0.3%, 0.1% or less, 0.05% or less, less than 0.03%, or 0%. The oxygen concentration in the first container **30** reduces, and consequently, the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** reduces. The present inventors confirm that the use of the oxygen absorber **21** in a sufficient amount enables the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L to be greatly reduced and to be maintained, for example, at less than 0.15 mg/L, 0.04 mg/L or less, 0.03 mg/L or less, 0.02 mg/L or less, less than 0.015 mg/L, or 0 mg/L.

[0248] The amount of the oxygen absorber **21** is set such that the total amount of oxygen in the first container **30** and the second container **40** can be absorbed.

[0249] The oxygen absorber **21** is not particularly limited provided that the oxygen absorber **21** is a composition that can absorb oxygen. Examples of the oxygen absorber **21** can include an iron oxygen absorber and a non-iron oxygen absorber. The oxygen absorber may be an oxygen absorber composition that contains, as a main component for an oxygen absorbing reaction, metal powder such as iron powder, a reducible inorganic substance such as an iron compound, polyhydric phenol, polyhydric alcohol, ascorbic acid, a reducible organic substance such as the salt thereof, or a metal complex. As illustrated in FIG. 1 and FIG. 8, the combination container **10** may include a deoxygenated member **22** that is contained in the second container **40** together with the liquid-containing first container **30L**. As illustrated in FIG. 9A, the deoxygenated member **22** includes a parcel (package, pouch) **22a** that has the oxygen permeability and the oxygen absorber **21** that is

contained in the parcel **22a**. Examples of the deoxygenated member **22** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** may include an FX type of moisture-dependent iron, an S type, an SPE type, a ZP type, a ZI-PT type, a ZJ-PK type, and an E type of self-reactive iron, a GLS type, a GL-M type, and GE type of a self-reactive organic matter, available from MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. Examples of the deoxygenated member **22** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** may include a ZH type, a Z-PK YA, a Z-PR, a Z-PKR, and a ZM type for a medicine, available from MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.

[0250] As illustrated in FIG. **9B**, the deoxygenated member **22** may contain a water retention agent **22b** that retains moisture in order to facilitate absorbance of oxygen by using the oxygen absorber **21**. Examples of the water retention agent **22b** include one or more selected from a group consisting of diatomaceous earth, silica, and activated carbon. The water retention agent **22b** may be used as a carrier that carries the oxygen absorber **21**.

[0251] In an example in which the liquid L contains a non-aqueous solvent such as alcohol or oil, the water retention agent **22b** that retains moisture is effective for ensuring a function of the oxygen absorber **21** to absorb oxygen. A non-aqueous solvent means a solvent in which a main component that has the maximum volume ratio is not water. The non-aqueous solvent may substantially not contain water. The ratio of the volume of moisture in the non-aqueous solvent may be 2% or less, may be 1% or less, or may be 0.5% or less. The non-aqueous solvent may not contain water.

[0252] In the case where the liquid L is an aqueous solution, the deoxygenated member **22** may not contain the water retention agent **22b**. The first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability has water vapor permeability in many cases. In this example, moisture can be supplied to the oxygen absorber **21** without using the water retention agent **22b**. Moisture may be inhibited from being absorbed by the water retention agent **22b**. For example, the amount of moisture that is absorbed by the water retention agent **22b** that is used for the deoxygenated member **22** may be 5% or less of the volume (mL) of the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30**. As for a condition in which the liquid such as a medicine is preserved, a reduction in the volume can be set at 5% or less. A reduction in the liquid L in the first container **30** can be restricted. This condition can be satisfied when the amount of moisture that can be absorbed by the water retention agent **22b** is set at 5% or less of the initial volume (mL) of the liquid L.

[0253] In the case where water vapor that permeates the first container **30** and that moves into the second container **40** activates the oxygen absorber **21**, a portion or the whole of the oxygen absorber **21** or a portion or the whole of the deoxygenated member **22** may be disposed above the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability in the vertical direction. For example, in the case where the container body **32** has the oxygen barrier property, and the stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability, a portion or the whole of the oxygen absorber **21** may be disposed above the stopper **34**. In the case where the container body **32** has the oxygen barrier property, and the stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability, a portion or the whole of the deoxygenated member **22** may be disposed above the stopper **34**. Water vapor is lighter than nitrogen, oxygen, and many kinds of inert gas. Accordingly, the water vapor that permeates the first container **30** can be effectively used to activate the oxygen absorber **21**.

[0254] The oxygen absorber **21** may be contained in a deoxygenated film **23**. FIG. **9C** illustrates an example of a multilayer body **46** that includes the deoxygenated film **23**. The multilayer body **46** that includes the deoxygenated film **23** may be included in the film **41a** to **41e** of the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. **1** and FIG. **7A** to FIG. **7C**. The multilayer body **46** that includes the deoxygenated film **23** may be included in the container body **42** or the lid **44** of the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. **8**. The multilayer body **46** illustrated in FIG. **9C** includes a first layer **46a**, a second layer **46b**, and a third layer **46c**. The first layer **46a** may be an outermost layer composed of, for example, polyethylene terephthalate or nylon. The second layer **46b** may be an oxygen barrier layer composed of, for example, aluminum foil, inorganic deposition film, or metal deposition film. The third layer **46c** may be an innermost layer that serves as a heat seal layer. The

third layer **46c** illustrated includes a base material composed of thermoplastic resin and the oxygen absorber **21** that is dispersed in the base material. As in an example illustrated in FIG. **9C**, the second container **40** may include the deoxygenated film **23** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** as a portion of the multilayer body **46**. The oxygen absorber **21** is not limited by the heat seal layer or the innermost layer **46c** and may be contained in an adhesive layer or an intermediate layer of the multilayer body. In another example, the first container **30** may include the deoxygenated film **23** that includes the oxygen absorber **21**. As in the example illustrated in FIG. **1** and an example illustrated in FIG. **8**, the oxygen absorber **21** may be provided separately from the first container **30** and the second container **40** or may be provided as a portion of the first container **30** or the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. **9C**.

[0255] The oxygen concentration (%) in the first container **30** and the oxygen concentration (%) in the second container **40** are specified by a measurement device that is suitable for measurement of these oxygen concentrations. An oxygen amount measuring device in a headspace method, an oxygen amount measuring device in a fluorescent contact method, and an oxygen amount measuring device in a fluorescent non-contact method are known as measurement devices that measure an oxygen concentration. The amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen of the liquid that is contained in the first container **30** is specified by a measurement device that is suitable for measurement of the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid. The oxygen amount measuring device in the fluorescent contact method and the oxygen amount measuring device in the fluorescent non-contact method, for example, are known as measurement devices that measure the amount of dissolved oxygen. An appropriate measurement device is selected as the measurement device that measures the oxygen concentration and the amount of dissolved oxygen in consideration for, for example, a measurement limit, stability of measurement in an oxygen concentration band to be measured, a measurement environment, and a measurement condition.

[0256] A headspace analyzer FMS760 made by lighthouse is used as the oxygen amount measuring device in the headspace method. As for measurement by using the measurement device, light at a frequency that can be absorbed by oxygen is emitted from a position outside a container toward the container that contains oxygen to be measured, and light that passes through a headspace HS of the container and that exits from the container is received. A change in light intensity is measured before and after permeation, and the oxygen concentration (%) in the container can be specified based on the change in the light intensity. Accordingly, if light from the measurement device can pass through the first container **30**, the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** can be specified without opening the first container **30**. If light from the measurement device can pass through the second container **40**, light is emitted from a position outside the second container **40**, and the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** can be measured without opening the second container **40** also as for the first container **30** that is contained in the second container **40**. The oxygen concentration (%) in the second container **40** can be measured by using the headspace analyzer FMS760 made by lighthouse. The saturation solubility of oxygen into the liquid L can be specified by using the oxygen concentration (%) and temperature of the headspace HS that is measured. The amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L can be specified based on the specified saturation solubility. The oxygen concentration in a container can be measured by using the headspace analyzer FMS760 from a position outside the container. The lower limit of the oxygen concentration that can be measured by the headspace analyzer FMS760 is higher than the lower limit of the oxygen concentration that can be measured by other measurement devices.

[0257] An oxygen amount measuring device Microx4 made by PreSens Precision Sensing GmbH in Germany is used as the oxygen amount measuring device in the fluorescent contact method. The oxygen amount measuring device Microx4 is a needle device. The oxygen amount measuring device Microx4 punctures a needle into a container, can consequently measure the oxygen concentration and the amount of dissolved oxygen in the container, and is excellent for stability of measurement depending on the structure of a portion of the container into which the needle is

punctured. Multiple combination containers or containers that are manufactured in the same condition are prepared, the amounts of oxygen in the containers are measured by using a needle oxygen amount measuring device with different timings, and consequently, variations in the amounts of oxygen over time can be evaluated.

[0258] An oxygen sensor is contained in advance in a container, and consequently, the oxygen concentrations and the amounts of dissolved oxygen in the first container **30** and in the second container **40** can be measured by the oxygen amount measuring device in the fluorescent non-contact method. An oxygen amount measuring device Fibox3 made by PreSens Precision Sensing GmbH in Germany is used as the oxygen amount measuring device in the fluorescent non-contact method. The oxygen sensor receives light in a specific wavelength range and consequently generates autofluorescence. The amount of the autofluorescence of the oxygen sensor increases as the amount of oxygen around the sensor increases. The oxygen amount measuring device in the fluorescent non-contact method can radiate light at a specific wavelength at which the oxygen sensor generates the autofluorescence, measures the amount of the autofluorescence of the oxygen sensor, and can measure the oxygen concentrations (%) and the amounts (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen. In the case where the first container **30** is contained in the second container **40**, light is emitted from a position outside the second container **40** without opening the second container **40**, and the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L can be measured.

[0259] As illustrated in FIG. **1** and FIG. **8**, the container set **20** and the combination container **10** may include a dehydrating agent **24** that absorbs moisture in the second container **40**. The dehydrating agent **24** is a substance that absorbs moisture such as water vapor or water or a composition that contains the substance. Examples of the dehydrating agent **24** can include calcium chloride, soda lime, and silica gel. The dehydrating agent **24** may be contained in the second container **40** together with the first container **30**, and the second container **40** may be closed. In the example illustrated in FIG. **1**, the dehydrating agent **24** that serves as a dehydrating member that is contained in a parcel (package, pouch) is disposed in the second container **40**. A dehydrating film that contains a dehydrating material may be included as a portion of the first container **30** or the second container **40** as in the oxygen absorber described above. In this example, an oxygen barrier layer that is included in the second container **40** and the dehydrating film that contains the dehydrating agent **24** may be stacked and formed into one piece. In the case where a non-aqueous solvent such as glycerin or alcohol is contained in the first container **30**, the dehydrating agent **24** that is contained in the second container can remove moisture such as water vapor or water in the first container **30**. The present inventors confirm that moisture in the first container **30** can be reduced to 100  $\mu\text{g}$  or less, 50  $\mu\text{g}$  or less, or 10  $\mu\text{g}$  or less in a manner in which the dehydrating agent is contained in the second container **40**.

[0260] In the case of using the dehydrating agent **24**, moisture in the first container **30** can be measured by using the Karl Fischer Method. Specifically, the amount of moisture in the first container **30** can be specified in a coulometric titration method by using a Karl Fischer moisture titrator MKC-610 made by Kyoto Electronics Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

[0261] The container set **20** and the combination container **10** may include an oxygen detection member **25** that detects the state of oxygen in the second container **40**. The oxygen detection member **25** may display the detected state of oxygen. The oxygen detection member **25** may detect the oxygen concentration. The oxygen detection member **25** may display the value of the detected oxygen concentration. The oxygen detection member **25** may display the value of the detected oxygen concentration by using a color.

[0262] The oxygen detection member **25** may contain variable organic dye that reversibly changes the color thereof due to oxidation-reduction. For example, an oxygen reducing agent contains organic dye such as thiazine dye, azine dye, or oxazine dye and a reducing agent and may be solid. The oxygen reducing agent may contain an oxygen indicator ink composition. The oxygen indicator ink composition may contain a resin solution, thiazine dye, reducing sugar, and an alkali

substance. The thiazine dye, the reducing sugar, and the alkali substance may be dissolved or dispersed in the resin solution. A substance that is contained in the oxygen detection member **25** may reversibly change due to oxidation and reduction. The oxygen detection member **25** that is contained in a container changes the displayed color due to deoxidation in the container before the deoxidation ends by using the oxygen detection member **25** that contains a reversible substance, the amount of oxygen in the container is consequently observed from a position outside the container that is transparent, and a state related to oxygen in the container can be grasped. The oxygen detection member **25** that is contained in the container can change the displayed color and can report an increase in the oxygen concentration after the deoxidation ends, such as a state in which a pinhole, for example, is formed in the container, and oxygen enters the container during, for example, distribution.

[0263] More specifically, an oxygen detection member named “AGELESS EYE” available from MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC., may be used as the oxygen detection member **25** that is a commercially supplied tablet. The oxygen detection member named “PAPER EYE” available from MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC., for example, may be used as an oxygen detector to which an ink composition that has a function of detecting oxygen is applied. The “AGELESS EYE” and “PAPER EYE” are functional products that can simply display a non-oxygen state in which the oxygen concentration in a transparent container is less than 0.1 volume % by using a color variation. For example, the oxygen detection member **25** may be a product that can be used, for example, to maintain the freshness of a food product and the quality of a medicine in addition to the oxygen absorber such as an oxygen absorber named “AGELESS” available from MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.

[0264] As illustrated in FIG. **1**, the oxygen detection member **25** may be provided such that a display unit (indication portion) **26** can be observed from a position outside the second container **40** that is transparent. In the example illustrated in FIG. **1**, the oxygen detection member **25** is contained in the second container **40** as in the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22**. The oxygen detection member **25** may be joined to the inner surface of the second container **40** or the outer surface of the first container **30** by using welding or a joining material. The oxygen detection member **25** may be disposed such that the deoxygenated member **22** and the dehydrating agent **24** do not disrupt the observation of the display unit **26**. In the case where the first container **30** is labeled, the deoxygenated member **22**, the dehydrating agent **24**, and the oxygen detection member **25** are preferably disposed so as not to cover the label.

[0265] The oxygen detection member **25** may detect the state of oxygen in the first container **30**. That is, the container set **20** and the combination container **10** may include the oxygen detection member **25** that detect the state of oxygen in the first container **30**. The oxygen detection member **25** may be contained in the first container **30**. The oxygen detection member **25** may display the detected state of oxygen in the first container **30**. The oxygen detection member **25** may detect the oxygen concentration in the first container **30**. The oxygen detection member **25** may display the value of the detected oxygen concentration in the first container **30**. The oxygen detection member **25** may display the value of the detected oxygen concentration in the first container **30** by using a color.

[0266] The oxygen concentration in a space that is not occupied by the liquid L in the first container **30**, that is, the headspace HS, can be reduced to about 1.5% or less in a manner in which the headspace HS is replaced with inert gas before the stopper **34** is mounted on the container body **32** or bubbling the liquid L by using the inert gas. It can be thought that the amount of dissolved oxygen into the liquid that is contained in a container can be reduced in a manner in which the liquid is manufactured in an atmosphere that is replaced with the inert gas, and the liquid is contained in the container that has the oxygen barrier property. A manufacturing facility needs to be extensively renovated and huge capacity investment is needed to install the entire line for manufacturing the liquid in the atmosphere that is replaced with the inert gas. In the field of, for

example, an expensive medicine, the medicine is frozen, dried, pulverized, and preserved in order to ensure the stability of, for example, temperature, oxygen, moisture, and light. As for the pulverization of a liquid medicine for preservation and liquefaction of the pulverized medicine for use, there are huge disadvantages in terms of effort, time, and costs.

[0267] According to the present embodiment, however, the first container that contains the liquid can be manufactured by using, for example, an existing facility as usual. Accordingly, the renovation of the facility and the capacity investment can be avoided. In particular, as for the use for the liquid such as medicine, an approval request about a change in the manufacturing facility or manufacturing processing to a public institution can be omitted, which is effective. An effort to freeze and dry the liquid L or to liquefy powder can be omitted. In addition, no special restrictions are imposed on the first container **30**. Accordingly, a widely used material, for example, glass or resin such as polyethylene or polypropylene for a container for, for example, a food product or a medicine because of a small elution amount can be used as the material of the first container.

[0268] In the specific example described above, the first container **30** includes the container body **32** and the stopper **34**. The first container **30** may be a vial bottle. A vial bottle that contains a liquid, particularly, a vial bottle that contains a liquid in a sterile state is manufactured by using butyl rubber or fluorine rubber that has low oxygen permeability and the oxygen barrier property. In the specific example described above, however, the stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability. That is, the stopper **34** is permeable to oxygen. For example, the oxygen permeability coefficient ( $\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.3 (STP)} \cdot \text{Math.cm} / (\text{cm} \cdot \text{sup.2} \cdot \text{Math.sec} \cdot \text{Math.Pa})$ ) of the material of the stopper **34** is set to a large value. The stopper **34** may be composed of silicone or silicone rubber. The oxygen permeability coefficient of silicone or silicone rubber of which the stopper **34** is composed may be higher than the oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the container body **32**. In the specific example, oxygen permeates the stopper **34** and moves to a position outside the first container **30**. Accordingly, the use of the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability easily enables an existing container such as a vial bottle that has been used to have the oxygen permeability.

[0269] In the specific example, the time until the equilibrium is reached depends on the amount of oxygen to which the stopper **34** is permeable. Accordingly, the area of the opening portion **33** of the container body **32** or the thickness of the stopper **34** is adjusted as described above, and consequently, the time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the first container **30** is contained in the second container **40** can be reduced. This enables dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid L to be reduced.

[0270] A partial volume (the volume of the headspace HS) of the first container **30** that is obtained by subtracting the volume of the liquid L from the volume of the first container **30** may be 50 mL or less, may be 30 mL, may be 10 mL, or may be 5 mL or less. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** can reduce the time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** is closed. This enables dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid L to be reduced.

[0271] Similarly, the volume of the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** may be 20 mL or less or may be 10 mL or less. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** can reduce the time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** is closed. This enables dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid L to be reduced.

[0272] An upper limit and a lower limit may be set for a ratio (%) of the partial volume (mL) (the volume of the headspace HS) of the first container **30** that is obtained by subtracting the volume of the liquid L from the volume of the first container **30** to a partial volume (mL) of the second container **40** that is obtained by subtracting the volume of the first container **30** from the volume of the second container **40**. The ratio may be 50% or less or may be 20% or less. Setting the upper limit enables the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** to be reduced. In addition, a space for containing the first container **30** can be ensured in the second container **40**, and the first

container **30** can be easily contained in the second container **40**. In addition, the time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** is closed can be reduced. This enables dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid L to be reduced. The ratio may be 5% or more or may be 10% or more. Setting the lower limit enables the second container **40** to be inhibited from being too large in comparison with the first container **30** and enables the ease of handling the combination container **10** to be inhibited from reducing.

[0273] Whether the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached is determined based on the oxygen concentration in the first container **30**. It is determined that the equilibrium is reached in the case where a difference between the value (%) of the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** at a point of time and the value (%) of the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** before the point of time by 24 hours is  $\pm 5\%$  or less of the value (%) of the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** at the point of time.

[0274] The liquid-containing first container **30L** and the liquid-containing combination container **10L** that have an adjusted oxygen concentration and amount of dissolved oxygen can be obtained in the above manner. In many cases of existing techniques, it is difficult to reduce the oxygen concentration (%) in the headspace HS in the first container **30** merely by replacement with the inert gas or bubbling because the liquid L is contained in the first container **30**. As a result, it is difficult to reduce a large amount of remaining oxygen dissolved in liquid L. In the specific example according to the embodiment described above, however, the liquid-containing first container **30L** and gas are contained in the second container **40**, it is not necessary to contain the liquid L as it is, and accordingly, the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** can be sufficiently reduced. Accordingly, the volume of the second container **40** is adjusted in advance, and consequently, the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** in an equilibrium state can be less than 1%. The actions and effects as above are preferable for the case where the liquid L is a medicine or a food product that has the high sensitivity.

[0275] In particular, in the case where the oxygen absorber **21** that absorbs oxygen in the second container **40** is used, the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** can be reduced to less than 0.3%, 0.1% or less, 0.05% or less, less than 0.03%, or 0%, and the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** can be reduced to less than 0.3%, 0.1% or less, 0.05% or less, less than 0.03%, or 0%. In the case where the oxygen absorber **21** that absorbs oxygen in the second container **40** is used, the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L in the first container **30** can be reduced to less than 0.15 mg/L, 0.04 mg/L or less, 0.03 mg/L or less, less than 0.015 mg/L, or 0 mg/L. In addition, the oxygen absorber **21** is disposed outside the first container **30**, and consequently, the oxygen absorber **21** does not break a sterilization state in the first container **30**.

[0276] If a long period is needed to reduce the oxygen concentration and the amount of dissolved oxygen, deterioration of the liquid L due to oxygen develops. A period or a time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the second container **40** is closed is preferably within four weeks. In the case where the equilibrium is reached within four weeks, and the oxygen concentration in the second container **40**, for example, is less than 1%, deterioration of the liquid L that is a medicine can be effectively reduced. As for the liquid L that has the high sensitivity, the period until the equilibrium is reached is preferably within 20 days, more preferably within one week, further preferably within three days. A certain period is needed for equilibrium in which the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L is reduced to a certain extent. The period or time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the second container **40** is closed may be one hour or more.

[0277] The amount of oxygen in the first container **30** in the second container **40** may be adjusted until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached. The amount of oxygen in the first container **30** in the second container **40** may be adjusted until the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** increases to a predetermined value. The amount of



oxygen in the first container **30** in the second container **40** may be adjusted until the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** reduces to a predetermined value. The amount of oxygen in the first container **30** in the second container **40** may be adjusted until the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L in the first container **30** reduces to a predetermined value. The amount of oxygen in the first container **30** in the second container **40** may be adjusted until the liquid L of the combination container **10** starts to be used. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may be delivered while the first container **30** is contained in the second container **40**, and the amount of oxygen is adjusted.

[0278] A method of using the liquid-containing combination container **10L** will now be described.

[0279] Before the liquid L that is contained in the combination container **10** is used, the second container **40** is first opened. Subsequently, the liquid-containing first container **30L** is taken out from the second container **40** that is opened. Subsequently, the liquid L is taken out from the liquid-containing first container **30L** and can be used. As for the first container **30** illustrated, the fixture **36** is removed from the container body **32**, the stopper **34** is removed from the container body **32**, and consequently, the first container **30** can be opened. This enables the liquid L in the first container **30** to be used.

[0280] As illustrated in FIG. 6, the liquid L may be a medicine that is injected into a syringe **60**. That is, the liquid L may be a liquid that is contained in the first container **30** that is a vial bottle. The liquid L may be an injectable solution that is a medicine. Examples of the injectable solution include an anticancer drug, an antiviral agent, a vaccine, and an antipsychotic. The syringe **60** includes a cylinder **62** and a piston **66**. The cylinder **62** includes a cylinder body **63** and a needle **64** that projects from the cylinder body **63**. The needle **64** that is tubular has access to a space for containing the liquid L in the cylinder body **63**. The piston **66** includes a piston body **67** and a gasket **68** that is held by the piston body **67**. The gasket **68** can be composed of, for example, rubber. The gasket **68** is inserted into the cylinder body **63** and defines the container space for the liquid L in the cylinder body **63**. The liquid L that is injected into the syringe **60** may be moved from the syringe **60** to, for example, another syringe or container before being administered to, for example, a patient. In this example, this may be administered from, for example, the other syringe or container to the patient.

[0281] Pressure in the liquid-containing first container **30L** is preferably adjusted. In an example, the pressure in the liquid-containing first container **30L** is preferably maintained at low pressure, particularly negative pressure. In this example, the liquid can be effectively inhibited from unintentionally leaking when the liquid-containing first container **30L** is preserved, and the liquid L can be effectively inhibited from splashing when the first container **30** is opened. The problems about leakage and splashing are increasingly serious when the liquid is toxic liquid such as a medicine that has high pharmacological activity. In an example illustrated in FIG. 6, when the pressure in the liquid-containing first container **30L** is positive pressure, the liquid L automatically enters the syringe **60**. In this case, it is difficult to inject the liquid L in a desired amount into the syringe **60** with high precision.

[0282] A liquid that has the high sensitivity and that is deteriorated by a post sterilization process that is performed after manufacturing with, for example, gas, heat, or gamma rays such as a food product or a medicine, more specifically, an anticancer drug, an antiviral agent, a vaccine, or an antipsychotic is manufactured in a sterile environment and sealed in a container. That is, a liquid for which a final sterilization method cannot be used is manufactured by using the sterile operation method. The sterile environment is typically maintained at predetermined positive pressure in order to inhibit microbes from entering. Accordingly, the pressure in the container is the predetermined positive pressure corresponding to the sterile environment, and it is difficult to adjust the inner pressure of the container after the container is closed.

[0283] According to the present embodiment, such a failure can be dealt with. The liquid-containing first container **30L** is preserved in the second container **40** as described above. During

preservation, oxygen in the first container **30** permeates the first container **30** and moves into the second container **40** due to a reduction in the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** caused by the oxygen absorber **21** or a reduction in the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** caused by replacement with inert gas. This enables the pressure in the first container **30** to be reduced. That is, the pressure in the first container **30** that contains the liquid L can be adjusted after the first container **30** is closed, and the liquid L is sealed.

[0284] From the perspective of the adjustment of the inner pressure of the first container **30**, the second container **40** that can contain gas while the gas is maintained at negative pressure under the atmospheric pressure may be used. For example, the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** may be closed in an inert gas atmosphere that is maintained at negative pressure by using the second container **40** illustrated in FIG. **8**. The pressure in the second container **40** that is closed is less than the atmospheric pressure. In this case, the permeation of oxygen from the first container **30** into the second container **40** is facilitated. In particular, the volume of the second container **40** is increased, or the initial pressure of the second container **40** is greatly reduced, and consequently, the pressure in the first container **30** can be greatly adjusted. This enables the pressure in the first container **30** that is originally positive pressure to be adjusted to the atmospheric pressure (1 atm) or less or negative pressure in a manner in which the first container **30** is preserved in the second container **40**. This enables the liquid-containing first container **30L** the pressure of which is adjusted can be manufactured, which does not depend on a method of manufacturing the liquid L or a method of sealing the liquid L in the first container **30** for the liquid.

[0285] The second container **40** is closed at negative pressure, and consequently, the permeation of oxygen in the first container **30** is facilitated. Accordingly, the time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the second container **40** that contains the liquid-containing first container **30L** is closed can be reduced.

[0286] Negative pressure means a pressure of less than the atmospheric pressure, that is, a pressure of less than 1 atm. Positive pressure means a pressure of more than 1 atm that is the atmospheric pressure. Whether the pressure in a container is negative pressure can be determined by using a pressure gauge in the case where the pressure gauge is provided in the container. In the case where no pressure gauge is provided in the container, the determination can be made by using a syringe. Specifically, when the needle of the syringe punctures the container, the determination can be made depending on whether a liquid or gas that is contained in the syringe enters the container with only the atmospheric pressure applied to the piston of the syringe. In the case where the liquid or gas that is contained in the syringe enters the container, it is determined that the pressure in the container is negative pressure. Similarly, whether the pressure in the container is positive pressure can be determined by using the pressure gauge or by using the syringe. Specifically, when the needle of the syringe punctures the container, the determination can be made depending on whether the liquid or gas that is contained in the container enters the syringe with only the atmospheric pressure applied to the piston of the syringe. In the case where the liquid or gas that is contained in the container enters the syringe, it is determined that the pressure in the container is positive pressure.

[0287] The container set **20** according to the embodiment described above includes the first container **30** that contains the liquid L and that at least partly has the oxygen permeability and the second container **40** that is capable of containing the first container **30** and that has the oxygen barrier property. The first container **30** is contained in the second container **40**, and consequently, the combination container **10** is obtained. That is, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** includes the first container **30** that contains the liquid L and that at least partly has the oxygen permeability and the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** and that has the oxygen barrier property. The oxygen concentration in the first container **30** may be less than 1% with the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** reached. A method

of manufacturing the liquid-containing first container **30L** includes a process of closing the second container **40** that contains the liquid-containing first container **30L** and that is filled with inert gas and a process of adjusting the amount of oxygen in the liquid-containing first container **30L** that is contained in the second container **40**. In the process of adjusting the amount of oxygen, oxygen in the first container **30** permeates the first container **30**, the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** consequently reduces, and the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L can be reduced.

[0288] As illustrated in FIG. 1, the gap G may be formed between the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability of the first container **30** that is contained in the second container **40** and the second container **40**. In this example, the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property can be inhibited from covering the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. This enables the permeation of oxygen in the first container **30** to be inhibited from being disturbed by the second container **40**. Accordingly, the gap G enables a reduction in the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** to be facilitated.

[0289] According to such the embodiment, oxygen in the first container **30** permeates the first container **30** and can move into the second container **40**. The atmosphere in the second container **40** is replaced with inert gas, and consequently, the oxygen concentration (%) in the second container **40** increases, and the oxygen concentration (%) in the first container **30** can reduce. As the oxygen concentration (%) in the first container **30** reduces, the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L reduces. Accordingly, the amount of oxygen that is dissolved in the liquid L can be reduced, and dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid L can be reduced.

[0290] In particular, in the case where the oxygen absorber **21** that absorbs oxygen in the second container **40** is used, the oxygen concentration in the first container **30** can be reduced to less than 0.3%, 0.1% or less, 0.05% or less, less than 0.03%, or 0%, and the oxygen concentration in the second container **40** can be reduced to less than 0.3%, 0.1% or less, 0.05% or less, less than 0.03%, or 0%. In the case where the oxygen absorber **21** that absorbs oxygen in the second container **40** is used, the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L in the first container **30** can be reduced to less than 0.15 mg/L, 0.04 mg/L or less, 0.03 mg/L or less, less than 0.015 mg/L, or 0 mg/L. The oxygen absorber **21** can be disposed outside the first container **30**, and consequently, the oxygen absorber **21** does not break the sterile state in the first container **30**.

[0291] As for the combination container **10**, the second container **40** contributes to reducing the amount of oxygen and has the oxygen barrier property. The liquid-containing first container **30L** may contribute to sterilization of the inside and the liquid L that is contained. A container environment required for the liquid L is effectively achieved by using a combination of the first container **30** and the second container **40**. The combination container **10** and the container set **20** enables a preservation environment required for the liquid L to be achieved at a high degree of freedom and low costs.

[0292] In the specific example according to the embodiment described above, the first container **30** includes the container body **32** that includes the opening portion **33** and the stopper **34** that closes the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** may have the oxygen permeability. The stopper **34** may contain silicone. The oxygen permeability coefficient of the material of the stopper **34** may be  $1 \times 10^{\text{sup.} - 12} \text{ (cm.sup.3 (STP) cm/(cm.sup.2.Math.sec.Math.Pa))}$  or more. The oxygen permeability coefficient (cm.sup.3 (STP).Math.cm/(cm.sup.2 sec.Math.Pa)) of the material of the stopper **34** may be higher than the oxygen permeability coefficient (cm.sup.3

(STP).Math.cm/(cm.sup.2.Math.sec.Math.Pa)) of the material of the container body **32**. In this specific example, oxygen permeates the stopper **34** and moves to a position outside the first container **30**. Accordingly, a region in the first container **30** that is exposed to the so-called headspace HS and apart from the liquid L can have the oxygen permeability. Consequently, the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is smooth, and the time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the first container **30** is

contained in the second container **40** can be reduced.

[0293] In the specific example according to the embodiment described above, the container body **32** may have the oxygen barrier property. Oxygen that permeates the first container **30** enters a region away from the liquid L in, for example, the headspace HS in the first container **30**.

Accordingly, the oxygen that permeates the first container **30** can be inhibited from being dissolved in the liquid L.

[0294] In the specific example according to the embodiment described above, the area of the opening portion **33** of the container body **32** may be 10 mm.<sup>sup.2</sup> or more and 500 mm.<sup>sup.2</sup> or less. The thickness of the stopper **34** may be 0.1 mm or more and 5 mm or less. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** can reduce the time until the equilibrium of the permeation of oxygen through the first container **30** is reached after the first container **30** is contained in the second container **40**. This enables dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid L to be reduced.

[0295] Specific examples of the second container **40** will now be described. The second container **40** that will be described below can be used so as to be combined with the first container **30** that includes the container body **32** and the stopper **34** described above, and the stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability. In the description below and the figures used for the description below, a portion that can have the same structure as in the examples described above and a portion that can have the same structure as in some specific examples described later are designated by using like reference signs, and a duplicated description is omitted.

#### First Specific Example

[0296] FIG. **27** to FIG. **32** illustrate a first specific example of the second container **40**. In the first specific example, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** includes a tray **90** that contains the first container **30**. The tray **90** is a flat container that includes an opening portion **90A**. The second container **40** contains the tray **90** that contains the first container **30**.

[0297] The first container **30** can have the structure described above. The first container **30** illustrated includes the container body **32** that includes the opening portion **33** and the stopper **34** that closes the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability. That is, the stopper **34** is permeable to oxygen. The second container **40** has the oxygen barrier property as described above. The second container **40** is not particularly limited but can have the same structure as in the second container described above. The second container **40** may be a film container. For example, the second container **40** may be a gusset container that uses a resin film or any one of the containers illustrated in FIG. **7A** to FIG. **7D**. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the oxygen absorber **21** that absorbs oxygen in the second container **40** as described above.

[0298] As illustrated in FIG. **28**, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** may also include an outer box **100**. The outer box **100** can be composed of one or more of various kinds of materials. In the illustrated example, the outer box **100** is composed of paper. The outer box **100** inhibits the liquid L from deteriorating due to light and may accordingly have a light shielding property. The light shielding property of the outer box **100** may be a light shielding property for light that causes the liquid L to deteriorate and may be, for example, a visible light shielding property. To have the light shielding property means that the total light transmittance (total luminous transmittance) of light in a target wavelength range is 30% or less, preferably 10% or less, more preferably 5% or less.

[0299] As illustrated in FIG. **27** and FIG. **29**, the tray **90** is located between the stopper **34** and the second container **40**. FIG. **29** is a longitudinal sectional view of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** illustrated in FIG. **27**. The gap G is formed between the tray **90** and the stopper **34**. This enables the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property to be inhibited from covering the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. Accordingly, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to a position outside the first container **30** due to the permeation of the oxygen through the stopper **34** can be facilitated. For example, oxygen in the second container **40** is

absorbed by using the oxygen absorber **21**, the oxygen concentration (%) in the headspace HS in the first container **30** can be consequently stably reduced, and the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** can be stably reduced.

[0300] As illustrated in FIG. 27, FIG. 29, and FIG. 30, the tray **90** includes a bottom wall **91** and a side wall **92** that is connected to the bottom wall **91**. FIG. 30 is a sectional perspective view of an example of the tray **90**. The side wall **92** extends upward from the bottom wall **91**. The side wall **92** is tubular. An opening of the side wall **92** that is tubular forms the opening portion **90A** of the tray **90**. The other opening of the side wall **92** that is tubular is closed by the bottom wall **91**. The side wall **92** includes a first side wall portion **92a** and a second side wall portion **92b** that are paired and that face each other. The first side wall portion **92a** faces the stopper **34** of the first container **30** that is contained in the tray **90**. The second side wall portion **92b** faces the bottom portion **32a** of the container body **32** of the first container **30** that is contained in the tray **90**. As illustrated in FIG. 29, the gap G is formed between the first side wall portion **92a** and the stopper **34**. The first side wall portion **92a** is located between the stopper **34** and the second container **40**. The first side wall portion **92a** inhibits the second container **40** from coming into contact with the stopper **34**.

[0301] The tray **90** illustrated includes a third side wall portion **92c** and a fourth side wall portion **92d**. The third side wall portion **92c** connects an edge of the first side wall portion **92a** and an edge of the second side wall portion **92b** to each other. The fourth side wall portion **92d** connects another edge of the first side wall portion **92a** and another edge of the second side wall portion **92b** to each other. The first side wall portion **92a** to the fourth side wall portion **92d** are included in the side wall **92** that is tubular. The tray **90** also includes a flange portion **93** that extends from the side wall **92**. The bottom wall **91** is connected to an edge of the side wall **92**. The flange portion **93** is connected to another edge of the side wall **92**. The flange portion **93** has a surrounding shape as in the side wall **92**. The flange portion **93** extends outward from the side wall **92**, that is, in a direction opposite the container space of the tray **90**. The flange portion **93** that has a surrounding shape defines the opening portion **90A**.

[0302] The tray **90** may include positioning portions **91X** and **91Y** that restrict movement of the first container **30** that is contained. The tray **90** illustrated in FIG. 30 includes the first positioning portion **91X** and the second positioning portion **91Y**. The first positioning portion **91X** includes a first positioning projection **91a** that is provided on the bottom wall **91**. As illustrated in FIG. 29, the first positioning projection **91a** is fitted in a recessed portion of the first container **30**. More specifically, the first positioning projection **91a** projects toward the neck portion **32c** of the first container **30**. The first container **30** illustrated includes the recessed portion at the neck portion **32c** between the stopper **34** and the trunk portion **32b** of the container body **32**. The first positioning projection **91a** comes into contact with the stopper **34** and the trunk portion **32b** and consequently restricts relative movement of the first container **30** with respect to the tray **90** in a direction in which the stopper **34** and the first side wall portion **92a** face each other. Accordingly, the gap G between the first side wall portion **92a** and the stopper **34** can be stably maintained. Consequently, oxygen permeates the stopper **34** and can consequently move from a position inside the first container **30** to a position outside the first container **30**.

[0303] As illustrated in FIG. 30, the second positioning portion **91Y** includes a second positioning projection **91b** that is provided on the bottom wall **91**. The second positioning projection **91b** includes a pair of projection members. The second positioning projection **91b** comes into contact with the trunk portion **32b** of the first container **30** in a direction perpendicular to the direction in which the stopper **34** and the first side wall portion **92a** face each other and can restrict relative movement of the first container **30** with respect to the tray **90**. Consequently, the position of the first container **30** in the tray **90** is stabilized, and the liquid L in the first container **30** can be stably preserved.

[0304] The tray **90** may have or may not have the oxygen barrier property. Oxygen may or may not permeate the tray **90**. The tray **90** is composed of, for example, resin. The tray **90** may be

manufactured by injection molding or may be manufactured by drawing a resin plate. The tray **90** may be colorless or colored. The tray **90** may be transparent. When the second container **40** and the tray **90** are transparent, the state of the first container **30** can be checked from a position outside the second container **40**. For example, light is emitted from a position outside the second container **40** toward the first container **30**, and the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be measured by using the oxygen amount measuring device Fibox3. A method of measuring oxygen or pressure by using, for example, a laser can be used.

[0305] The oxygen absorber **21** can be provided in the liquid-containing combination container **10L** as described above. For example, the second container **40** or the first container **30** may include the deoxygenated film **23**. The oxygen absorber **21** may be contained in the tray **90**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be contained in the second container **40**. As illustrated in FIG. **9A**, the deoxygenated member **22** includes the parcel **22a** that has the oxygen permeability and the oxygen absorber **21** that is contained in the parcel **22a**.

[0306] In an example illustrated by using solid lines in FIG. **27** and FIG. **29**, the deoxygenated member **22** is located between the tray **90** and the second container **40**. The deoxygenated member **22** is located between the bottom wall **91** of the tray **90** and the second container **40**.

[0307] Unlike this example, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the side wall **92** of the tray **90** and the second container **40**. As illustrated by using two-dot chain lines in FIG. **29**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the first side wall portion **92a** and the second container **40**. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the tray **90** and the first container **30**. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the bottom wall **91** and the first container **30**. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the side wall **92** and the first container **30**. As illustrated in the two-dot chain lines in FIG. **29**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the first side wall portion **92a** and the first container **30**. As illustrated in the two-dot chain lines in FIG. **29**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the third side wall portion **92c** or the fourth side wall portion **92d** and the first container **30**. As illustrated in the two-dot chain lines in FIG. **29**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the second container **40** and the first container **30**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be attached to or mounted on any one of the first container **30**, the second container **40**, and the tray **90** or a combination thereof by using a joining material such as adhesive.

[0308] The tray **90** may include a recessed portion **95A**, a projecting portion **95B**, or holes **95C** or a combination thereof. The recessed portion, the projecting portion, and the holes can form a flow pass for oxygen. For example, in the example illustrated by using the solid lines in FIG. **27** and FIG. **29**, a surface of the flange portion **93** and a surface of the second container **40** can be in contact with each other. In this case, the flange portion **93** and the second container **40** are in contact with each other, and consequently, a region in which the first container **30** is located and a region in which the oxygen absorber **21** is located can be separated from each other. The tray **90** includes the recessed portion **95A**, the projecting portion **95B**, or the holes **95C** or a combination thereof, and consequently, a flow pass for oxygen that is discharged from the first container **30** up to the oxygen absorber **21** can be ensured. In an example illustrated in FIG. **30**, the flange portion **93** includes the recessed portion **95A** that has a groove shape. The flange portion **93** includes the projecting portion **95B**. The recessed portion **95A** and the projecting portion **95B** can inhibit the second container **40** from being in close contact with the whole area of the flange portion **93**. In the example illustrated in FIG. **29**, the side wall **92** has the holes **95C**. The holes **95C** can be used to measure the oxygen concentration by being irradiated with visible light.

[0309] As illustrated in FIG. **31**, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** may be capable of being disposed on a placement surface PL such that the second side wall portion **92b** faces the

placement surface PL with the second container **40** interposed therebetween. In this state, the liquid L in the first container **30** is separated from the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. The stopper **34** is exposed to the headspace HS. This enables the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** to be facilitated and enables the oxygen concentration to be reduced in a short time. Accordingly, for example, in a process in which oxygen in the second container **40** is absorbed by using the oxygen absorber **21** after a process of closing the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** is performed, and consequently the oxygen concentration is adjusted, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** may be disposed on the placement surface PL in a state illustrated in FIG. **31**.

[0310] In the illustrated example, the second side wall portion **92b** inclines with respect to the bottom wall **91** at an angle of larger than  $90^\circ$ . That is, the second side wall portion **92b** inclines with respect to the direction of a normal to the bottom wall **91** such that the opening portion **90A** is wider than the bottom wall **91**. Accordingly, in the case where the liquid-containing combination container **10L** is disposed on the placement surface PL such that the second side wall portion **92b** faces the placement surface PL with the second container **40** interposed therebetween, as illustrated in FIG. **31**, the bottom wall **91** inclines with respect to the placement surface PL. Along with this, the first container **30** that lies on the bottom wall **91** can be held so as to incline with respect to the vertical direction. Consequently, the area of the surface of the liquid L that is exposed to the headspace HS increases. As a result, movement of oxygen dissolved in the liquid L into the headspace HS is facilitated, and the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be reduced in a short time.

[0311] In the illustrated example, the first side wall portion **92a** inclines with respect to the bottom wall **91** at an angle of larger than  $90^\circ$ . That is, the first side wall portion **92a** inclines with respect to the direction of the normal to the bottom wall **91** such that the opening portion **90A** is wider than the bottom wall **91**. This enables the gap G between the first side wall portion **92a** and the stopper **34** to be stably ensured. In addition, oxygen that permeates the stopper **34** is likely to move in the tray **90**. Accordingly, the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be stably reduced in a short time.

[0312] As illustrated in FIG. **32**, the tray **90** may be used after the second container **40** is opened. In an example illustrated in FIG. **32**, the first container **30** can extend upward in the tray **90**. In a state illustrated in FIG. **32**, the first container **30** can be disposed in the tray **90** such that the bottom portion **32a** of the container body **32** faces the bottom wall **91** of the tray **90**. In this case, the stopper **34** and the opening portion **33** of the container body **32** face in a direction in which these are separated from the bottom wall **91** in the direction of the normal to the bottom wall **91**. The liquid L illustrated in FIG. **6** can be taken out from the first container **30** that is disposed in the tray **90**. This enables the liquid L to be inhibited from adhering to the placement surface PL and is preferable in hygiene.

#### Second Specific Example

[0313] FIG. **33** to FIG. **35** illustrate a second specific example of the second container **40**. FIG. **33** is a perspective view of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** in the second specific example. FIG. **35** is a longitudinal sectional view of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** illustrated in FIG. **33**. In the second specific example, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** includes the first container **30** and the second container **40**. The first container **30** illustrated includes the container body **32** that includes the opening portion **33** and the stopper **34** that closes the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** is permeable to oxygen. The stopper **34** is permeable to oxygen.

[0314] The second container **40** has the oxygen barrier property. The second container **40** includes the tray **90** that includes the opening portion **90A** and that contains the first container **30** and a lid member **95** that closes the opening portion **90A** of the tray **90**. The tray **90** that is included in the second container **40** in the second specific example can have the same structure as the tray **90** in the

first specific example, provided that the tray **90** has the oxygen barrier property. The lid member **95** has the oxygen barrier property. The lid member **95** is joined to the tray **90**. The lid member **95** may be joined, for example, by being welded by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining or by being joined by using adhesive or glue. In the illustrated example, the lid member **95** is joined to the flange portion **93**. The lid member **95** can be composed of one or more of various kinds of materials that have the oxygen barrier property described above. The lid member **95** may be transparent for the same reason as the tray **90**. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the deoxygenated member **22** that absorbs oxygen in the second container **40**. The liquid-containing combination container **10L** in the second specific example may include the same outer box as in the first specific example.

[0315] As illustrated in FIG. **33** and FIG. **35** the tray **90** includes the bottom wall **91** and the side wall **92**. The gap **G** is formed between the side wall **92** and the stopper **34**. This enables the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property to be inhibited from covering the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. Accordingly, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to a position outside the first container **30** due to the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** can be facilitated. For example, oxygen in the second container **40** is absorbed by using the oxygen absorber **21**, the oxygen concentration (%) in the headspace **HS** in the first container **30** can be consequently stably reduced, and the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid **L** that is contained in the first container **30** can be stably reduced.

[0316] The tray **90** in the second specific example may include the first positioning portion **91X** for the same purpose as in the first specific example illustrated in FIG. **30**. For example, the tray **90** may have the first positioning projection **91a**. The tray **90** in the second specific example may include the second positioning portion **91Y** for the same purpose as in the first specific example illustrated in FIG. **30**. For example, the tray **90** may have the second positioning projection **91b**.

[0317] The liquid-containing combination container **10L** can include the oxygen absorber **21**. For example, the second container **40** or the first container **30** may include the deoxygenated film **23**. The oxygen absorber **21** may be included in the tray **90** or the lid member **95**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be contained in the second container **40**.

[0318] In the example illustrated in FIG. **33** to FIG. **35**, the deoxygenated member **22** is located between the lid member **95** and the first container **30**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be joined to the lid member **95**. Unlike the illustrated example, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the tray **90** and the first container **30**. As illustrated by using two-dot chain lines in FIG. **35**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the bottom wall **91** and the first container **30**. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the side wall **92** and the first container **30**. As illustrated by using the two-dot chain lines in FIG. **35**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the first side wall portion **92a** and the first container **30**. As illustrated by using the two-dot chain lines in FIG. **35**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located between the third side wall portion **92c** or the fourth side wall portion **92d** and the first container **30**.

[0319] As illustrated in FIG. **34**, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** may be capable of being disposed on the placement surface **PL** such that the second side wall portion **92b** faces the placement surface **PL**. In this state, the liquid **L** in the first container **30** is separated from the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. The stopper **34** is exposed to the headspace **HS**. This enables the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** to be facilitated and enables the oxygen concentration to be reduced in a short time. Accordingly, for example, in a process in which oxygen in the second container **40** is absorbed by using the oxygen absorber **21** after the process of closing the second container **40** that contains the first container **30**, and consequently, the oxygen concentration is adjusted, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** may be disposed on the placement surface **PL** in a state illustrated in FIG. **34**.



[0320] In the illustrated example, the second side wall portion **92b** inclines with respect to the bottom wall **91** at an angle of larger than 90°. That is, the second side wall portion **92b** inclines with respect to the direction of the normal to the bottom wall **91** such that the opening portion **90A** is wider than the bottom wall **91**. Accordingly, in the case where the liquid-containing combination container **10L** is disposed on the placement surface PL such that the second side wall portion **92b** faces the placement surface PL with the second container **40** interposed therebetween, as illustrated in FIG. **34**, the bottom wall **91** inclines with respect to the placement surface PL. Along with this, the first container **30** that lies on the bottom wall **91** can be held so as to incline with respect to the vertical direction. Consequently, the area of the surface of the liquid L that is exposed to the headspace HS increases. As a result, movement of oxygen dissolved in the liquid L into the headspace HS can be facilitated, and the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be reduced in a short time.

[0321] In the illustrated example, the first side wall portion **92a** inclines with respect to the bottom wall **91** at an angle of larger than 90°. That is, the first side wall portion **92a** inclines with respect to the direction of the normal to the bottom wall **91** such that the opening portion **90A** is wider than the bottom wall **91**. This enables the gap G between the first side wall portion **92a** and the stopper **34** to be stably ensured. In addition, oxygen that permeates the stopper **34** is likely to move in the tray **90**. Accordingly, the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be stably reduced in a short time.

[0322] The tray **90** may be used after the second container **40** is opened as in the first specific example described with reference to FIG. **32**. An operation of taking out the liquid L illustrated in FIG. **6** from the first container **30** may be performed on the first container **30** that is disposed in the tray **90**.

### Third Specific Example

[0323] FIG. **36** and FIG. **37** illustrate a third specific example of the second container **40**. FIG. **36** is a perspective view of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** in the third specific example. In the third specific example, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** includes the first container **30** and the second container **40**. The first container **30** illustrated includes the container body **32** that includes the opening portion **33** and the stopper **34** that closes the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability. That is, the stopper **34** is permeable to oxygen.

[0324] The second container **40** has the oxygen barrier property. The second container **40** is a film container. A film that is used for the second container **40** is as described above.

[0325] The second container includes the first main film (a first film) **41a** and the second main film (a second film) **41b**. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** face each other. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** may be different films or may be a single film that is folded. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are joined to each other at the seal portion **49**. Joining at the seal portion **49** may be, for example, welding by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining or joining by using adhesive or glue. The container space in which the first container **30** is contained is formed between the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**.

[0326] The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** can be peeled at the seal portion **49**. A user applies force for peeling the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**, and consequently, the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are separated from each other at the seal portion **49**. Process conditions during joining and the quality and thickness of a joining material, for example, are adjusted, and consequently, the seal portion **49** can be peeled.

[0327] The seal portion **49** includes a first seal portion **49a** that bends. The stopper **34** of the first container **30** that is contained in the second container **40** faces the first seal portion **49a**. In the illustrated example, the first seal portion **49a** bends. The first seal portion **49a** may curve. The first seal portion **49a** projects toward outside the second container **40**. That is, the first seal portion **49a** projects so as to be separated from the container space of the second container **40**. The first seal

portion **49a** projects so as to be separated from the stopper **34** in a direction in which the first seal portion **49a** and the stopper **34** face each other. The first seal portion **49a** that bends such that the container space of the second container **40** is widened faces the stopper **34** of the first container **30**, and consequently, the gap G is formed between the second container **40** and the stopper **34**. This enables the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property to be inhibited from covering the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. Accordingly, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to a position outside the first container **30** due to the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** can be facilitated. For example, oxygen in the second container **40** is absorbed by using the oxygen absorber **21**, the oxygen concentration (%) in the headspace HS in the first container **30** can be consequently stably reduced, and the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** can be stably reduced.

[0328] In the illustrated example, the seal portion **49** includes a first side seal portion **49b** that is connected to an end of the first seal portion **49a** and a second side seal portion **49c** that is connected to the other end of the first seal portion **49a**. The container space in which the first container **30** is contained is formed between the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c**. A minimum distance DXa between the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** along the first main film **41a** may be shorter than a length L30 of the first container **30** in a direction DA in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**. A minimum distance DXb between the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** along the second main film **41b** may be shorter than the length L30 of the first container **30** in the direction DA in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**.

[0329] The minimum distance DXa between the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** along the first main film **41a** is equal to the minimum length of the first main film **41a** between the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c**. The minimum distance DXb between the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** along the second main film **41b** is equal to the minimum length of the second main film **41b** between the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c**. The length L30 of the first container **30** is the length of the first container **30** in the axial direction and is typically the length of the first container **30** in the longitudinal direction.

[0330] The minimum distances DXa and DXb between the side seal portions **49b** and **49c** along the main films **41a** and **41b** are shorter than the length L30 of the first container **30**, and consequently, the direction of the first container **30** can be inhibited from greatly changing in the second container **40**. Consequently, the stopper **34** of the first container **30** stably faces the first seal portion **49a**. Accordingly, the gap G between the second container **40** and the stopper **34** can be stably ensured. As a result, the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be stably reduced.

[0331] As illustrated in FIG. 36, the first main film **41a** may include an extension film portion **50** that is not joined to the second main film **41b**. The second main film **41b** may include an extension film portion **50** that is not joined to the first main film **41a**. The extension film portions **50** may be adjacent to the seal portion **49**. The user holds the extension film portions **50** and can consequently easily apply the force for peeling the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. In an example illustrated in FIG. 36, the extension film portions **50** are adjacent to the first seal portion **49a** that bends. The first and second main films **41a** and **41b** of which the extension film portions **50** are composed are the same as those of which portions that form the container space of the second container **40** are composed. The extension film portions **50** and the portions that form the container space of the second container **40** correspond to portions into which the first and second main films **41a** and **41b** are divided by the seal portion **49**. In this example, the force for peeling concentrates on a position at which the first seal portion **49a** bends, and the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** can be smoothly peeled. As for the second container **40**, the first seal portion **49a** corresponds to a to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**. The to-be-opened portion **51** is a portion to be opened when the second container **40** is opened.

[0332] In the illustrated example, the seal portion **49** also includes a second seal portion **49d** that connects the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c**. The first seal portion **49a**, the first side seal portion **49b**, the second side seal portion **49c**, and the second seal portion **49d** are included in the seal portion **49** that has a surrounding shape and form the container space of the second container **40** that contains the first container **30**. The fold portion **41x** that is formed by folding a single film may be provided instead of the second seal portion **49d**. As for the second seal portion **49d**, the bottom surface film **41e** illustrated in FIG. 7D may be used instead of joining the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. The use of the bottom surface film **41e** may provide the second container **40** as a standing pouch that can stand itself.

[0333] At positions on the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** near the second seal portion **49d**, the seal strength of the seal portion **49** may be increased. In other words, at the positions on the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** near the second seal portion **49d**, the joining strength of the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** may be increased. In an example, as illustrated by using one-dot chain lines in FIG. 36, the widths of the side seal portions **49b** and **49c** may be increased near the second seal portion **49d**. A processing temperature at which the seal portion **49** is formed may be high at the positions on the side seal portions **49b** and **49c** near the second seal portion **49d**. The number of times of processing when the seal portion **49** is formed may be increased at the positions on the side seal portions **49b** and **49c** near the second seal portion **49d**. In this example, peeling the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** that is started from the first seal portion **49a** is easily stopped at any position on the side seal portions **49b** and **49c**. This enables the first container **30** to be inhibited from being greatly swung in the second container **40** and enables the first container **30** to be inhibited from falling from the second container **40** unintentionally when the second container **40** is opened.

[0334] The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the oxygen absorber **21**. For example, the second container **40** or the first container **30** may include the deoxygenated film **23**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be contained in the second container **40**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be joined to the second container **40**.

[0335] As illustrated in FIG. 37, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the outer box **100** as in another specific example. In the case where the outer box **100** has a rectangular cuboid shape as illustrated in FIG. 37, the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** may be contained in the outer box **100** such that the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** extend in the container space of the outer box **100** along a diagonal. In other words, the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** may be contained in the outer box **100** such that the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** extend along a pair of corner portions that is located on a diagonal in the outer box **100**. In this example, the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** can be inhibited from moving in the outer box **100**. The liquid L in the first container **30** can be stably preserved. The gap G between the second container **40** that is contained in the outer box **100** and the stopper **34** can be stably maintained, and the flow pass for oxygen from the stopper **34** to the oxygen absorber **21** is ensured. The flow pass can be stably ensured in a manner in which the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** is contained in the outer box **100** such that the side seal portions **49b** and **49c** extend along the pair of corner portions in the outer box **100** or in a manner in which the second container **40** is sufficiently longer than the first container **30**, and the gap G is ensured.

#### Fourth Specific Example

[0336] FIG. 38 and FIG. 39 illustrate a fourth specific example of the second container **40**. FIG. 38 is a perspective view of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** in the fourth specific example. FIG. 39 illustrates the second container **40** in FIG. 38 that is opened. In the fourth specific example, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** includes the first container **30** and the second container **40**. The first container **30** illustrated includes the container body **32** that includes the opening portion **33** and the stopper **34** that closes the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** has

the oxygen permeability. That is, the stopper **34** is permeable to oxygen.

[0337] The second container **40** has the oxygen barrier property. The second container **40** is a film container. A film that is used for the second container **40** is as described above.

[0338] The second container **40** includes the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** face each other. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** may be different films or may be a single film that is folded. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are joined to each other at the seal portion **49**. Joining at the seal portion **49** may be, for example, welding by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining or joining by using adhesive or glue. The container space in which the first container **30** is contained is formed between the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**.

[0339] The second container **40** is opened in a manner in which the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are cut at the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**. In other words, the to-be-opened portion **51** is to be cut when the second container **40** is opened. The to-be-opened portion **51** is a linear portion. The to-be-opened portion **51** can be formed due to the materials of the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** or by processing the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. Specifically, the to-be-opened portion **51** can be formed when the materials of the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** have aeolotropy that is given by a stretching process. The to-be-opened portion **51** can be formed in manner in which the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are half cut or processed by using a laser or a film of the intermediate layer is processed by, for example, straight cutting.

[0340] The seal portion **49** includes the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** that are separated in the longitudinal direction of the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**. The first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** face in the width direction. A through-portion **52** that extends through the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** is provided at a position at which the second side seal portion **49c** intersects with the to-be-opened portion **51**. The shape of the through-portion **52** in a plan view is not particularly limited. The shape of the through-portion **52** in a plan view may be ellipse as in the illustrated example, circular, polygonal such as triangular or rectangular, or a thin slit shape.

[0341] In this example, as illustrated in FIG. **39**, cutting the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** can be stopped at the through-portion **52** when the second container **40** is opened. That is, a cut piece of the second container **40** can be inhibited from being produced when the second container **40** is opened. Accordingly, the ease of handling the combination container **10** that is discarded after use is improved. The present specific example is preferable at a location at which the liquid L that has the high sensitivity such as a food product or a medicine is handled because consideration in hygiene is needed at the location.

[0342] As illustrated, the first side seal portion **49b** may include a notch **51a** that corresponds to an end of the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**. The notch **51a** may be a slit or a cut portion. The notch **51a** enables the to-be-opened portion **51** to be indicated to the user. The notch **51a** makes the second container **40** easy to open.

[0343] As illustrated, the second side seal portion **49c** may include a wide portion **49X** that has an increased width. The wide portion **49X** is wider than a portion of the second side seal portion **49c** adjacent to the wide portion **49X**. The wide portion **49X** may be wider than the other portion of the second side seal portion **49c**. The through-portion **52** may be provided at a position at which the wide portion **49X** intersects with the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**. In this example, the size of the through-portion **52** can be increased. Accordingly, cutting the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** can be more stably stopped at the through-portion **52** when the second container **40** is opened. Unlike the illustrated example, the width of the second side seal portion **49c** may be constant.

[0344] In the example illustrated in FIG. **38** and FIG. **39**, the second side seal portion **49c** includes an inner edge **49c1** that projects such that the inner edge **49c1** approaches the first side seal portion

**49b** at the wide portion **49X**. In this example, the second side seal portion **49c** is locally widened toward the first side seal portion **49b** in the longitudinal direction of the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**, and consequently, the wide portion **49X** is formed. Accordingly, the size of the second container **40** is inhibited from increasing, and the wide portion **49X** can be provided.

[0345] As illustrated in FIG. **38** and FIG. **39**, the stopper **34** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability may face a space **S** in the second container **40** that is located between the first side seal portion **49b** and the wide portion **49X** of the second side seal portion **49c**. The stopper **34** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability may be partly located in the space **S** in the second container **40** that is located between the first side seal portion **49b** and the wide portion **49X** of the second side seal portion **49c**. In this example, the space **S** can form the gap **G** between the second container **40** and the stopper **34**. This enables the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property to be inhibited from covering the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. Accordingly, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to a position outside the first container **30** due to the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** can be facilitated. For example, oxygen in the second container **40** is absorbed by using the oxygen absorber, the oxygen concentration (%) in the headspace **HS** in the first container **30** can be consequently stably reduced, and the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid **L** that is contained in the first container **30** can be stably reduced.

[0346] The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the oxygen absorber **21**. For example, the second container **40** or the first container **30** may include the deoxygenated film **23**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be contained in the second container **40**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be joined to the second container **40**.

[0347] As illustrated in FIG. **38** and FIG. **39**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be held by the second container **40** at a position away from the wide portion **49X** in a direction in which the space **S** in the second container **40** and the stopper face each other. In the illustrated example, the deoxygenated member **22** may be joined to the second container **40**. In this example, the deoxygenated member **22** enables the first container **30** in the second container **40** to be inhibited from moving in the longitudinal direction (the width direction) of the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**. That is, the deoxygenated member **22** maintains the stopper **34** facing the space **S** and can facilitate a reduction in the amount of oxygen in the first container **30**.

[0348] In the illustrated example, the seal portion **49** includes the first seal portion **49a** that connects the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** and the second seal portion **49d** that connects the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c**. The first seal portion **49a**, the first side seal portion **49b**, the second side seal portion **49c**, and the second seal portion **49d** form the seal portion **49** that has a surrounding shape and form the container space of the second container **40** that contains the first container **30**. The fold portion **41x** that is formed by folding a single film may be provided instead of the first seal portion **49a** or the second seal portion **49d**. As for the second seal portion **49d**, the bottom surface film **41e** illustrated in FIG. **7D** may be used instead of joining the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. The use of the bottom surface film **41e** may provide the second container **40** as a standing pouch that can stand itself.

[0349] Also in the fourth specific example, the minimum distances **DXa** and **DXb** between the side seal portions **49b** and **49c** along the main films **41a** and **41b** may be shorter than the length **L30** of the first container **30** as in the third specific example. With this structure, the direction of the first container **30** can be inhibited from greatly changing in the second container **40**. Consequently, the stopper **34** of the first container **30** stably faces the first seal portion **49a**. Accordingly, the gap **G** between the second container **40** and the stopper **34** can be stably ensured. As a result, the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be stably reduced.

[0350] The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the outer box **100** as in another specific example. A method of containing the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** in the outer box **100** may be the same as in the third specific example described with reference to FIG. **37**.

#### Fifth Specific Example

[0351] FIG. **40** to FIG. **43** illustrate a fifth specific example of the second container **40**. FIG. **41** is a perspective view of the outer box **100** of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** in the fifth specific example. FIG. **40** illustrates the second container **40** that contains the first container **30** that is contained in the outer box **100** in FIG. **41**. In the fifth specific example, the liquid-containing combination container **10L** includes the first container **30**, the second container **40**, and the outer box **100**. The first container **30** illustrated includes the container body **32** that includes the opening portion **33** and the stopper **34** that closes the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability. That is, the stopper **34** is permeable to oxygen.

[0352] The second container **40** has the oxygen barrier property. The second container **40** is a film container. A film that is used for the second container **40** is as described above.

[0353] As illustrated in FIG. **40**, the second container may include the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** face each other. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** may be different films or may be a single film that is folded. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are joined to each other at the seal portion **49**. Joining at the seal portion **49** may be, for example, welding by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining or joining by using adhesive or glue. The container space in which the first container **30** is contained is formed between the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**.

[0354] The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** can be peeled at the seal portion **49**. The user applies the force for peeling the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**, and consequently, the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are separated from each other at the seal portion **49**. Process conditions during joining and the quality and thickness of a joining material, for example, are adjusted, and consequently, the seal portion **49** can be peeled.

[0355] As illustrated in FIG. **41**, the outer box **100** includes an outer box body **101** and a lid portion **102** that can move relatively to the outer box body **101**. The lid portion **102** and the outer box body **101** relatively move, and consequently, the outer box **100** can be opened. In the illustrated example, the outer box **100** can be composed of paper. The lid portion **102** can swing with respect to the outer box body **101**. The lid portion **102** may be integrally formed with the outer box body **101**. In the illustrated example, the outer box **100** includes a to-be-cut portion **100a** that has holes linearly arranged as in a dashed line or that is formed by, for example, half cut. The outer box body **101** is separated from the lid portion **102** at the to-be-cut portion **100a**, and consequently, the lid portion **102** can swing with respect to the outer box body **101**. As illustrated by using two-dot chain lines in FIG. **41**, the lid portion **102** swings with respect to the outer box body **101**, and consequently, the outer box **100** is opened.

[0356] As illustrated in FIG. **42** and FIG. **43**, the first main film **41a** is attached to (mounted on) the outer box body **101**, and the second main film **41b** is attached to (mounted on) the lid portion **102**. When the lid portion **102** is moved relatively to the outer box body **101**, the second main film **41b** is separated from the first main film **41a**. As a result, when the lid portion **102** is moved relatively to the outer box body **101**, and the outer box **100** is opened, the second main film **41b** is peeled from the first main film **41a** at the seal portion **49**, and consequently, the second container **40** is opened. With this structure, the first container **30** is easily taken out from the liquid-containing combination container **10L** that includes the outer box **100**.

[0357] Since the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are attached to the outer box **100**, the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property can be inhibited from covering the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. That is, the gap **G** can be formed between the second container **40** and the stopper **34**. Accordingly, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to a

position outside the first container **30** due to the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** can be facilitated. For example, oxygen in the second container **40** is absorbed by using the oxygen absorber, the oxygen concentration (%) in the headspace HS in the first container **30** can be consequently stably reduced and the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** can be stably reduced.

[0358] FIG. **40** illustrates an example of the second container **40**. The seal portion **49** includes the first seal portion **49a** that bends. In the illustrated example, the first seal portion **49a** bends. The first seal portion **49a** may curve. The first seal portion **49a** projects so as to be separated from the first container **30**. That is, the first seal portion **49a** projects such that the container space of the second container **40** is widened. The seal portion **49** illustrated also includes the first side seal portion **49b**, the second side seal portion **49c**, and the second seal portion **49d**. The first side seal portion **49b** is connected to an end of the first seal portion **49a** and an end of the second seal portion **49d**. The second side seal portion **49c** is connected to the other end of the first seal portion **49a** and the other end of the second seal portion **49d**. The second seal portion **49d** faces the first seal portion **49a**. The first seal portion **49a**, the first side seal portion **49b**, the second side seal portion **49c**, and the second seal portion **49d** form the seal portion **49** that has a surrounding shape and form the container space of the second container **40** that contains the first container **30**. The fold portion **41x** that is formed by folding a single film may be provided instead of the second seal portion **49d**. As for the second seal portion **49d**, the bottom surface film **41e** illustrated in FIG. **7D** may be used instead of joining the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**.

[0359] As illustrated in FIG. **40**, the first main film **41a** may include the extension film portion **50** that is not joined to the second main film **41b**. The second main film **41b** may include the extension film portion **50** that is not joined to the first main film **41a**. The extension film portions **50** may be adjacent to the seal portion **49**. As illustrated in FIG. **42** and FIG. **43**, the seal portion **49** of the first main film **41a** is joined to the lid portion **102** by using a joining material **28** such as adhesive or glue. The lid portion **102** is swung with respect to the outer box body **101**, and consequently, the two extension film portions **50** are separated from each other. This enables the force for peeling to be automatically applied to the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** along with the operation of opening the lid portion **102**. In an example illustrated in FIG. **40**, the extension film portions **50** are adjacent to the first seal portion **49a** that bends. In this example, the force for peeling concentrates on the position at which the first seal portion **49a** bends, and the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** can be smoothly peeled.

[0360] As illustrated in FIG. **42** and FIG. **43**, a portion of the first main film **41a** that forms the container space, that is, a portion of the first main film **41a** that faces the first container **30** is also joined to the outer box **100** with a joining material **28** interposed therebetween. Similarly, a portion of the second main film **41b** that forms the container space, that is, a portion of the second main film **41b** that faces the first container **30** is also joined to the outer box **100** by using a joining material **28**. With this structure, the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** can be smoothly peeled. The gap G can be stably ensured between the stopper **34** of the first container **30** and the second container **40**, and consequently, the amount of oxygen can be rapidly reduced.

[0361] As illustrated in FIG. **41**, the outer box **100** may include a transparent portion **100b** that is transparent. The states of the first container **30** and the second container **40** that are contained in the outer box **100** can be checked through the transparent portion **100b**. The transparent portion **100b** and the second container **40** that is transparent enable the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** to be measured, for example, in a manner in which visible light is emitted from a position outside the outer box **100** toward the first container **30** by using the oxygen amount measuring device Fibox3.

[0362] The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the oxygen absorber **21**. For example, the second container **40** or the first container **30** may include the deoxygenated film **23**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be contained in the second container **40**. The deoxygenated

member **22** may be joined to the second container **40**.

#### Sixth Specific Example

[0363] FIG. **44** to FIG. **46** illustrate a sixth specific example of the second container **40**. FIG. **44** is a perspective view of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** in the sixth specific example. FIG. **45** illustrates the liquid-containing combination container **10L** taken along line A-A in FIG. **44**. FIG. **46** illustrates a method of manufacturing the liquid-containing combination container **10L** illustrated in FIG. **44**. The first container **30** illustrated includes the container body **32** that includes the opening portion **33** and the stopper **34** that closes the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability. That is, the stopper **34** is permeable to oxygen.

[0364] The second container **40** has the oxygen barrier property. The second container **40** is a film container. A film that is used for the second container **40** is as described above.

[0365] The second container **40** includes the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** face each other. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** may be different films or may be a single film that is folded. The first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are joined to each other at the seal portion **49**. Joining at the seal portion **49** may be, for example, welding by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining or joining by using adhesive or glue. The container space in which the first container **30** is contained is formed between the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**.

[0366] As illustrated in FIG. **44** and FIG. **45**, the second container **40** includes a gas bag **53** that is provided between the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. The gas bag **53** contains gas. The gas bag **53** is composed of, for example, a resin film. The gas bag **53** may not have the oxygen barrier property, provided that the gas bag **53** does not form an outer surface of the second container **40**. The gas bag **53** may have the oxygen barrier property. The gas that is sealed in the gas bag **53** is not particularly limited. The gas that is sealed in the gas bag **53** may be inert gas.

[0367] The gas bag **53** is provided in the container space of the second container **40** that is formed between the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**, the gas bag **53** consequently functions as a buffer material, and the first container **30** can be stably contained in the second container **40**. This enables the first container **30** to be inhibited from being damaged and enables the first container **30** to be inhibited from vibrating and from being impacted. Accordingly, the liquid L in the first container **30** can be stably preserved.

[0368] In addition, the use of the gas bag **53** enables the first container **30** that is disposed in the second container **40** to be stable. In addition, a distance between the main films **41a** and **41b** that are paired can be increased. This enables the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property to be inhibited from covering the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. That is, the gap G between the second container **40** and the stopper **34** can be formed. Accordingly, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to a position outside the first container **30** due to the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** can be facilitated. For example, oxygen in the second container **40** is absorbed by using the oxygen absorber, the oxygen concentration (%) in the headspace HS in the first container **30** can be consequently stably reduced, and the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** can be stably reduced.

[0369] The gas bag **53** may be joined to the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**. For example, joining may be welding by using heat sealing or ultrasonic joining or joining by using adhesive or glue. The gas bag **53** is joined to the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b**, and consequently, the position of the gas bag **53** is stabilized. This enables the first container **30** that is disposed in the second container **40** to be stable. This enables the liquid L in the first container **30** to be stably preserved.

[0370] The gas bag **53** may be joined to the main films **41a** and **41b** at the seal portion **49** at which the first main film **41a** and the second main film **41b** are joined. In this example, the gas bag **53** can be joined to the main films **41a** and **41b** when the second container **40** is manufactured.

[0371] As illustrated in FIG. **44**, the seal portion **49** may include the first side seal portion **49b** and



the second side seal portion **49c**. The first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** face each other. The first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** are separated in the width direction. FIG. **45** illustrates a section of the liquid-containing combination container **10L** in the width direction. The second container **40** includes a first gas bag **53A** that is joined to the main films **41a** and **41b** at the first side seal portion **49b** and a second gas bag **53B** that is joined to the main films **41a** and **41b** at the second side seal portion **49c**. At the container space of the second container **40**, the first container **30** is located between the first gas bag **53A** and the second gas bag **53B**. With this structure, the first container **30** can be stably preserved. The gap **G** can be more stably ensured.

[0372] In the illustrated example, the seal portion **49** includes the first seal portion **49a** that connects the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c** and the second seal portion **49d** that connects the first side seal portion **49b** and the second side seal portion **49c**. The first seal portion **49a**, the first side seal portion **49b**, the second side seal portion **49c**, and the second seal portion **49d** form the seal portion **49** of a surrounding shape and form the container space of the second container **40** that contains the first container **30**.

[0373] As illustrated in FIG. **46**, the second container **40** can include the first main film **41a**, the second main film **41b**, a first bag film **41f**, and a second bag film **41g**. As illustrated in FIG. **46**, the first bag film **41f** is a single folded film that is disposed between the main films **41a** and **41b** that are paired. Both side edges of the first bag film **41f** that is folded are joined to first side edges of the main films **41a** and **41b** that are paired and form the first side seal portion **49b**. An upper edge of the first bag film **41f** that is folded is joined to upper edge portions of the main films **41a** and **41b** that are paired and forms a portion of the first seal portion **49a**. A lower edge of the first bag film **41f** that is folded is joined to lower edge portions of the main films **41a** and **41b** that are paired and forms a portion of the second seal portion **49d**. The first bag film **41f** that is folded in this way is sealed in three directions. When the first bag film **41f** is sealed, gas is supplied to a folded region of the first bag film **41f**, and the first gas bag **53A** is obtained. The second bag film **41g** is symmetrical to the first bag film **41f**, and the symmetric structure of the first bag film **41f** forms the second gas bag **53B**. The first bag film **41f** and the second bag film **41g** may be films that are used for the second container **40** described above such as films that are used as the main films **41a** and **41b**.

[0374] The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the oxygen absorber **21**. For example, the second container **40** or the first container **30** may include the deoxygenated film **23**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be contained in the second container **40**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be joined to the second container **40**.

[0375] As illustrated in FIG. **44** and FIG. **45**, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be held between the first main film **41a** or the second main film **41b** and the gas bag **53**. In the illustrated example, the deoxygenated member **22** is interposed between the first gas bag **53A** and the second main film **41b**. The deoxygenated member **22** is held by the second container **40** without using a joining material such as adhesive, and accordingly, waste can be easily separated when the liquid-containing combination container **10L** is discarded.

[0376] The liquid-containing combination container **10L** may include the outer box **100** as in another specific example. The seal portion **49** of the second container **40** may have a notch (not illustrated). The notch enables the second container to be easily opened.

[0377] The embodiment is described above with reference to the specific examples. The specific examples described above do not limit the embodiment. According to the embodiment described above, various specific examples can be provided, various omissions, replacements, modifications, and additions, for example, can be made without departing from the spirit thereof.

[0378] Examples of the modifications will now be described with reference to the drawings. In the description below and the figures used for the description below, a portion that can have the same structure as in the specific examples described above is designated by using a reference sign like to that used for a portion that corresponds to one in the specific examples described above, and a

duplicate description is omitted.

[0379] In the specific examples described above, a specific structure of the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability is described but is not limited to that in the examples described above. For example, as illustrated in FIG. **10**, a barrier layer **81** that restricts elution of the content in the stopper **34** may be provided on a surface of the stopper **34**. In an example illustrated FIG. **10**, the stopper **34** includes a stopper body **35** and the barrier layer **81**. The stopper body **35** may contain silicone. For example, in the case where the stopper **34** contains silicone rubber, a highly active substance derived from a rubber vulcanizing agent and an additive such as a stabilizer or an antioxidant can be eluted from the stopper **34**. The eluted substance can cause the liquid L that is contained in the first container **30** to deteriorate. In view of this, the barrier layer **81** may be provided on an inner surface of the stopper **34**. As illustrated by using a reference sign **81** in FIG. **10**, the barrier layer **81** may be provided in a portion of the stopper **34** that is inserted into the container body **32**. As illustrated by using a reference sign **81A** in FIG. **10**, the barrier layer **81** and a barrier layer **81A** may be provided at positions on the stopper **34** so as to be in contact with the container body **32**. As illustrated by using a reference sign **81B** in FIG. **10**, the barrier layers **81** and **81A** and a barrier layer **81B** may be provided on the entire surface of the stopper **34**.

[0380] The barrier layer **81** may include a para-xylylene layer. The para-xylylene layer may contain para-xylylene N, may contain para-xylylene C, or may contain para-xylylene HT. The para-xylylene layer may be manufactured on the stopper body **35** by using vacuum deposition. The thickness of the para-xylylene layer may be 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more and 2  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, may be 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more and 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, or may be 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more and 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  or less. The upper limit that is set for the thickness of the para-xylylene layer enables the stopper **34** to have sufficient oxygen permeability. The lower limit that is set for the thickness of the para-xylylene layer enables the stopper **34** to have a function of sufficiently reducing elution.

[0381] The barrier layer **81** may include a fluorine resin layer. The fluorine resin layer may contain perfluoroalkoxy alkane (PFA). The fluorine resin layer may contain perfluoroethylene propylene copolymer (FEP). The fluorine resin layer may contain ethylene tetrafluoroethylene copolymer (ETFE)). The fluorine resin layer may be manufactured on the stopper body **35** by using coating. The thickness of the fluorine resin layer may be 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more and 60  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, may be 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more and 40  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, or may be 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more and 25  $\mu\text{m}$  or less. The upper limit that is set for the thickness of the fluorine resin layer enables the stopper **34** to have sufficient oxygen permeability. The lower limit that is set for the thickness of the fluorine resin layer enables the stopper **34** to have the function of sufficiently reducing elution.

[0382] The barrier layer **81** may include an amorphous fluorine layer. The amorphous fluorine layer may be manufactured on the stopper body **35** by using coating. The thickness of the amorphous fluorine layer may be 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more and 4 mm or less. The upper limit that is set for the thickness of the amorphous fluorine layer enables the stopper **34** to have sufficient oxygen permeability. The lower limit that is set for the thickness of the amorphous fluorine layer enables the stopper **34** to have the function of sufficiently reducing elution.

[0383] In the specific examples described above, the specific structure of the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability is described. From the perspective that the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability is facilitated, the stopper **34** is preferably not in contact with the liquid L in a process of adjusting the amount of oxygen. The stopper **34** is preferably separated (away) from the liquid L in the process of adjusting the amount of oxygen. The stopper **34** is preferably in contact with gas in the process of adjusting the amount of oxygen. In view of this, the stopper **34** may be subject to a liquid repellent process. The stopper **34** may have a liquid repellent structure. The contact angle of the inner surface of the stopper **34** that is subject to the liquid repellent process or that has the liquid repellent structure in a sessile drop method in a wettability test in accordance with JIS R3257 may be 80° or more, may be 90° or more, may be 95° or more, or may be less than 180°.

[0384] An example of the liquid repellent process is a surface modification process by using ion beam radiation or plasma processing. As illustrated in FIG. 11, the liquid repellent structure may include an unevenness surface **82** that is included in a surface of the stopper **34** that faces an inner portion of the container body **32**. In an example illustrated in FIG. 11, the unevenness surface **82** that is included in the inner surface of the stopper **34** has a fine uneven structure. In this example, recessed portions **82X** of the unevenness surface **82** can hold gas. In this example, bubbles that adhere to the unevenness surface **82** can be maintained.

[0385] The use of the inner surface of the stopper **34** that includes the unevenness surface **82** increases the surface area of the stopper **34**. The increase in the surface area of the stopper **34** enables the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** to be facilitated. Projections **83** that project from the inner surface of the stopper **34** may be provided, and the surface area of the stopper **34** may be increased. For example, as illustrated by using two-dot chain lines in FIG. 11, the projections **83** that are provided on the stopper **34** is not in contact with the container body **32**. The projections **83** may be located inside the insertion projection **34b** that has a cylindrical shape. The projections **83** may be located in a region that is surrounded by multiple insertion projections **34b** that are located on a circle, in other words, inside the circle on which the multiple insertion projections **34b** are disposed. The surface areas of the projections **83** that are separated from the container body **32** can be effectively increased.

[0386] As illustrated in FIG. 12, the use of an outer surface of the stopper **34** that includes an unevenness surface **84** may increase the surface area of the stopper **34**. The increase in the surface area of the stopper **34** enables the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** to be facilitated. As illustrated in FIG. 12, projections **85** that project from the outer surface of the stopper **34** may be provided, and the surface area of the stopper **34** may be increased. In this example, the unevenness surface **84** may be formed such that a gap through which gas can pass is formed between a portion of the stopper **34** that is covered by the fixture **36** and the fixture **36**. In this example, the permeation of gas through the stopper **34** can be stably facilitated.

[0387] As illustrated in FIG. 13, a sheet **86** that has the oxygen permeability and liquid repellency may be provided between the container body **32** and the stopper **34**. An example of the sheet **86** is a sheet that has a hole in which gas can be held such as non-woven fabric. An example of the sheet **86** is a sheet material that includes a sheet body that has a hole and a coating layer that is stacked on the sheet body and that has liquid repellency. The coating layer of the sheet material may be a fluorine deposition film or a coating film. The oxygen permeability of the sheet is evaluated in the same manner as the oxygen permeability of the first container **30**. That is, this means that oxygen in a predetermined oxygen permeation amount or more can permeate the sheet **86** in an atmosphere at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH. The predetermined oxygen permeation amount is  $1 \times 10^{-1}$  (mL/(day×atm)) or more. The predetermined oxygen permeation amount may be 1 (mL/(day×atm)) or more, may be 1.2 (mL/(day×atm)) or more, or may be 3 (mL/(day×atm)) or more. The liquid repellency of the sheet **86** means that the contact angle is 800 or more in the sessile drop method in the wettability test in accordance with JIS R3257. The sheet **86** illustrated in FIG. 13 may be attached to (mounted on) the stopper **34** as illustrated in FIG. 14 and may form a portion of the stopper **34**. The sheet **86** illustrated in FIG. 13 may be another member that differs from the container body **32** and the stopper **34** and may be interposed and held between the container body **32** and the stopper **34**.

[0388] As illustrated in FIG. 15 to FIG. 18, the first container **30** may include an extension wall portion **87** that extends from an inner surface of the container body **32**. The extension wall portion **87** enables the liquid L to be inhibited from adhering to the inner surface of the stopper **34**.

[0389] In examples illustrated in FIG. 15 to FIG. 17, the extension wall portion **87** divides the interior space of the container body **32** into two spaces. However, the liquid L can move between the two spaces in the container body **32**. In a process of adjusting the amount of oxygen in the first container **30**, as illustrated in FIG. 16, the first container **30** may be preserved with the stopper **34**

and the bottom portion **32a** of the container body **32** laid down and facing sideways. The first container **30** is disposed such that the trunk portion **32b** is located on a placement surface **5**. In the example illustrated in FIG. **16**, the liquid **L** is held in the space that is defined by the container body **32** and the extension wall portion **87** and is not in contact with the stopper **34**. This enables the permeation of oxygen through the stopper **34** to be facilitated. As illustrated in FIG. **17**, when the liquid **L** is taken out from the first container **30** by using the syringe **60**, the first container **30** may be held such that the stopper **34** faces downward. In a state illustrated in FIG. **17**, the liquid **L** passes through a gap between the container body **32** and the extension wall portion **87** and moves to the space that is defined by the container body **32**, the stopper **34**, and the extension wall portion **87** in the container body **32**. In the state illustrated in FIG. **17**, the liquid **L** is in contact with the stopper **34**, and the liquid **L** can be taken out from the first container **30** by using the syringe **60**. [0390] FIG. **18** illustrates another example of the extension wall portion **87**. In the example illustrated in FIG. **18**, the extension wall portion **87** has an annular shape. The extension wall portion **87** that has an annular shape includes an outer periphery **87a** and an inner periphery **87b**. The extension wall portion **87** is connected to an inner surface of the trunk portion **32b** of the container body **32** that is cylindrical over the entire length of the outer periphery **87a**. The extension wall portion **87** has a hole **87c** that is defined by the inner periphery **87b**. The extension wall portion **87** divides the interior space of the container body **32** into two. The liquid **L** passes through the hole **87c** and can move between the two spaces. In the illustrated example, the extension wall portion **87** inclines so as to be separated from the opening portion **33** and approach the bottom portion **32a** in a direction from the outer periphery **87a** toward the inner periphery **87b**. In this example, the liquid **L** can be collected in the space near the bottom portion **32a** away from the stopper **34**. This enables the liquid **L** to be more stably inhibited from adhering to the inner surface of the stopper **34**.

[0391] In the specific examples described above, the first container **30** includes the container body **32** that includes the opening portion **33**, the stopper **34** that closes the opening portion **33**, and the fixture **36** that is mounted on the container body **32** and that fixes the stopper **34** to the container body **32**. The stopper **34** includes the plate portion **34a** that is disposed on the container body **32** and that covers the opening portion **33** and the insertion projection **34b** that projects from the plate portion **34a** and that is inserted into the opening portion **33**. The insertion projection **34b** may have a cylindrical shape. The insertion projection **34b** may include the multiple insertion projections **34b** that are located on a circle. In an example in which the container body **32** and the fixture **36** have the oxygen barrier property, and the stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability, oxygen mainly permeates an exposed region (an exposed portion) **34c** of the stopper **34** that is exposed to the inside of the container body **32**. The exposed region **34c** is a region of a portion of the plate portion **34a** that faces the opening portion **33** where the insertion projection **34b** is not provided.

[0392] In this example, the fixture **36** may have an exposure hole **36a** through which the exposed region **34c** of the plate portion **34a** that is exposed to the inside of the container body **32** is exposed. The fixture **36** that has gas barrier property has the exposure hole **36a**, and consequently, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside can be facilitated.

[0393] As illustrated in FIG. **19**, a step **31** in the direction **DA** in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33** may be formed between a circumferential portion **36b** around the exposure hole **36a** of the fixture **36** and a portion of the stopper **34** that is exposed to the inside of the exposure hole **36a**. The step **31** enables the second container **40** that is flexible and that has the oxygen barrier property to be inhibited from coming into contact with the stopper **34** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. This enables movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside to be stably facilitated.

[0394] As illustrated in FIG. **19**, the plate portion **34a** may have recesses **34d** that are recessed toward an inner portion (the trunk portion **32b**) of the container body **32** in the direction **DA** in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33** at portions of the plate portion **34a** that

is exposed to the inside of the exposure hole **36a**, particularly, in the exposed region **34c**. The plate portion **34a** at a portion provided with the recesses **34d** is nearer than the portion of the plate portion **34a** that is covered by the fixture **36** to the inner portion (the trunk portion **32b**) of the container body **32** in the direction DA in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**. The recesses **34d** enables the step **31** to be enlarged. Accordingly, the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property can be inhibited from coming into contact with the stopper **34** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. This enables movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside to be stably facilitated.

[0395] As illustrated in FIG. **20**, the circumferential portion **36b** around the exposure hole **36a** of the fixture **36** may include a bent portion **36ba** that bends toward the plate portion **34a** in the direction DA in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**. The bent portion **36ba** can press the plate portion **34a** toward the inner portion of the container body **32** with the fixture **36** mounted on the container body **32**. The bent portion **36ba** enables the step **31** to be enlarged.

Accordingly, the second container **40** that has the oxygen barrier property can be inhibited from coming into contact with the stopper **34** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. This enables movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside to be stably facilitated.

[0396] In examples illustrated in FIG. **19** and FIG. **21**, a linear projecting portion **34e** that linearly extends is provided on the portion of the stopper **34** that is exposed to the inside of the exposure hole **36a**. Also in an example illustrated in FIG. **22**, the linear projecting portions **34e** that linearly extend are provided on the portion of the stopper **34** that is exposed to the inside of the exposure hole **36a**. In these illustrated examples, the linear projecting portions **34e** may indicate the position of the exposed region **34c** of the plate portion **34a** that is exposed to the inside of the container body **32**. The exposed region **34c** can be grasped from a position outside the first container **30**, and consequently, the second container **40** that is flexible and that has the oxygen barrier property can be inhibited from coming into contact with the exposed region **34c**. When the liquid L is taken out from the first container **30** by using the syringe **60**, a region into which the needle **64** of the syringe **60** is to be inserted can be grasped.

[0397] FIG. **19** and FIG. **20** are sectional views of the first container **30** corresponding to that in, for example, FIG. **2**. FIG. **19** and FIG. **20** illustrate sections that extend in the direction DA in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**. FIG. **21** and FIG. **22** are plan views of the first container **30** viewed in the direction DA in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**.

[0398] In the examples illustrated in FIG. **19** and FIG. **21**, the linear projecting portion **34e** extends on the peripheral portion of the exposed region **34c** of the plate portion **34a** that is exposed to the inside of the container body **32** in a projection view in the direction DA in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**. In these examples, the user can handle the combination container **10** such that the whole of the exposed region **34c** does not come into contact with the second container **40** that is flexible and that has the oxygen barrier property. This enables movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside to be facilitated.

[0399] In an example illustrated in FIG. **22**, a part of each linear projecting portion **34e** is covered by the fixture **36** that is mounted on the container body **32**. The other part of each linear projecting portion **34e** is exposed to the inside of the exposure hole **36a**. In this example, a gap GA can be formed between the circumferential portion **36b** around the exposure hole **36a** of the fixture **36** and a portion of the stopper **34** adjacent to each linear projecting portion **34e**. That is, the stopper **34** can be separated from the fixture **36** at parts of a region that faces the fixture **36**. That is, the gap can be formed between the stopper **34** and the fixture **36**. This enables movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside to be stably facilitated.

[0400] In the example illustrated in FIG. **22**, the multiple linear projecting portions **34e** are separated from each other. End portions **34ea** of the linear projecting portions **34e** that are exposed to the inside of the exposure hole **36a** may be located in the exposed region **34c** of the plate portion

**34a** that is exposed to the inside of the container body **32** in the projection view in the direction **DA** in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**. As illustrated in FIG. 22, the end portions **34ea** of the linear projecting portions **34e** that are exposed to the inside of the exposure hole **36a** may be located on the peripheral portion of the exposed region **34c** of the plate portion **34a** that is exposed to the inside of the container body **32** in the projection view in the direction **DA** in which the stopper **34** is inserted into the opening portion **33**. In this example, the exposed region **34c** can be indicated as a region that is surrounded by the end portions **34ea** of the multiple linear projecting portions **34e**.

[0401] In the specific examples described above, a specific structure of the first container **30** is described, but this is not a limitation, and various containers may be used. For example, as illustrated in FIG. 23, the stopper **34** of the first container **30** may have a film shape or a sheet shape that covers the opening portion **33**. The stopper **34** illustrated in FIG. 23 is joined to an end surface of the container body **32** by using, for example, a joining material or welding. The stopper **34** may have the oxygen permeability or may have the oxygen barrier property.

[0402] FIG. 24 illustrates another modification of the first container **30**. The first container **30** illustrated in FIG. 24 is composed of the syringe **60**. The syringe **60** illustrated in FIG. 24 includes the cylinder **62** and the piston **66** as in the example described above with reference to FIG. 6. The cylinder **62** includes the cylinder body **63** composed of glass or resin and the needle **64** composed of metal. The cylinder **62** corresponds to the container body **32** of the first container **30** and forms the container space for the liquid **L**. The piston **66** includes the piston body **67** composed of glass or resin and the gasket **68** that is disposed in the opening portion **33** of the cylinder **62**. The gasket **68** corresponds to the stopper **34** of the first container **30** and closes the opening portion **33**. The container space for the liquid **L** is defined between the cylinder **62** and the gasket **68**. The syringe **60** illustrated includes a cap **69**. The cap **69** is removably mounted on the needle **64**. The cap **69** restricts leakage of the liquid **L** from the needle **64** and seals the liquid **L** in the syringe **60**. In an example illustrated in FIG. 24, the syringe **60** is used as the first container **30**, and consequently, the syringe **60** that is taken out from the second container **40** can be used as it is for, for example, a patient.

[0403] In the example illustrated in FIG. 24, the gasket **68** may have the oxygen permeability. A stopper composed of silicone rubber may be used as the gasket **68** that has the oxygen permeability. The cylinder **62** may have the oxygen barrier property. The oxygen permeability coefficient of the gasket **68** may be set to the same as the oxygen permeability coefficient of the stopper **34** described above. The oxygen permeability coefficient of the cylinder **62** may be set to the same as the oxygen permeability coefficient of the container body **32** described above.

[0404] In the example illustrated in FIG. 24, oxygen permeates the gasket **68**, and consequently, the oxygen is discharged from an inner portion of the first container **30** that is defined by the cylinder body **63** and the gasket **68**. Consequently, the oxygen concentration in the syringe **60** reduces, and the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid **L** reduces. As a result, dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid **L** can be effectively reduced.

[0405] As illustrated in FIG. 25, the syringe **60** that serves as the first container **30** may include the stopper **34** that cover the opening portion **33** that is provided in the cylinder **62**. For example, the needle **64** may form the opening portion **33**, and the stopper **34** may cover an end of the needle **64**. The stopper **34** may have the oxygen permeability. The stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability may be composed of silicone rubber. The stopper **34** covers the opening portion **33** that is formed by the cylinder **62**.

[0406] In another example, as illustrated in FIG. 26, the syringe **60** that serves as the first container **30** may be contained in the second container **40** with the needle **64** removed. In the example illustrated in FIG. 26, the cylinder body **63** includes an end projection **63a**. The needle **64** can be attached to (mounted on) the end projection **63a**. The syringe **60** may include the stopper **34** that covers an opening of the end projection **63a**. The stopper **34** may have the oxygen permeability.

The stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability may be composed of silicone rubber. In the examples illustrated in FIG. **25** and FIG. **26**, the gasket **68** may have the oxygen permeability or may not have the oxygen permeability. In the examples illustrated in FIG. **25** and FIG. **26**, the gasket **68** may have the oxygen barrier property or may not have the oxygen barrier property. The stopper **34** covers the opening portion **33** that is formed by the end projection **63a**.

[0407] In the examples illustrated in FIG. **25** and FIG. **26**, oxygen permeates the stopper **34**, and the oxygen is discharged from the inner portion of the first container **30** that is defined by the cylinder body **63** and the gasket **68**. Consequently, the oxygen concentration in the syringe **60** reduces, and the amount of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L reduces. As a result, dissolving (decomposition) due to oxygen in the liquid L can be effectively reduced.

[0408] The first container **30** may have a label. As for the label, information about the liquid may be displayed. The label may be stuck to the container body **32**. The label preferably does not extend over the entire circumference such that the inside of the container body **32** can be observed. As for a combination with the second container **40** in the first specific example described with reference to FIG. **27** to FIG. **32**, the label preferably faces the second container **40** such that a description on the label can be observed. That is, the label preferably faces in the direction opposite the direction in which the bottom wall **91** of the tray **90** faces. In the case where the first container **30** is a vial bottle, the container body **32** is preferably exposed 10 mm or more, preferably 20 mm or more between the label and the stopper **34** and between the label and the fixture **36**. The liquid in the first container **30** can be observed through the container body **32** that is transparent. Light is radiated via the container body **32** that is transparent, and consequently, the amount of oxygen in the first container **30** can be measured. In this case, in addition to the neck portion **32c** of the container body **32**, the trunk portion **32b** is preferably exposed between the label and the stopper **34** and between the label and the fixture **36**.

[0409] The fixture **36** illustrated in FIG. **1** and FIG. **2** has an opening (the exposure hole **36a**) through which the stopper **34** is exposed. This example is not a limitation, and the fixture **36** may include a removable plate portion that is removed such that an opening is formed. The stopper **34** may be a flip cap. As for the flip cap, an aluminum seal and plastic are integrally formed. A specific structure of the flip cap may be a structure disclosed in JP7-165252A or JP2008-222270A.

[0410] In the specific examples described above, the first container **30** includes the container body **32** and the stopper **34**, and the stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability. However, at least a portion of the container body **32** may have the oxygen permeability, and the stopper **34** may have the oxygen barrier property. The specific structure of the second container **40** described above is just an example, and various modifications can be made.

[0411] In the specific examples described above, the combination container **10** includes the oxygen absorber **21**. The oxygen absorber **21** absorbs oxygen in the second container **40** and oxygen that permeates the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability and that moves from a position in the first container **30** into the second container **40**. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be disposed between the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability and the second container. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may face the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be disposed on the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be in contact with the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be in contact with the portion so as not to cover (so as to expose) at least a part of the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. This arrangement enables movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside to be facilitated. The second container **40** that is flexible and that has the oxygen barrier property can be inhibited from coming into contact with the stopper **34** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. This enables movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to

the outside to be facilitated.

[0412] The oxygen absorber **21** or the deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to the first container **30** by using heat sealing or a joining material in order to maintain relative positions of the oxygen absorber **21** or the deoxygenated member **22** and the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. The oxygen absorber **21** or the deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to a portion other than the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. With this structure, an appropriate relationship between the relative positions of the oxygen absorber **21** or the deoxygenated member **22** and the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability is maintained, and movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside can be stably facilitated.

[0413] In the examples illustrated in FIG. **1** and FIG. **8**, the container body **32** and the fixture **36** have the oxygen barrier property, and the stopper **34** has the oxygen permeability. In the examples illustrated by using the two-dot chain lines in FIG. **1** and FIG. **8**, the deoxygenated member **22** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** faces the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. The deoxygenated member **22** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** may be in contact with the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. The deoxygenated member **22** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** may be in contact with only a portion of the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. The deoxygenated member **22** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** may be disposed such that a gap is between the deoxygenated member **22** and the stopper **34** that has the oxygen permeability. The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** that are illustrated by using the two-dot chain lines in FIG. **1** and FIG. **8** enable movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside to be facilitated. The second container **40** that is flexible and that has the oxygen barrier property can be inhibited from coming into contact with the stopper **34** of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability.

[0414] The deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to the first container **30** in order to maintain the relative positions of the deoxygenated member **22** and the stopper **34**. The deoxygenated member **22** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** may be fixed to the stopper **34**, the fixture **36** or the first container **30** by using heat sealing or a joining material. In the case where the deoxygenated member **22** is fixed to the stopper **34**, the deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to a portion of the stopper **34**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to the fixture **36** such that the gap is ensured between the deoxygenated member **22** and the stopper **34**.

[0415] In the examples illustrated in FIG. **22**, FIG. **47**, and FIG. **48**, the second container **40** includes the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**. The to-be-opened portion **51** is a portion at which the second container **40** is to be opened. The to-be-opened portion **51** has a structure for inducing and facilitating opening the second container **40**. In the third and fifth specific examples described above, the to-be-opened portion **51** of the second container **40** includes the first seal portion **49a**. In the fourth specific example described above, the to-be-opened portion **51** of the second container **40** is formed due to the materials or by processing. As illustrated in FIG. **47**, the second container **40** may include two or more structures for forming the to-be-opened portion **51**. The second container **40** illustrated in FIG. **47** includes the to-be-opened portion **51** in the third specific example by using the first seal portion **49a** and the to-be-opened portion **51** in the fourth specific example that is formed due to a material or by processing.

[0416] The oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** are partly or entirely disposed between the to-be-opened portion **51** and the first container **30** in the second container **40**. In this example, when the second container **40** is opened, the oxygen absorber **21** is located between a portion at which the second container **40** is opened and the first container **30**. Accordingly, the oxygen concentration (%) in the first container **30** and the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L can be inhibited from rapidly increasing. As for this arrangement, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be separated from the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. Consequently, a path for permeation of oxygen in the first



container **30** to the outside is ensured, and movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside can be stably facilitated. In this example, the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** may be located above the first container **30**. Similarly, this arrangement enables the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** to be separated from the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability. This arrangement also enables the oxygen absorber **21** to be activated due to the water vapor as described above.

[0417] The deoxygenated member **22** that includes the oxygen absorber **21** may be fixed to the second container **40** by using heat sealing or a joining material in order to maintain this arrangement. For example, the deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed between the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51** of the second container **40** and the first container **30**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to the second container **40** so as to be separated from the first container **30**. In other words, the deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to the second container **40** such that a gap is formed between the first container **30** and the deoxygenated member **22**. The deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to the second container **40** such that the deoxygenated member **22** is partly or entirely located above the first container **30**. The deoxygenated member **22** is thus fixed to the second container **40**, and consequently, movement of oxygen in the first container **30** to the outside can be stably facilitated. The deoxygenated member **22** is fixed to the second container **40**, and consequently, the flexibility of the second container **40** can be limited. This enables the permeation of oxygen to be inhibited from being restricted due to the second container **40** that is flexible and that has the oxygen barrier property covering the portion of the first container **30** that has the oxygen permeability.

[0418] The deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to the second container **40** so as to be separated from the to-be-opened portion (opening intention portion) **51**. In other words, the deoxygenated member **22** may be fixed to the second container **40** such that a gap is formed between the to-be-opened portion **51** and the deoxygenated member **22**. When the second container **40** is opened at the to-be-opened portion **51**, the parcel **22a** of the deoxygenated member **22** can be inhibited from being damaged.

[0419] In consideration for use, the first container **30** may be disposed in the second container **40** such that the stopper **34** faces the to-be-opened portion **51**. This arrangement enables the first container **30** to be easily taken out from the second container **40** that is opened and makes the liquid L in the first container **30** stable. In this example, the oxygen absorber **21** or the deoxygenated member **22** is disposed between the stopper **34** and the to-be-opened portion **51**, and consequently, the oxygen concentration (%) in the first container **30** and the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the liquid L can be effectively inhibited from rapidly increasing.

[0420] The oxygen detection member **25** may be disposed at the same position as the oxygen absorber **21** and the deoxygenated member **22** described above. This enables a change in the oxygen concentration (%) in the second container **40** to be rapidly grasped.

## EXAMPLES

[0421] The embodiment described above will now be described in more detail by using examples, but the examples do not limit the embodiment described above.

### Example 1

[0422] A vial bottle that had a volume of about 8.2 mL was prepared as the first container. The first container had the structure illustrated in FIG. 1. The vial bottle that served as the first container had a glass container body. The first container was capable of containing gas while the gas was maintained at negative pressure. Injection water (an aqueous solution) that had a volume of about 4 mL was used as the liquid L and was contained in the first container. The opening portion of the container body that contains the injection water is closed by using a rubber stopper. The rubber stopper was composed of silicone rubber and had the oxygen permeability. An aluminum seal was fixed to the head of the container body by using a hand gripper, and the liquid-containing first container was manufactured. The aluminum seal functioned as the fixture illustrated in FIG. 2A.

That is, the aluminum seal restricted the rubber stopper such that the rubber stopper did not come off from the container body. The container body and the rubber stopper were airtight in a state after sealing by using the aluminum seal. In the first container, a headspace in which no injection water was filled remained so as to have a volume of about 4.2 mL. The first container was closed in air. Accordingly, the headspace of the first container **30** contained air. The oxygen concentration in the headspace of the first container **30** was 21.0%. The amount of dissolved oxygen in the injection water that is contained in the first container was 8.84 mg/L. The oxygen permeation amount of the stopper of the first container was measured by using the method illustrated in FIG. 2B. As a result, the oxygen permeation amount was 3 (mL/(day×atm)), and the first container in EXAMPLE 1 had the oxygen permeability.

[0423] Subsequently, the second container composed of a transparent packing material that had the oxygen barrier property was prepared. The second container had the structure illustrated in FIG. 1. The second container was a so-called pouch. The liquid-containing first container and the deoxygenated member that included the oxygen absorber were contained in the second container, and the second container was sealed by using heat sealing. The closed second container contained about 100 mL of air. The deoxygenated member included the oxygen absorber that was capable of absorbing 200 mL of oxygen.

[0424] Materials and members that were used in EXAMPLE 1, for example, were sterilized. The injection water was contained in the first container, the first container was closed, the liquid-containing first container and the oxygen absorber were contained in the second container, and the second container was closed in a sterile isolator. The use of the sterilized materials and operations in the sterile isolator were the same as those in COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1 and COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2 described below.

#### Comparative Example 1

[0425] A liquid-containing first container was manufactured in the same manner as in EXAMPLE 1. The liquid-containing first container was used in COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1. That is, in COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1, a second container was omitted. A rubber stopper of the first container was composed of silicone rubber as in EXAMPLE 1.

#### Comparative Example 2

[0426] In COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2, a rubber stopper that closed an opening portion of a container body of a first container was composed of butyl rubber. COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2 differed from EXAMPLE 1 in this point, and the other was the same as in EXAMPLE 1. The degree of the oxygen permeability (oxygen transmission rate) of the butyl rubber of which the rubber stopper in COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2 was about 80 (cm.sup.3/(m.sup.2×24 h×atm)) and did not substantially have the oxygen permeability.

#### <Evaluation>

[0427] In EXAMPLE 1 and COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2, each second container was closed, and each liquid-containing combination container was subsequently preserved. In COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1, the first container was closed, and the liquid-containing first container was subsequently preserved. In EXAMPLE 1, COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1, and COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2, a preservation environment was an air atmosphere at 22° C. under the atmospheric pressure. During the preservation, variations in the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the injection water, the oxygen concentration (%) in each first container, and the oxygen concentration (%) in each second container over time were checked. The amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the injection water, the oxygen concentration (%) in each first container, and the oxygen concentration (%) in each second container were measured by using the oxygen amount measuring device Fibox3 made by PreSens Precision Sensing GmbH in Germany. The amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the injection water, the oxygen concentration (%) in each first container, and the oxygen concentration (%) in each second container were measured from a position outside each container by using the oxygen amount measuring device Fibox3 without damage of the container.

[0428] Table 1 illustrates the result of measurement of the oxygen concentration (%) in each second container. Table 2 illustrates the result of measurement of the oxygen concentration (%) in each first container. Table 3 illustrates the result of measurement of the amount (mg/L) of dissolved oxygen in the injection water. The limit of detection of the oxygen concentration by using the oxygen amount measuring device Fibox3 was 0.03%. The limit of detection of the amount of dissolved oxygen by using the oxygen amount measuring device Fibox3 was 0.015 mg/L. As illustrated in Table 1 to Table 3, in EXAMPLE 1, the oxygen concentration in the second container was reduced to 0% when a day elapsed after the second container was closed. In EXAMPLE 1, the oxygen concentration in the first container was able to be reduced to 0%. In EXAMPLE 1, the amount of dissolved oxygen in the injection water that was contained in the first container was able to be reduced to 0 mg/L.

TABLE-US-00001 TABLE 1 Variation in Oxygen Concentration in Second Container over Time Elapsed Oxygen Concentration (%) in Second Container Day COMPARATIVE COMPARATIVE (Day) EXAMPLE 1 EXAMPLE 1 EXAMPLE 2 1 0 — 0 2 0 — 0 3 0 — 0 6 0 — 0 7 0 — 0 8 0 — 0 8.5 0 — 0 9 0 — 0 10 0 — 0 17 0 — 0 31 0 — 0

TABLE-US-00002 TABLE 2 Variation in Oxygen Concentration in First Container over Time Elapsed Oxygen Concentration (%) in First Container Day COMPARATIVE COMPARATIVE (Day) EXAMPLE 1 EXAMPLE 1 EXAMPLE 2 1 14.95 22.07 22.25 2 9.05 22.23 22.10 3 6.70 21.00 21.85 6 1.60 20.10 20.80 7 1.45 21.33 21.80 8 0.80 20.93 22.60 8.5 0.80 22.63 23.05 9 0.40 21.27 21.95 10 0.15 20.93 21.55 17 0 21.73 22.00 31 0 — 21.45

TABLE-US-00003 TABLE 3 Variation in Amount of Dissolved Oxygen in Injection Water over Time Elapsed Amount (mg/L) of Dissolved Oxygen in Injection Water Day COMPARATIVE COMPARATIVE (Day) EXAMPLE 1 EXAMPLE 1 EXAMPLE 2 1 5.51 8.76 8.57 2 3.36 8.42 8.34 3 2.67 8.47 8.71 6 0.62 7.74 7.91 7 0.53 8.47 8.70 8 0.30 8.46 8.71 8.5 0.28 8.45 8.62 9 0.16 8.46 8.75 10 0.06 8.35 8.56 17 0 8.48 8.58 31 0 — 8.82

TABLE-US-00004 Reference Signs List 10 L: liquid-containing combination container, 10: combination container, 20: container set, 21: oxygen absorber, 22: deoxygenated member, 30 L: liquid-containing first container, 30: first container, 32: container body, 33: opening portion, 34: stopper, 36: fixture, 40a: opening, 41a: first main film (first film), 41b: second main film (second film), 41c: first gusset film, 41d: second gusset film, 42: container body, 42a: container portion, 42b: flange portion, 44: lid, 59: supply pipe, 59a: discharge port, 60: syringe, 62: cylinder, 63: cylinder body, 64: needle, 66: piston, 67: piston body, 68: gasket, 69: cap, L: liquid

## Claims

1. A liquid-containing combination container comprising: a first container that contains a liquid; a tray that contains the first container, a second container that has an oxygen barrier property and that contains the tray that contains the first container; and an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container, wherein the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, wherein the stopper has oxygen permeability wherein an oxygen permeation amount of a cutout portion of the container body is  $1 \times 10^{\text{sup.} - 1}$  (mL/(day $\times$ atm)) or more in an atmosphere at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH, the cutout portion of the container body including the stopper and an around-portion around the stopper.
2. The liquid-containing combination container according to claim 1, wherein the second container is a film container.
3. The liquid-containing combination container according to claim 1, wherein the second container includes a film that includes a seal portion, wherein the seal portion can be seen in a direction in which an opening of the tray can be seen.
4. The liquid-containing combination container according to claim 1, wherein the tray includes a

recessed portion, a projecting portion, a hole, or a combination thereof.

**5.** The liquid-containing combination container according to claim 1, wherein the stopper contains silicone.

**6.** The liquid-containing combination container according to claim 1, wherein the oxygen absorber is located between the tray and the second container.

**7.** The liquid-containing combination container according to claim 1, wherein the tray includes a bottom wall and a side wall that is connected to the bottom wall, and wherein the side wall includes a first side wall portion that faces the stopper of the first container that is contained in the tray and a second side wall portion that faces the first side wall portion.

**8.** The liquid-containing combination container according to claim 7, wherein the oxygen absorber is located between the first side wall portion and the second container.

**9.** The liquid-containing combination container according to claim 7, wherein the tray further includes a flange portion that extends from the first side wall portion and the second side wall portion, and wherein in a state where the liquid-containing combination container is disposed on a placement surface such that the second side wall portion faces the placement surface with the second container interposed therebetween the flange portion is in contact with the second container positioned on the placement surface.

**10.** A container set comprising: a first container that contains a liquid, a tray that contains the first container, a second container that is capable of containing the tray that contains the first container and that has an oxygen barrier property; and an oxygen absorber that absorbs oxygen in the second container, wherein the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, wherein the stopper has oxygen permeability, and wherein an oxygen permeation amount of a cutout portion of the container body is  $1 \times 10^{-1}$  (mL/(day $\times$ atm)) or more in an atmosphere at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH, the cutout portion of the container body including the stopper and an around-portion around the stopper.

**11.** A method of manufacturing the liquid-containing container, comprising closing a second container that contains a tray that contains a first container; and adjusting an amount of oxygen in the first container, wherein the first container includes a container body that includes an opening portion and a stopper that closes the opening portion, wherein the first container contains a liquid, wherein the stopper has oxygen permeability, wherein an oxygen permeation amount of a cutout portion of the container body is  $1 \times 10^{-1}$  (mL/(day $\times$ atm)) or more in an atmosphere at a temperature of 23° C. and a humidity of 40% RH, the cutout portion of the container body including the stopper and an around-portion around the stopper, wherein the second container has an oxygen barrier property, and wherein in the adjusting the amount of oxygen, oxygen in the second container is absorbed by an oxygen absorber, oxygen in the first container permeates the first container, and an oxygen concentration in the first container reduces. tainer is closed is within four weeks.

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