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SIRUP CAN

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Fig. 1.

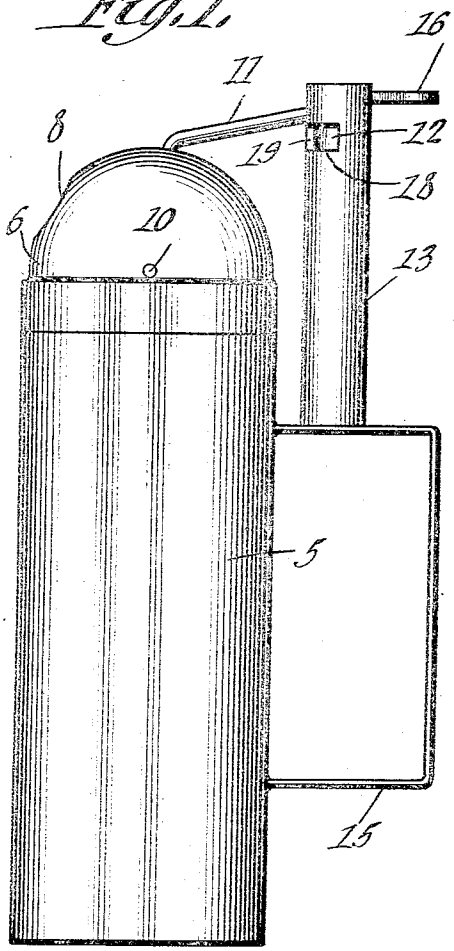


Fig. 2.

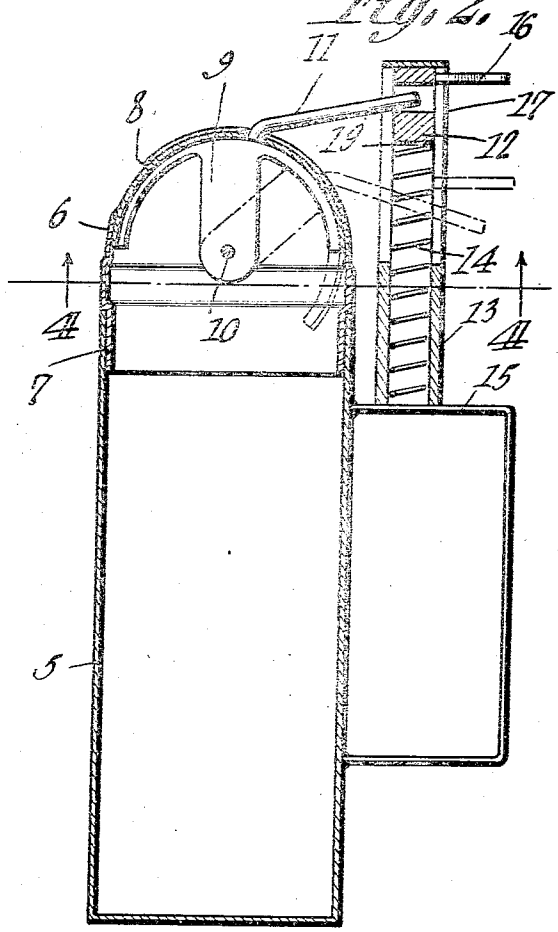


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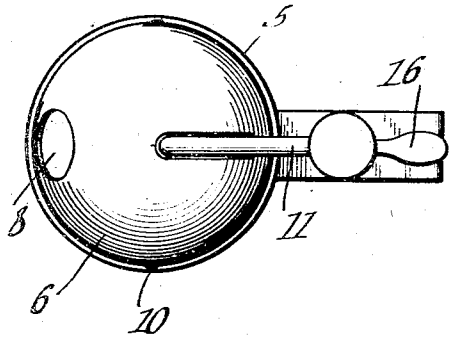
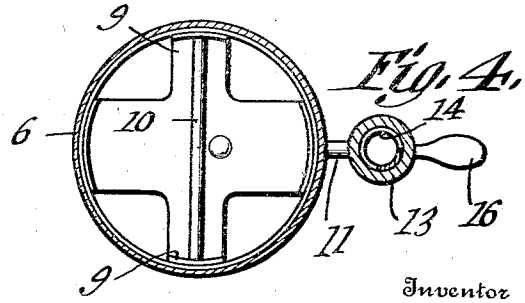


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VIRGIL B. NUCKOLS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elkton, in the county of Todd and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Sirup Can, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to kitchen and table articles and more particularly to a sirup container construction.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a closure for the container which will automatically move to its active or closing position when the operating mechanism employed for moving the closure to its open position has been released by the operator.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a container from which molasses or the like may be poured, the container being free of spouts or the like on which the substance may collect.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of the container constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the container.

Figure 3 is a plan view thereof.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the body portion of the container is indicated at 5, the same being preferably circular in cross section, however it is to be understood that the shape and size of the body portion may be changed to meet various requirements.

The cover is indicated at 6 and is formed with a reduced portion 7 permitting the cover to be positioned within the body portion 5 in a manner as shown by Figure 2 of the drawing. This cover is substantially dome-shaped and is provided with a circular opening 8 through which the contents of the container may be poured when the closure to be hereinafter more fully described has been moved to its inactive position.

The closure is also of a construction to conform to the dome-shaped cover 6 and as shown the closure is provided with depending arms 9 provided with openings to accommodate the shaft 10 that connects the opposite walls of the cover and at the same time provides a support for the pivoted closure. Secured to the closure and extending laterally therefrom, is a rod 11 which has its free end disposed within the opening of the sliding block 12 which is mounted in the elongated tubular member 13. Mounted within the tubular member 13 is a coiled spring 14 which has its upper end bearing against the block 12, the lower end thereof resting on the handle 15, so that as the member 12 is moved downwardly, the spring will be compressed to return the block 12 to its initial position when the block has been released.

A finger piece 16 extends from the block 12 the tubular member 13 being provided with a cut out portion 17 to permit the finger piece 16 to be moved longitudinally of the tubular member 13.

From the foregoing it will be seen that as the block 12 is moved downwardly by the thumb of the operator, the closure is moved to a position as illustrated in dotted lines to allow material to be poured through the opening 8 in the cover 6.

In order that the cover may be removed, a lateral cut out portion 18 is formed in the member 13 and communicates with the slot 19 formed in the forward portion of the tubular member 13, which slotted portion 19 acts as a guide for the rod 11.

It will be obvious that by moving the rod 11 downwardly to a position adjacent to the lateral cut out portion 18, the rod may be slightly turned to permit it to be moved together with the cover 6.

I claim:—

In a device of the character described, a body portion, a cover for the body portion having an opening, a pivoted closure mounted within the cover and adapted to normally close the opening, a rod extending from the cover, a handle portion, a tubular member extending upwardly from the handle por-

tion and having a cut out portion, said rod adapted to extend into the cut out portion, a sliding block in the tubular member and having an opening to accommodate the rod, a spring for normally urging the block to the limit of its upward movement, and means for operating the block to move the closure.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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