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CONDIMENT CONTAINER

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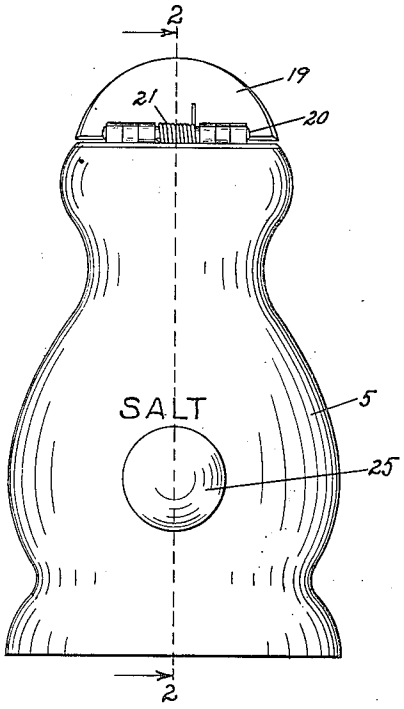


FIG. 1.

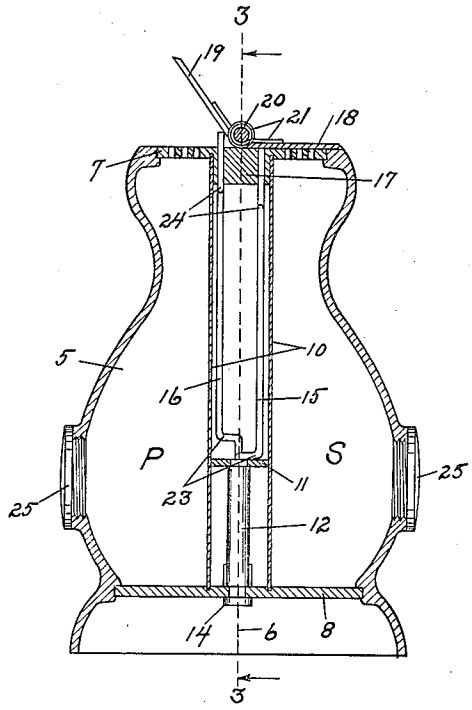


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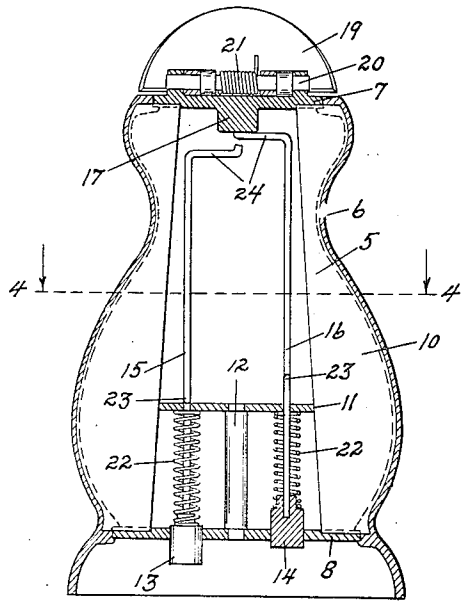


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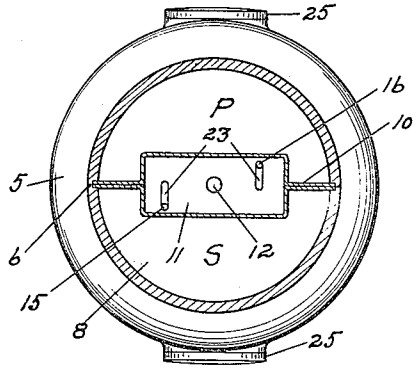


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMERIK GUBICH, a citizen of Hungary, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Condiment Containers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combination salt shaker and pepper dredge and the main object is to provide a container having two chambers, for salt and pepper, respectively, and means for opening either of said chambers so that the desired contents can be shaken out through the top thereof. Further objects will be disclosed in the course of the following specification and are illustrated in the structure shown in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevation of the device on an enlarged scale.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a diametrical section as seen substantially on the line 3—3 in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on the line 4—4 in Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawing by reference characters 5 designates the shell or casing of the device which is preferably made of two halves or sections, fluxed or welded together in a seam as at 6. A top or cover 7 and a bottom 8 are permanently secured in the ends of the casing by being fixed in annular recesses therein. The container is divided diametrically into two chambers S and P, by a hollow partition 10 consisting of two plates whose edges are seated in small grooves running around the inner sides of the casing 5, the top 7 and bottom 8.

Interposed between the plates of the hollow partition 10 is a flat bar 11, formed rigid with the base 8 by a connecting pin 12. A pair of push buttons 13 and 14 are slidably mounted in the base 8, and have rods 15 and 16, respectively, which project up through the bar 11, and continue up through a boss 17 (on the plate 7) to engage under lids 18 and 19, respectively, which are hingedly mounted on the cover 7, as at 20. The ends of a coil spring 21 engage against the lids 18 and 19, and hold them yieldably closed against the perforations in the cover 7.

A pair of springs 22 are interposed between the bar 11 and the buttons 13, 14, to hold the latter and the rods 15, 16 normally down. This downward movement is limited by a pair of offsets 23, in the rods 15, 16, while the upward movements of the rods are limited by a pair of offset shoulders 24, which engage against the boss 17. Each chamber P and S is provided with a filling hole having a removable cap 25.

The use and operation of the device may be briefly described as follows, it being understood that the chamber S contains salt and the chamber P contains pepper, or some other condiment. If salt is wanted the container is taken in the hand and turned up side down. The operator then pushes the proper button 13 or 14 (which may be marked to indicate S or P) until the corresponding lid 18 or 19 is opened, when by slight shaking the contents will be discharged as desired. When the button is released the spring 21 will restore the lid 18 to its closed position.

It is understood that suitable modifications may be made in the general design and structural details of this invention, provided, however that such modifications come within the spirit and scope of the appended claims. Having now therefore fully shown and described my invention, what I claim to be new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. In a condiment container having two chambers separated by a hollow partition, a pair of semi-circular lids closing the respective upper ends of said chambers, and hingedly mounted to swing from the same axis, spring means for normally closing the lids, and means for selectively opening the lids consisting of a pair of rods slidably mounted in said hollow partition and actuable from the bottom of the container, the upper ends of said rods extending through the top of the container for engagement against the respective lids.

2. In a condiment container having two chambers separated by a hollow partition, a pair of semi-circular lids closing the upper ends of said chambers, and hingedly

mounted to swing from the same axis, spring means for normally closing the lids, a pair of rods slidably mounted in the hollow partition and projecting below the container for manual manipulation, the upper ends of said rods slidably projecting through the upper end of the container for frictional engagement against the respective lids, and spring means for normally holding said rods out of engagement with the lids.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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