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Fig. 1.

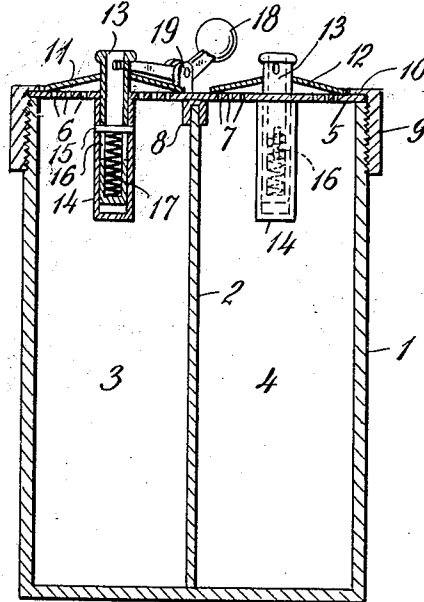


Fig. 2.

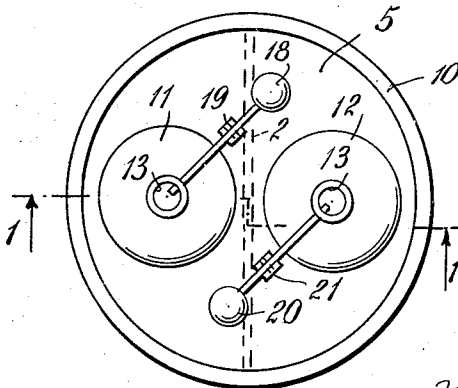


Fig. 4.

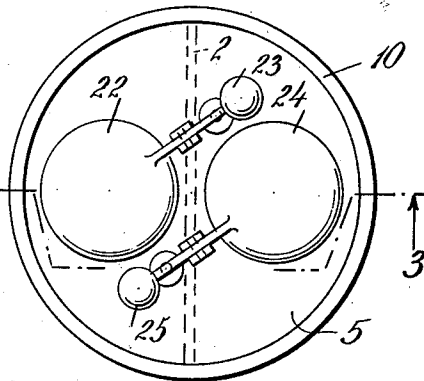
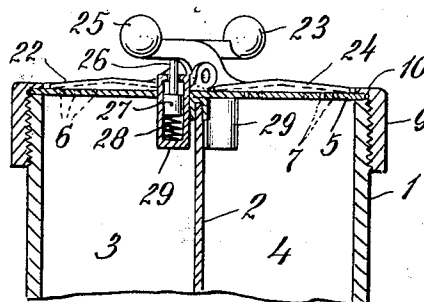


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to condiment holders, and has for its object to provide an improved container having a plurality of separate chambers or compartments for holding different condiments, such as salt, pepper, or the like, and having means for independently controlling discharge of the contents of each chamber.

At present the several condiments are usually held in separate containers which makes the spicing of food at the table rather inconvenient as it is necessary to pass and use at least two different holders when seasoning with both salt and pepper.

The invention comprises the novel features of construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and may be carried out in various forms. In the following specification I shall describe two embodiments of the invention, but it is to be understood that I do not limit myself thereto, as other modifications may be made without departing from the scope of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 is a vertical section of one form of the invention, taken on the line 1—1 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of said form;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section of a modified form, partly broken away, on the line 3—3 of Fig. 4; and,

Fig. 4 is a top plan view thereof.

Referring to the drawings, 1 is an open top hollow container, of glass, metal, or other material, having a solid vertical wall or partition 2 that divides the interior into two separate chambers or compartments 3 and 4, each intended to hold a different condiment, such as salt and pepper. The chambers may be of equal or different size, and in some instances it may be desirable to have the chamber intended to hold salt slightly larger than that for the pepper, as more salt than pepper is generally used in seasoning foods.

5 is the cover of the container having apertures 6 for outlet of the contents of chamber 3, and similar apertures 7 for outlet of the contents of the other chamber 4. A channel 8 is secured to the underside of the cover

and fits over the top edge of the wall 2 to locate properly the discharge apertures of the cover with respect to the chambers.

The cover is detachably secured to the container in any suitable manner so that it may be readily removed when desired to fill the chambers with the condiments. To this end I prefer to employ a threaded sleeve or securing member 9 that screws onto the top of the container and has an annular flange or bent edge 10 which rests on the cover to hold it in place. In removing the cover, it is merely necessary to unscrew the sleeve 9 and then lift off the cover 5.

Discharge of the contents of each chamber is independently controlled by a separate valve. One form of valve is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, in which the valve-caps are held against their seats by a spring device, and are mounted to move vertically. Another form is illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, wherein the valve-caps are also held on their seats by spring pressure, but are mounted for tilting motion.

In the form of construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the valve for the chamber 3 comprises a cap 11 which seats on the cover 5 and closes the outlet apertures 6, while the valve of chamber 4 similarly comprises a cap 12 that closes the apertures 7. Each cap, respectively, is secured to a stem 13 in the form of a hollow cylinder having a closed bottom, which stem passes through an opening in the cover. Secured to the underside of the cover is a second hollow cylinder 14, also with a closed bottom, which cylinder serves as a housing to guide the valve-stem vertically. A pin 15 is secured at its ends in the housing 14 and passes transversely through diametrically opposite slots 16 in the stem 12. A spring 17 is located in the lower portion of the stem, below the pin 15, to hold the valve on its seat. A handle or lever 18, pivoted to the cover at 19, is provided to raise the valve-cap 11 from its seat, while a similar handle 20, pivoted at 21, is provided for independently lifting the valve-cap 12.

In the modification shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the valve-cap 22 is fixed to one end of the handle or lever 23, while the cap 24 is sup-

ported on a similar lever 25. Extending down from each lever is a rod 26 having an enlarged foot 27 that rests on a spring 28 held in the bottom of the casing or cylinder 29 secured to the cover 5. The spring 28, acting through the rod 26, holds the valve cap against its seat and returns it to that position after it has been raised by depressing the handle or lever.

As the valve caps are held tightly on their seats by spring pressure, clogging of the outlet openings through hygroscopic action on the salt or pepper is prevented. Said caps are preferably slightly dome-shaped as shown, that is, they may be somewhat concave in section. This form further assures of tight closing because any grains of salt, pepper or other condiment that may remain on the cover will gather within the cap and will not prevent its edge from closing down firmly on the cover.

What I claim is:—

1. In a condiment holder a cover having a group of perforations, an exterior dome shaped cap for covering said group of perforations, said cap being movable vertically relatively to said cover, and means for controlling the movement of said cap comprising a vertically movable spring pressed plunger acting to maintain said cap against the cover, and a manually actuated lever for moving the cap against the pressure of the spring.

2. In a condiment holder, a cover having a group of perforations, a cap for covering said group of perforations, said cap being movable vertically relatively to said cover, and means for controlling the movement of said cap comprising a plunger cylinder carried within the holder, a spring pressed plunger carried by said cylinder and acting to maintain said cap against the cover, and a manually actuated lever for moving the cap against the action of said plunger.

3. In a condiment holder, a container divided into compartments, a detachable cover having a group of perforations for each compartment, a cap covering each group and mounted on the cover to open outwards, a hollow stem having a closed bottom extending downwardly from the cap through the cover, a spring within the stem pressing against its closed bottom to hold the cap in its closed position firmly down on the cover, and a lever attached to the cap and pivotally mounted on the cover for raising the cap vertically to open position.

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