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Fig. 1.

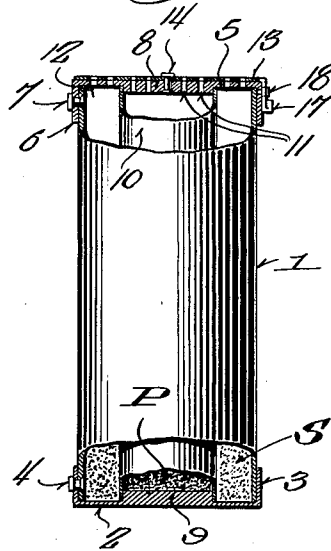


Fig. 2.

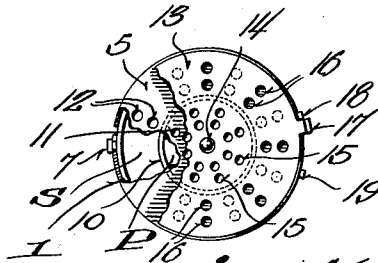
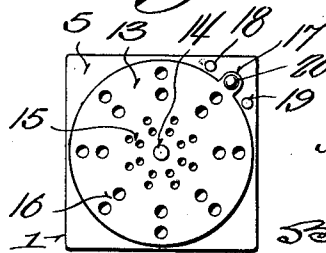


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED E. KAEMPF, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Condiment-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates broadly to new and useful improvements in condiment holders, and more particularly to salt and pepper shakers.

The principal object of the invention is to simplify the construction and increase the efficiency with a consequent reduction in the cost of manufacture of devices of this character.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a device of this character which can be quickly and easily separated into its several elements to permit thorough cleansing of the internal portions of the parts.

Still another object is to provide a device of this character so arranged that one compartment is located within the other compartment and disposed centrally thereof. The device is also provided with means whereby the series of outlet openings from one compartment will be closed when the series from the other compartment is open and vice versa.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain peculiarities of construction, combination and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 represents a side elevational view of a condiment holder constructed in accordance with my invention, certain parts of the same being broken away and in section.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the parts shown in Fig. 1, and

Fig. 3 is a similar view of a modified form of container.

Referring more particularly to the drawing wherein similar reference characters denote like parts throughout the several views, 1 indicates an outer container preferably tubular and opened at both ends. In plan or cross sectional views this container may be circular as shown in Fig. 2, or square as in Fig. 3, or of any other desired configuration and is of any appropriate height. This container is provided with a bottom 2 having

vertically extending walls 3 formed at its peripheral edge, such walls being adapted to engage the outer surface of the container as shown in Fig. 1. This last mentioned figure illustrates the round container, and in such a case the bottom 2 is detachably held thereon by a conventional bayonet joint 4. When other shapes of containers are used the bottom may be secured in any other desired or convenient way.

The top cap or cover 5 is substantially similar to the bottom 2, it being provided with a depending peripheral wall 6 engaging the outer surface of the container around its upper open end. This cover is also detachably secured to the container in any preferred manner such as by the bayonet joint 7 shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The cover is further provided with a depending centrally disposed circular boss 8, and formed on the bottom 2 is a similar up-standing boss 9, said bosses being vertically alined.

Within the outer container 1 is disposed an inner tubular container 10 which is open at both ends, one end being adapted to surround the boss 8 while the other end is similarly engaged with the boss 9. The inner container is of such length that when its opposite ends are engaged with said bosses its end edges will contact with the bottom and top respectively as shown in Fig. 1. Such an arrangement provides a pair of compartments, the inner pepper containing compartment P being positioned concentric to the outer salt containing compartment S which thus surrounds the inner container 10.

Outlet from the inner compartment P is provided through a centrally disposed series of perforations 11 formed through the cover 5 and the boss 8, and surrounding this series is an outer series of perforations 12 which provide outlets from the outer compartment S. The opening and closing of the two series of perforations is controllable at the will of the user of the device by means of a valve disk 13 which is centrally pivoted as at 14 upon the cover 5. The disk 13 has an inner series of apertures 15 surrounding the pivot 14, and an external series of apertures 16. The first series of apertures is adapted to align with the inner series of perforations 11 when the finger piece 17 engages a stop 18, the series of apertures 16 then being out of registration with the series of perforations 12. When, however, the finger piece engages a stop 19 openings from the outer com-

partment S in the cover and disk will be in registration, whereas those from the inner compartment P will be out of alinement. When the finger piece is midway the stops 5 18 and 19 the outlets from both compartments will be closed. Any means may be provided in conjunction with the finger piece for holding the valve disk in its intermediate position; such a means being shown at 10 20 in Fig. 3.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing it will be seen that a very simply constructed condiment holder has been produced and one 15 which can be readily disassembled for thoroughly cleaning all parts. Most devices of this character are so constructed that access to the interior is very difficult. The present invention on the other hand aims to permit 20 all portions to be reached. Another feature which I consider an important part of my invention is the simple arrangement for holding the several parts in proper relation to each other.

25 I claim:—

A device of the class described comprising a cylindrical tubular container open at its opposite ends, a bottom for the outer container having a laterally directed annular 30 peripheral flange for snug engagement with the lower end of the container, means carried by the container for detachable en-

gagement with the flange to secure the bottom thereto, a boss on said bottom and extending in the direction of the flange, said 35 boss being concentric with the latter, a top for the outer container having a laterally directed annular peripheral flange for snug engagement with the upper end of the container, means carried by the container for 40 detachable engagement with the flange to secure the top thereto, a boss on said top and extending in the direction of the flange, said boss being concentric with the latter and of the same diameter as the first men- 45 tioned boss, said bosses being alined, said top and the boss having a series of apertures extending therethrough, a cover plate pivoted to the top for closing said apertures, and a cylindrical tubular inner container of 50 the same length as the outer container and of the same inner diameter as the bosses, said container being open at its opposite ends and disposed within the outer container and having its opposite ends removably seated 55 around said bosses whereby upon removal of the top and bottom the inner and outer containers may be separated and cleaned.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Rockford, in 60 the county of Winnebago, and State of Illinois.

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