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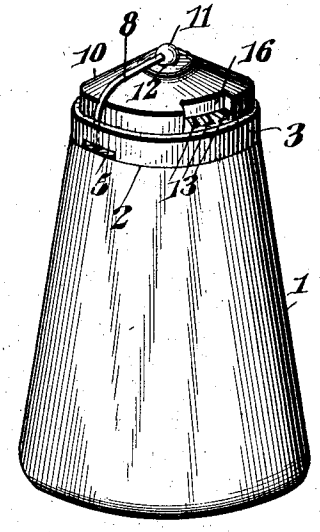


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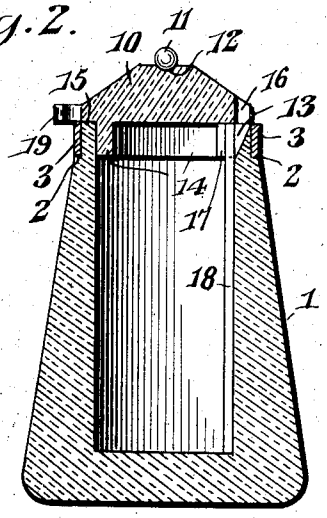


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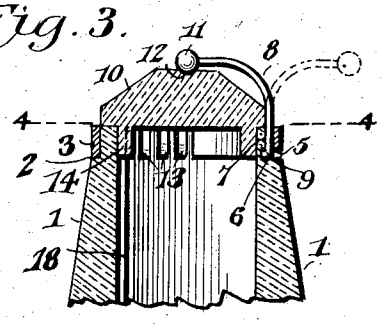


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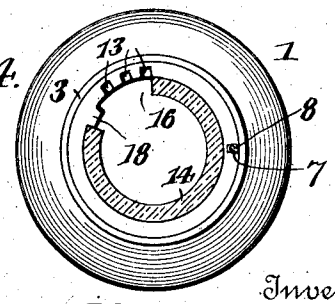
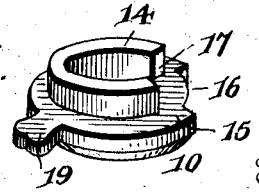


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BAKER WILLIAMSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Condiment-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in condiment-holders.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of condiment-holders and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one designed particularly for use as a salt or pepper shaker and adapted to prevent its contents from coming in contact with metallic substances and capable of effectually closing the apertures to prevent the discharge of its contents.

A further object of the invention is to provide a condiment-holder of this character in which the means for securing the cap to the body of the receptacle will also enable the cap to be readily adjusted to expose and cut off the apertures and also permit the ready removal of the cap.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction within the scope of the claims may be restored to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a condiment-holder constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the upper portion of the condiment-holder, the section being taken at right angles to Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken substantially on the line 4 4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the cap.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates the body of the condiment-holder, which body is constructed of glass or other suitable material which will not affect salt, pepper, or other contents of the device. The body is provided at its upper edge with an exterior annular groove 2, in which is cemented a band 3, constructed of suitable metal and arranged as shown.

The metallic band is provided at one side with a recess or cut-away portion 5, located at the lower edge of the band and disposed opposite a recess 6, which is formed in the body and which terminates short of the inner face thereof. The body is also provided with a groove 7, extending upward from the recesses 5 and 6 and receiving the lower portion of an approximately L-shaped spring 8. The spring 8 is provided at its lower end with a projecting portion or lug 9, which operates in the recesses to permit the upper portion of the spring to swing horizontally into and out of engagement with a cap 10.

The spring 8 is provided at its upper end with a ball-shaped head 11, which engages the cap at the center thereof, and the said cap is provided at its center with a depression or concavity 12, which forms a bearing for the ball 11. The upper arm of the spring is adapted to be swung into and out of engagement with the cap to permit the latter to be removed from the body, and it also constitutes a pivot for the cap to enable the same to be rotated to cover or expose a plurality of apertures 13.

The apertures 13 consist of half holes or grooves formed in the body at the inner face of the same and extending downward from the upper edge and tapering in width or transverse depth, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The cap is provided with a depending annular flange 14, which is spaced from the peripheral edge of the cap to form a projecting horizontal flange or portion 15, which is adapted to rest upon the upper edge of the body. The projecting peripheral portion or flange 15 of the cap is cut away at 16 to expose the outer ends of the discharge-apertures 13, and the depending annular flange is also cut away at 17 to expose the inner portions of the said apertures. The cap is adapted to be partially rotated to cover and uncover the apertures 13. When the apertures 13 are covered a double cut-off is provided, as the said apertures are covered at their inner portions by the depending annular flange 14 and at their outer ends by the projecting peripheral portion 15.

The rotary movement of the cap is limited by a vertical rib 18, arranged on the inner face of the body and preferably formed integral with the same and extending into the cut-away portion 17 of the depending annular flange

14 when the cap is in place on the body of the device. The end walls of the recess or cut-away portion are arranged to engage the rib to form stops for the cap, which is provided with a projecting handle portion 19, by means of which the cap may be readily rotated to cover and uncover the discharge-apertures.

The discharge-apertures may be of any desired number and may be of any size to adapt the device for use as a salt or pepper shaker or for any other substance.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A device of the class described, comprising a body, a cap mounted for rotary movement on the body, and a spring mounted on the body and extending over and engaging the cap and movable into and out of engagement with the same, the engaging portion of the spring forming a pivot for the said cap.

2. A device of the class described, comprising a body, a cap mounted on the body for rotary movement and provided with a central depression or concavity forming a bearing, and a spring pivotally mounted on the body and extending upwardly and inwardly over the cap and provided at its upper end with a head fitting in the said bearing to form a pivot for the cap, said spring serving to retain the cap on the body and being adapted to be swung out of engagement with the former to permit the removal of the same.

3. A device of the class described, comprising a body having an exterior recess, a band secured to the body and arranged on the exterior thereof, and having a recess located opposite that of the body, a cap, and a spring extending between the band and the body and having a lug or projecting portion operating in the said recesses, said spring being extended upwardly and inwardly over the cap and engaging the same to retain the cap on the body, said spring being also adapted to be swung into and out of engagement with the cap.

4. A device of the class described, comprising a body provided at its inner face with a groove extending downwardly from the upper edge of the body and forming a discharge-aperture, and a rotary cap having a depending flange spaced from the periphery of the cap and arranged to cover the inner side of the said aperture, and carried to and from such position by the rotary movement of the cap, the outer portion of the cap being arranged upon the upper edge of the body for closing the aperture at the top and being cut away to provide an opening for exposing the aperture.

5. A device of the class described, comprising a body provided at its inner face with a groove arranged at the upper edge of the body to form a discharge-aperture, and a rotary cap arranged on the upper edge of the body and having a substantially annular flange extending into the same and cut away to expose the aperture, said flange being also arranged to cover the inner side of the aperture, and the said cap being also cut away at the outer edge to provide an opening for exposing the aperture.

6. A device of the class described comprising a body provided at its inner face with a groove arranged at the upper edge of the body to form a discharge-aperture, a rib also arranged at the inner face of the body and spaced from the groove, and a rotary cap fitted upon the body and having a depending substantially annular flange arranged within the body, the outer edge of the cap and the adjacent portion of the flange being cut away to expose the said aperture, and the said rib extending into the cut-away portion of the flange and forming a stop for limiting the rotary movement of the same.

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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