

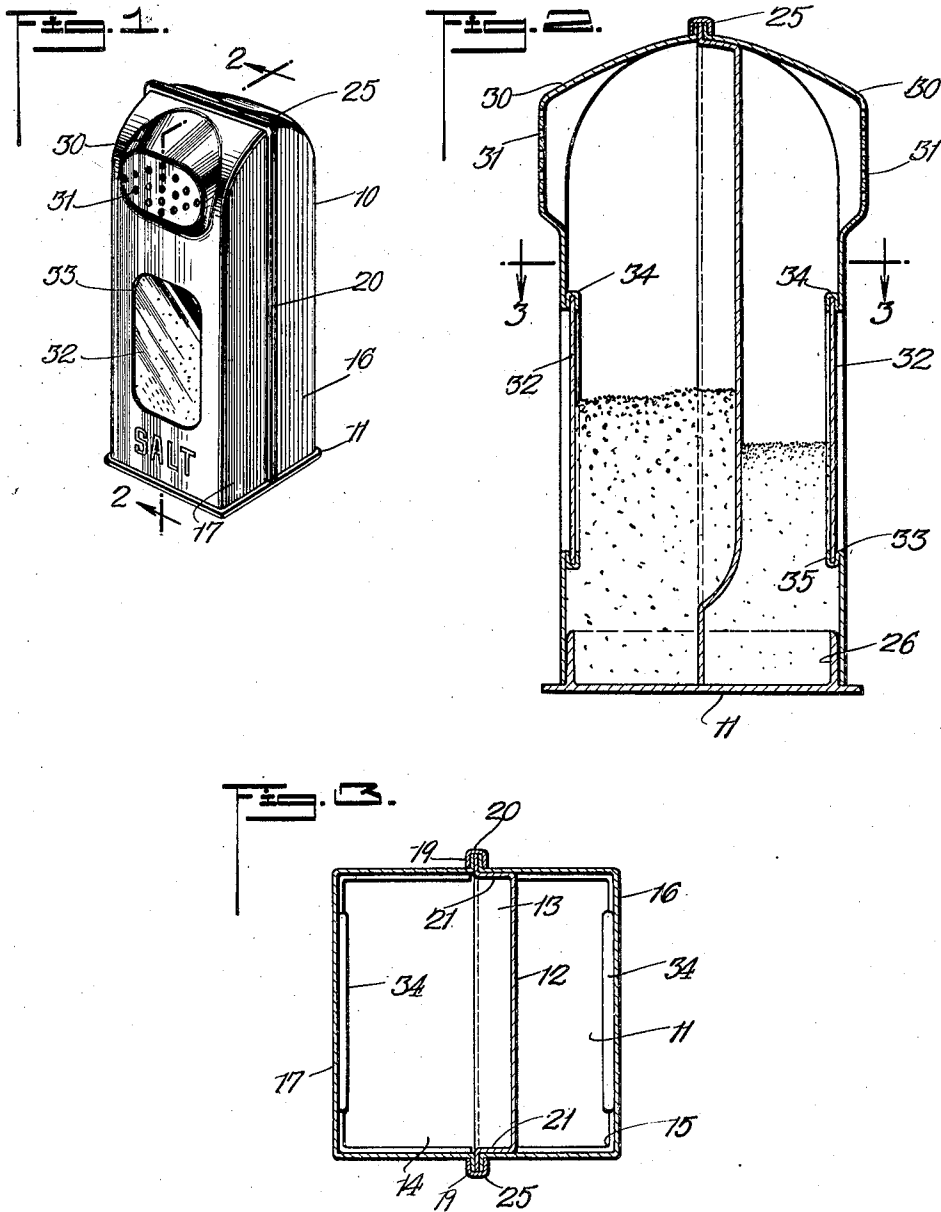
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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in condiment holders and dispensers, and more particularly it pertains to a combined salt and pepper shaker.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to provide a new and novel form of combination condiment holder which will be highly efficient in operation and which will be of relatively cheap manufacture.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a novel construction whereby a device of the aforementioned character may be easily manufactured.

A still further object of the invention resides in a novel construction whereby the contents of the condiment holder are visible from the exterior thereof.

With the above and other objects in view, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing, wherein;

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a condiment holder constructed in accordance with the present invention,

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof on an enlarged scale taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, and

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the device comprises a main body portion 10 having a removable bottom 11 and the main body portion 10 is divided by means of a partition 12 which is offset adjacent its lower end as indicated at 13 and divides the main body portion into two compartments 14 and 15 of which the latter is the smaller. The partition is so positioned that the offset portion 13 is centrally positioned at the open end of the body and provides filling openings of like sizes for the two compartments.

The main body portion consists of two suitably shaped members 16 and 17 each having an open side. Each of these members 16 and 17 is provided with a flange or the like 19 which defines its open side and is of an outstanding character.

The partition 12 heretofore mentioned is provided with a flange upon its defining edge, and said flange is adapted in the assembly of the two members 16 and 17 to occupy a position between the flanges 19 of said members, and this flange is designated 20 in the drawing. The offset portion 13 of the partition 12 is provided with a portion 21 which occupies a position preferably in close contact with the side walls of the member into which the partition is off-set as best illustrated in Figure 3.

Means is provided to secure or retain the members 16 and 17 in position to form the main body portion 10, and in the present illustration of the invention, this means comprises a channel shaped member 25 which is adapted to embrace the flanges 19 of the members 16 and 17 and to be crimped into holding engagement with said flanges. It will be noted that these flanges and the holding means extend throughout the length of both sides of the main body portion and across the top thereof leaving the bottom of the main body portion open for the purpose of being closed by the removable cover or member 11 and thus affording means by which the compartments may be filled with the condiment. The closure member 11 may be secured within the open end of the body portion in any desired manner, but I prefer not to secure it in except by frictional contact of a flange or like construction 26 which enters into the open end of the body portion and has frictional engagement with the inner face of the side walls thereof. Two opposed sides of the flange 26 are slotted to accommodate the lower offset portion 13 of the partition 12.

Each of the members 16 and 17 is provided with a spout like portion 30 which is perforated as at 31 and the perforations 31 of these spout like portions 30 provide means by which the condiment may be discharged from the main body portion of the device.

Each of the compartments 14 and 15 is provided in one of its side walls with a display window 32 and these display windows may be made of any suitable transparent sheet material. The display windows consist of an opening 33 formed in the side wall of each receptacle and defining each of these openings 33 there is a flange or the like 34 which is crimped or otherwise bent as at 35 to receive the transparent member 32 and retain the same in position in the display opening 33. By this means the contents of the compartment are at all times visible from the exterior of the device.

The device operates in the following manner:—

The closure member 11 which forms the bottom of the body portion is removed and the condiment ordinarily salt and pepper are placed in their respective compartments, the salt being placed in the larger compartment and the pepper in the smaller compartment. After this has been done, the closure member 11 is replaced to close the open end of the body portion and retain the condiments in their respective compartments. In use, the device is inverted, and when shaken by the hand the condiment will be discharged

from the compartment which is positioned downwardly, the condiment passing through the perforations 31 in the spout like portions 30.

By reason of the sight openings, the volume of condiment in each compartment may be ascertained merely by glancing through the said sight openings.

While the invention has been herein disclosed in a preferred form, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific construction herein illustrated and that it may be practiced in other forms without departing from the spirit thereof.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and what it is desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is;

1. A combined salt and pepper shaker comprising a body portion open at its bottom end formed of two sections each having an open side, an outstanding flange defining the open side of each of said sections, and a partition dividing the body portion into two compartments, portions bent from opposite sides of said partition in contact with opposed side walls of said body, a flange defining the side and top edges of said partition

and adapted to be received between the flanges of the sections, said partition having an offset portion extending throughout the major portion of its length whereby the body portion is divided into two compartments of unequal size and filling openings of equal size, and a removable closure member closing the open bottom of said body.

2. A combined salt and pepper shaker comprising a body portion open at its bottom and formed of two sections, each section having an open side, perforated spout like portions formed integral with the two sections in opposed walls and adjacent the top thereof, a partition interposed between the open sides of said sections and extending the full length thereof, means securing said sections together with the partition therebetween, and a single closure member provided with a continuous inwardly extending flange for frictional engagement with the inner walls of said sections, said flange having two opposed sides provided with inwardly extending slots for receiving the lower end of said partition.

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