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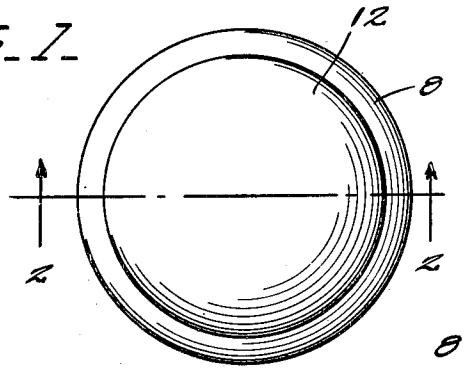


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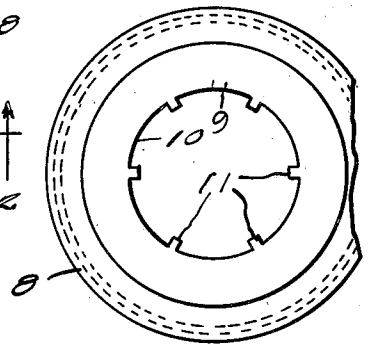


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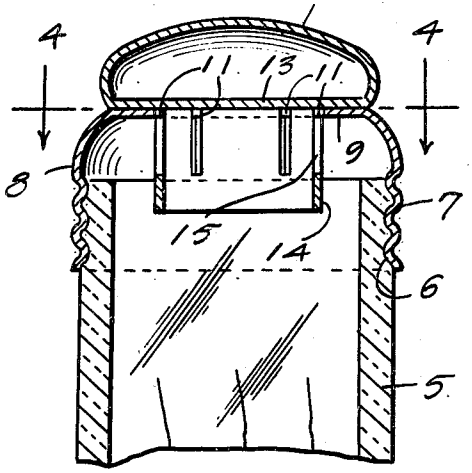
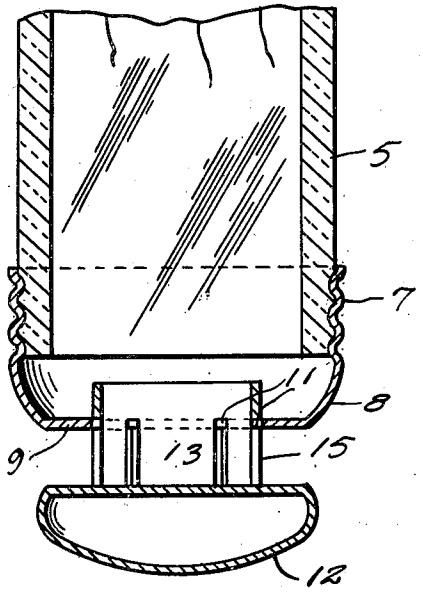


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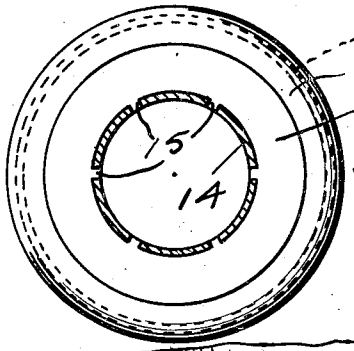
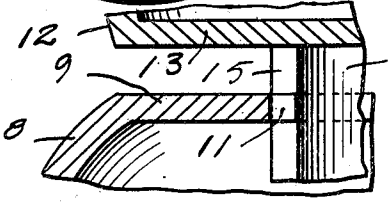


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The present invention relates to condiment holders, such as are customarily used for salt, pepper and other seasonings.

An important object of the invention is to provide a holder which will substantially prevent the formation of clogs, especially in the instance of salt, the device operating when inverted and shaken to always maintain the salt loose and lumpless.

Another object of the invention is to provide a condiment holder especially constructed for agitating and breaking up lumps of salt as the latter is dispensed through the dispensing openings thereof.

A further object of the invention is to provide a condiment holder head or top structure which may be bought independently of conventional receptacles, thus permitting the improved head structure to be bought by householders and others, to be applied to the containers they presently have on hand.

Still a further object of the invention is to provide a condiment holder which can be easily constructed and which will retail at a very nominal price.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to the reader of the following description.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a top plan view:

Figure 2 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view showing the shaker inverted and the head portion of the cap in contents discharging position;

Figure 4 is a section taken on line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is an enlarged fragmentary detailed sectional view through the cap and head structure, showing the cap slightly elevated;

Figure 6 is a top plan view of the head portion with the cap removed.

Referring to the drawing, numeral 5 denotes a container preferably cylindrical and which may be of transparent material, such as glass or plastic. The upper open end of the container has external threads 6 with which engage the thread formed skirt 7 of an annular head structure 8, the upper portion of this head structure 8 being curved inwardly and provided with a top 9. The

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top 9 has a circular opening 10 and projecting into this opening from the top 9 are axially directed lugs 11.

Numeral 12 is a convex shaped and perhaps hollow body having a flat bottom 13, from which depends a skirt 14 snugly slidable through the opening 10 of the top 9, and this skirt 14 has longitudinal slots 15 extending from the bottom 13 to a point adjacent the lower edge of the skirt 14, the slots 15 receiving the lugs 11 and serving as openings through which the contents of the container 5 can be shaken, as when the device is inverted to the position shown in Figure 3.

The closure body 12 has its bottom resting flatly on the top 9, when the holder is in upright position, this serving to exclude moisture from reaching the contents of the container 5. When the container is inverted, as shown in Figure 3, the contents will fall into the skirt 14 and be caused to run out through the slots 15 by a shaking motion of the holder, and any lumps that may form and lodge in the slots, are broken into grains during the up and down movement of the body 12 by the lugs 11 which move longitudinally in the slots 15 and serve to clean the slots as well as limiting longitudinal movement of the closure.

Upon return of the holder to an upright position, the closure body 12 will return to a position resting upon the top 9, thus closing off the interior of the container against the admission of moisture.

While the foregoing description sets forth the invention in specific terms, it is to be understood that numerous changes in the shape, size and materials may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed hereinafter.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A condiment holder comprising a container having its upper end open, a head removably carried by the upper end of said container and a top wall formed with an opening and with lugs spaced from each other circumferentially of the said opening and extending inwardly thereof, a closure having a body formed with a solid bottom normally resting flat against the top wall of said head to close the opening therein, and an annular skirt extending downwardly from the body and fitting snugly in the opening and being

slidable longitudinally through the said opening, said skirt being formed with longitudinally extending slots spaced from each other circumferentially of the skirt, said lugs fitting into said slots and serving to limit outward longitudinal movement of the skirt through the opening and constituting members for removing clogged material lodged in the slots.

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