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Fig. 1.

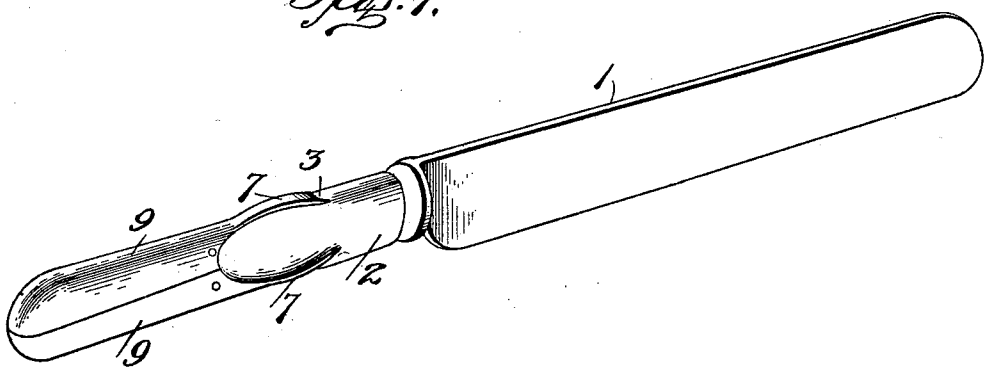


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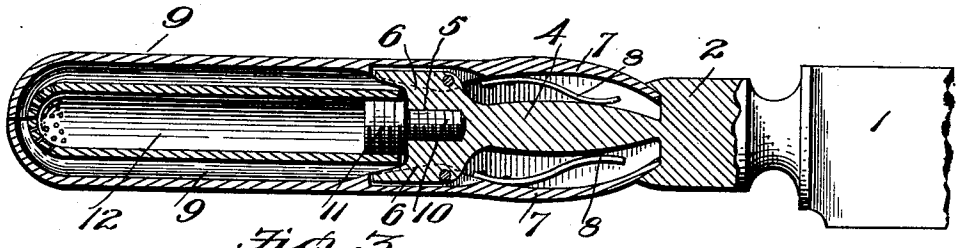
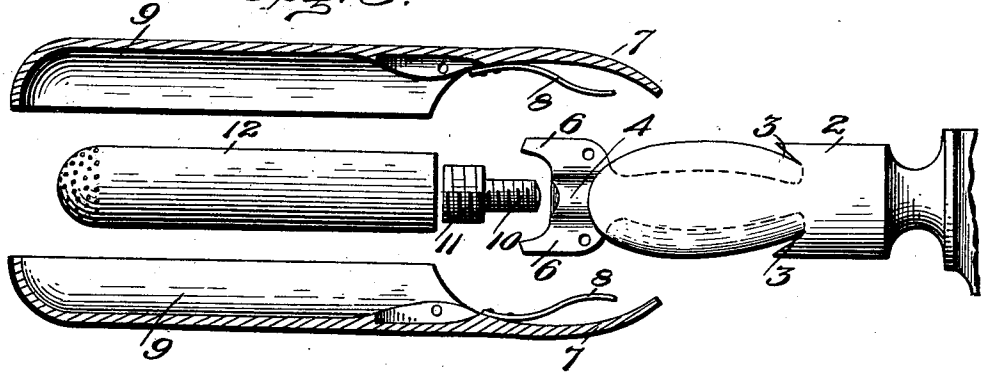


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MADS LAURITZ HANSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Condiment-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to a condiment-holder.

The object of the invention is to provide a condiment-holder, combined with the handle of a knife, fork, or spoon, which may be readily removed for the purpose of refilling and which when in place will not interfere with the manipulation of the knife, fork, or spoon for the purpose for which they are employed.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved condiment-holder. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view, and Fig. 3 is a view of the parts separated.

I will now proceed to describe the construction and operation of my invention, in which I have shown it applied to a case-knife.

In the drawings, 1 denotes the blade of the case-knife, provided with a head 2, formed with lips 3 and a shank 4, the free end of which is provided with a central screw-threaded aperture 5 and the opposite sides of which are provided with lugs 6.

7 denotes two clamping-jaws pivoted to the lugs 6 and having their inner ends shielded by the lips 3. Leaf-springs 8 are riveted to the inner ends of the jaws and have their free ends bearing upon the opposite sides of the shank and serve to force the extreme inner ends of the jaws firmly against the lips 3.

9 denotes the handle-sections, which are semi-elliptical in cross-section, or substantially so, to form, when their edges are brought together, an inclosing casing. These handle-sections are preferably extensions of the jaws.

10 denotes a plug which is screwed into the aperture 5 of the shank and is provided with an externally-screw-threaded head 11, upon which the filling end of the cruet 12 is adapted to be secured. This cruet is provided at its outer end with minute perforations for the discharge of such condiment as it may contain. When in place between the handle-sections, the cruet is entirely inclosed. When it is desired to shake the condiment out of the perforated end of the cruet, the jaws are grasped at their inner ends and compressed, thus separating the handle-sections at their outer ends and permitting the condiment to be shaken from the cruet. When pressure is removed from the inner ends of the jaws, the handle-sections return to their normal position and close around the cruet. To fill the cruet, the outer ends of the handle-sections are separated, as before described, thus permitting the cruet to be unscrewed from the head of the screw-threaded stud and removed from between the handle-sections and refilled.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, operation, and advantages of my improved condiment-holder will be readily apparent without requiring an extended explanation.

It will be seen that the device is simple of construction, that said construction permits of its manufacture at small cost, and that it is exceedingly well adapted for the purpose for which it is designed, and it will of course be understood that various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

1. The combination with a head of a table article such as herein described; said head being provided with a shank, spring-actuated jaws pivoted to said shank, a cruet removably connected to said shank, and handle-sections projecting from said jaws and adapted to inclose said cruet, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with a head of a table article such as herein described; said head being provided with a shank having a screw-

threaded socket, a plug screwed to said socket and provided with a head, spring-actuated jaws pivoted to said shank, a cruet removably secured to the head of said plug, and handle-sections projecting from said jaws and adapted to inclose the cruet, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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