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Fig. 1.

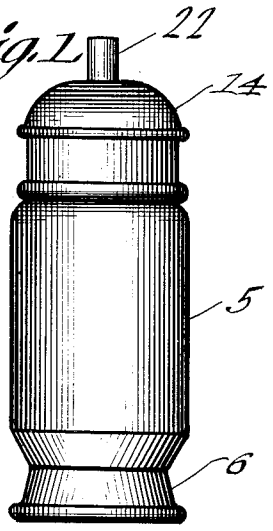


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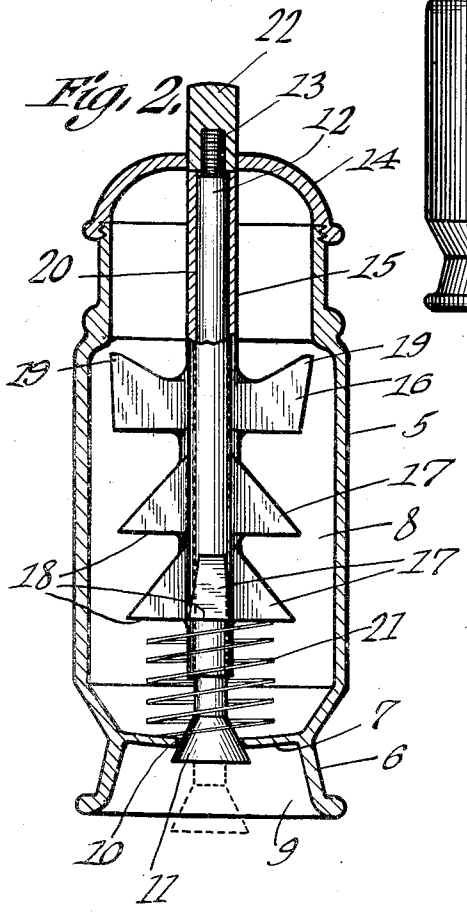


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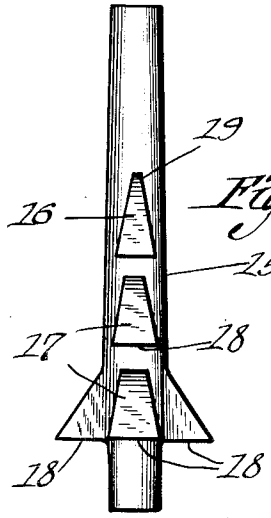
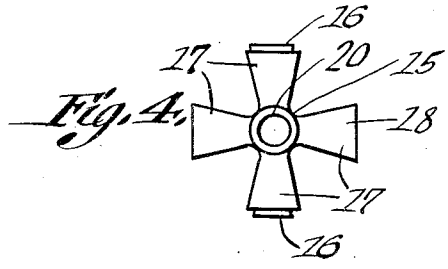


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER SERVICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Condiment-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to condiment holders and more particularly to salt dispensing devices for table use.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this character to cause the salt contained in the holder to be maintained in a pulverized condition at all times to insure against the salt within the container from becoming clogged.

A further object of the invention is to provide a condiment holder constructed to discharge material from the bottom thereof, thus eliminating the necessity of inverting the holder, to cause the discharge of the material contained therein.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:—

Figure 1 illustrates a side elevational view of a device constructed in accordance with the present invention,

Fig. 2 illustrates a longitudinal sectional view through the same,

Fig. 3 illustrates an elevational view of the agitating device employed in connection with the condiment holder, and

Fig. 4 illustrates a bottom plan view of the same.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the device is shown as including the hollow body portion 5, constructed of any suitable material, the lower portion thereof being provided with an annular supporting flange, 6, the bottom 7, separating the body from the supporting flange 6, to provide an upper compartment 8 and a lower compartment 9.

A discharge opening 10, is formed in the bottom 7, the same preferably being circular in formation, to accommodate the cone shaped closure 11, the side walls thereof adapted to contact with the walls of the opening 10 to close the opening 10 and prevent the discharge of material from the upper compartment 8, when the closure 11 is in its normal position.

The closure 11, is formed on the lower end of the rod 12, which is of a length to extend the entire length of the compartment 8, the upper end thereof being threaded as at 13 and lies in a plane above the removable top 14, forming a part of the condiment holder.

An agitating member 15, includes the laterally extending agitating elements 16 and 17, formed on opposite sides of the member 15 and disposed in spaced relation throughout the length thereof, the agitating member 17 having relatively flat surfaces 18 disposed toward the bottom of the body portion while the upper agitating elements 16 are provided with upwardly extending cutting members 19. It will thus be seen that when the agitating member 15 is moved longitudinally of the compartment 8, the material is engaged by the agitating elements 16 and 17, on both movements of the same, within the compartment 8, thereby pulverizing or loosening the material contained in the compartment 8 to allow the same to discharge freely to the opening 10 formed in the bottom of the receptacle.

This agitating member 15, is also provided with a longitudinal bore 20, formed throughout the length thereof and accommodates the rod 12, the lower portion of the agitating member 15 extending beyond the lower surface of the agitating element 17 to provide a support for the coiled spring 21, the upper end of said coiled spring contacting with the lower surface of the agitating elements 17, while the lower end of the coiled spring 21 lies on the bottom of the container and has a tendency to normally force the agitating member 15 toward the upper end of the body 5, the agitating member 15 being restricted in such upward movement by means of the closure 11. The agitating member is provided with a threaded bore adapted to receive the threaded end of the rod 12, the head 22 being of a length to extend a considerable distance above the removable top 14 to be engaged by the thumb of an operator to cause the discharge of material from the body.

In the operation of the device, it is only necessary to press the head 22, which causes a longitudinal movement of the agitating

member 15 with relation to the body 5, with the result that simultaneously with the opening of the bottom of the holder, the agitating elements 16 and 17 are moved through the body portion 5. It follows that material within the container drops therefrom through the opening 10, and the coiled spring 21 exerting a pressure against the agitating member, causes the same to move upwardly therein, thus closing the opening 10, and moving the member 22 to a position to be again manipulated by the operator.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

In a condiment holder, a body portion having an apertured bottom, a removable top having an aperture in the center thereof secured to the upper end of the body portion, a rod extending through the body portion and having a threaded upper end, the lower end of said rod having a cone-shaped enlargement on one edge thereof, said cone-shaped enlargement adapted to fit within the opening in the bottom of the body portion, an agitating member having a threaded bore to receive the threaded end of the rod, said agitating member adapted to be positioned over the rod, agitating elements carried by the agitating member, a coiled spring disposed between the bottom of the body portion and one of the agitating elements for normally urging the agitating element upwardly, and one end of the agitating member extending through the opening in the removable top.

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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