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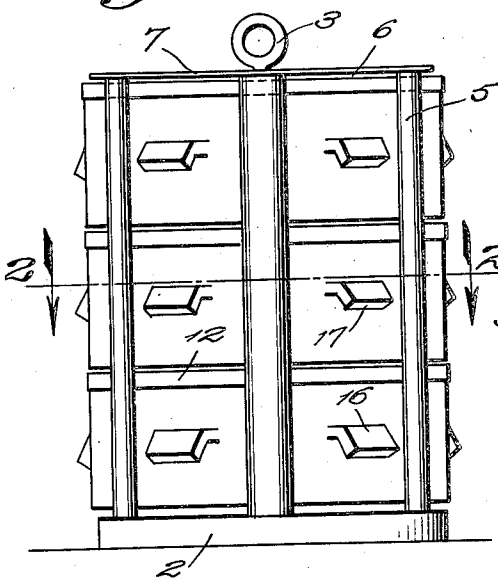
Fig. 1.



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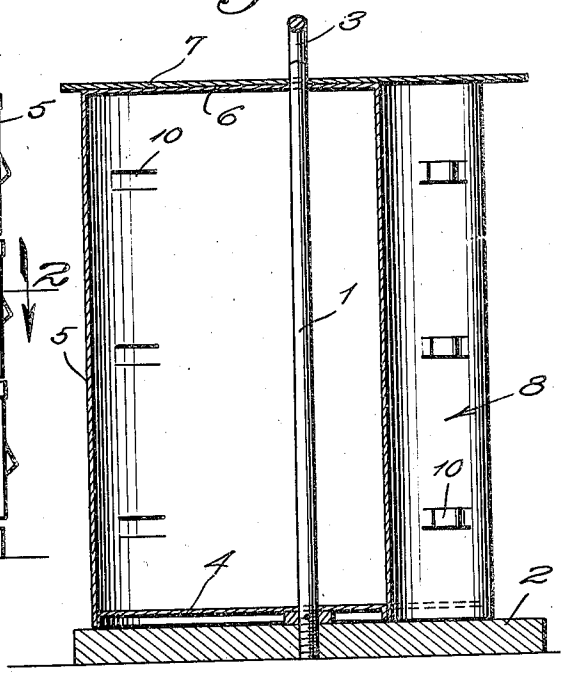

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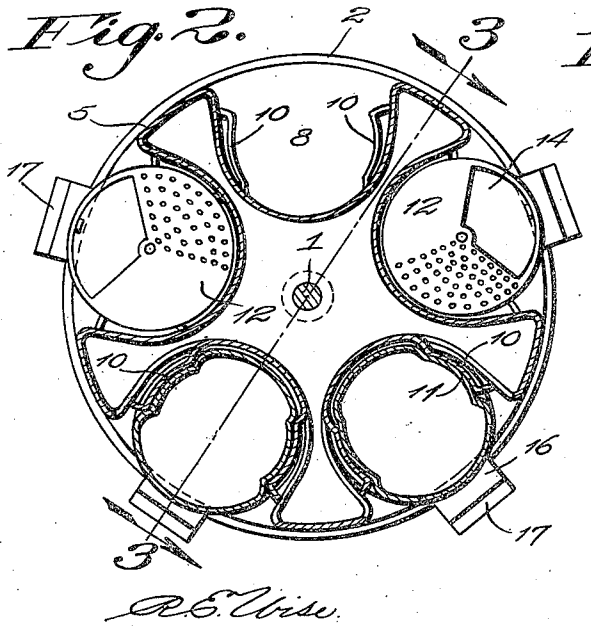

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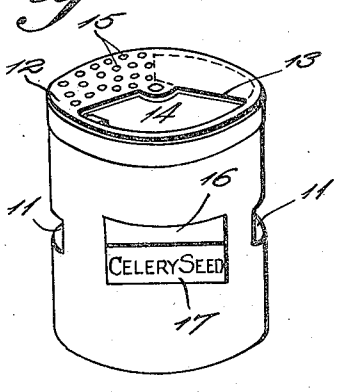

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This invention relates to condiment holders, and its general object is to provide a holder that includes a plurality of containers for spices and the like, grouped together and held accordingly within a housing for detachable association therewith, and so that any one or more containers can be individually removed and applied with respect to the housing in an easy and expeditious manner, therefore it will be seen that the holder retains the various spices and the like in individual containers, but together in a single compact unit, for convenience in use and storage.

A further object of the invention is to provide a condiment holder that includes individual cooperatively grouped containers, one for each kind of spice or the like, and each container includes dispensing means for its contents, as well as label bearing handled means to facilitate the removal and application of the containers with respect to their housing and to identify the contents thereof.

Another object of the invention is to provide a condiment holder of the character set forth, that is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and extremely efficient in operation, use and service.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of the condiment holder which forms the subject matter of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 2—2 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows, and with parts in elevation.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 3—3 of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrows, with the containers removed.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of one of the containers.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the housing of my holder may be mounted for rotation on a stem or shaft 1 that is preferably threadedly secured to a base 2 to rise centrally therefrom, and the stem 1 has a handle 3 at the upper end thereof and which is shown as being in the form of an eye.

The housing is preferably of substantial cylindrical formation as shown, and includes a bottom 4, a vertical wall 5, an upper wall 6, and a cover disk 7 which is preferably fixed to the upper wall 6, so that the housing can be rotated as a unit on the shaft, as will be apparent. However, the housing may be held against movement, if desired.

The vertical wall is preferably continuous, and is provided with inwardly directed recesses disposed at equi-distantly spaced relation with respect to each other, about the circumference thereof, and these recesses extend vertically for the entire height of the wall, to provide compartments or pockets 8 of equal depth and width having arcuate walls as clearly shown in Figure 2 of the drawing.

Formed on or otherwise secured to the arcuate walls that provide the compartments, are spring arms 10 that are arranged in cooperating pairs, with the spring arms of each pair disposed diametrically opposite each other. The spring arms 10 in the form as shown, are provided by cutting the walls upon diametrically opposite sides and disposing the material cut therefrom within the compartments, as clearly shown in Figure 2, and the spring arms each include an intermediate curved portion, extending in gradually increasing spaced relation from the wall of its pocket or compartment toward the front thereof for a purpose which will be presently described.

The containers of my holder are of cylindrical formation, as clearly shown in Figure 4, and the bodies thereof may be made from glass. In any event, the body of each container is provided with diametrically opposed recesses 11 in the cylindrical wall thereof, having outwardly bulged portions curved in a manner to fittingly receive the curved portions of the spring arms 10, as shown in Figure 2. The body may be screw threaded at its upper end to threadedly receive an ordinary cap, for closing the same, but I have shown a dispensing cap including a rotatably mounted flanged outer part 12 having an opening 13 therein, and an inner stationary disk 14 having a like opening, for the opening 13 or a group of apertures 15 of the part 12 to register therewith, so that the contents of the container can be dispensed therefrom through the apertures 15, or removed therefrom by a teaspoon or the like, through the opening 13 and the opening of the disk.

Each of the containers is provided with a handle 16 that may be formed thereon or otherwise secured thereto, and the handle as shown,

extends outwardly from the body of its container and is thence downturned to provide a finger receiving portion 17 which may have secured thereto a label having indicia thereon to identify the contents of the container, or the indicia may be formed directly on the handle especially if the latter and the body of the container is made from glass.

It will be obvious that the handles extend from the front of the containers, and the recesses 11 thereof are preferably arranged toward the rear of the containers, so as to be substantially hidden from view when the containers are mounted within the housing, it being obvious that when so mounted that the spring arms are received in the recesses for securing the containers suspended within the compartments.

It will be noted that I have illustrated a housing having five compartments, with three containers for each compartment, and the containers are disposed in superposed relation with respect to each other by being held accordingly through the instrumentality of the spring arms 10 and the recesses 11. However, it will of course be understood that the holder may be made with any number of compartments, and constructed to accommodate any number of containers, as the latter may be made in any height, so that one or more fit therein.

From the above description and disclosure of the drawing, it will be obvious that I have provided a condiment holder that includes a plurality of containers, retained together in group formation and in a position for immediate use, and any one or more of the containers can be removed from the compartments and replaced therein with minimum effort, consequently it will be seen that the holder is extremely convenient for use for the purpose intended.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A holder for condiment receiving handled recessed containers, and comprising a substantially cylindrical housing having arcuate walled vertically arranged pockets disposed circumferentially about the same to receive the containers, spring arms struck from diametrically opposite sides of the walls of the pockets and arranged in horizontal companion pairs therein, and said arms having intermediate curved portions extending in gradually increasing spaced relation from the walls of the pockets toward the front of the latter and adapted for fitting engagement with the recesses in the containers for detachably securing the latter in the pockets for selective removal therefrom and replacement therein.

2. A holder for condiment receiving handled containers, and comprising a base, a shaft threadedly secured to the base centrally thereof and rising therefrom, a substantially cylindrical housing mounted on the shaft and having a bottom member spaced from the base, said housing having arcuate walled vertically arranged pockets disposed circumferentially about the same to receive the containers, spring arms struck from diametrically opposite sides of the walls of the pockets and arranged in horizontal companion pairs therein, and said arms having intermediate curved portions extending in gradually increasing spaced relation from the walls of the pockets toward the front of the latter and adapted for fitting engagement with diametrically opposed recesses in the containers for detachably securing the latter in the pockets for selective removal therefrom and replacement therein.

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