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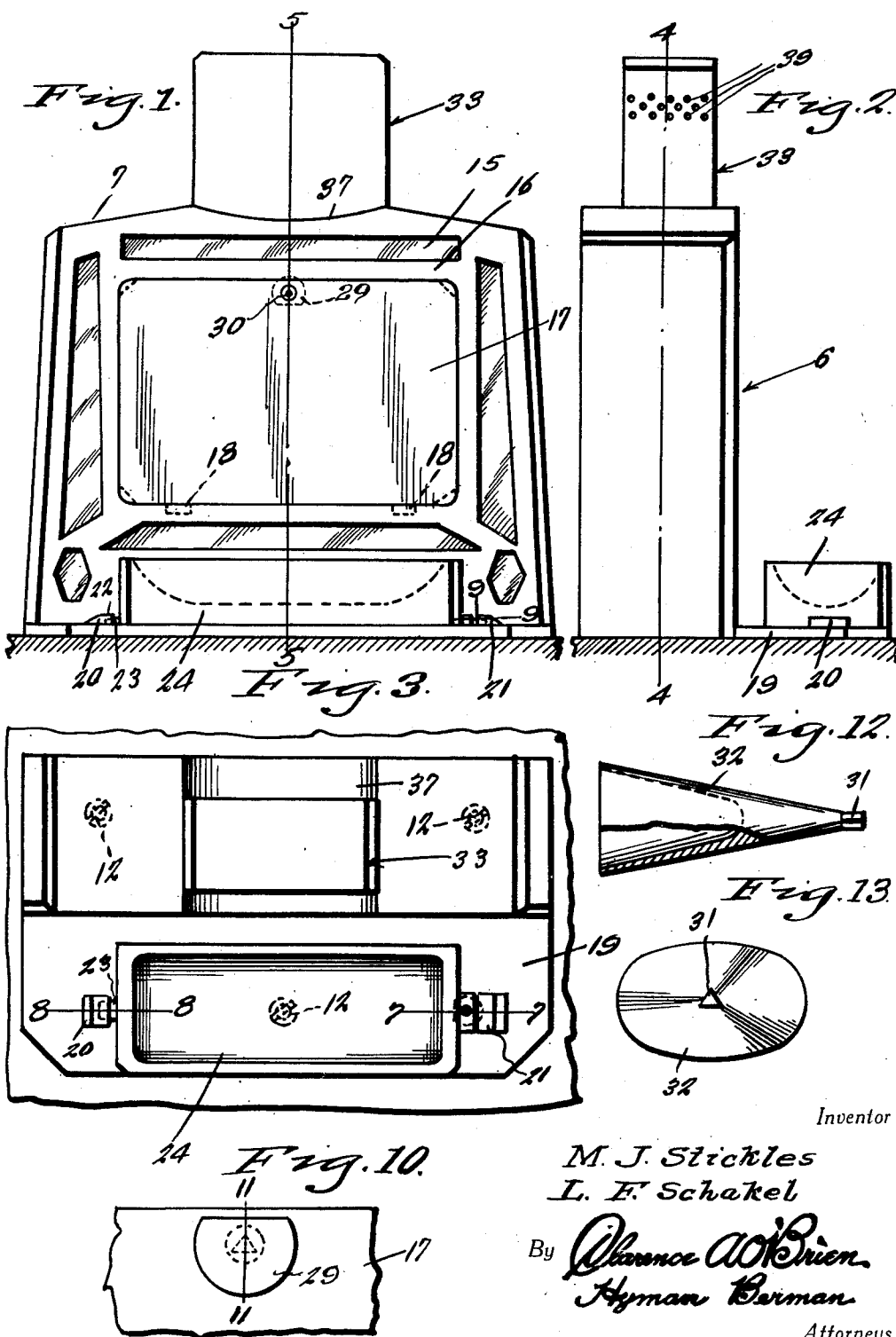
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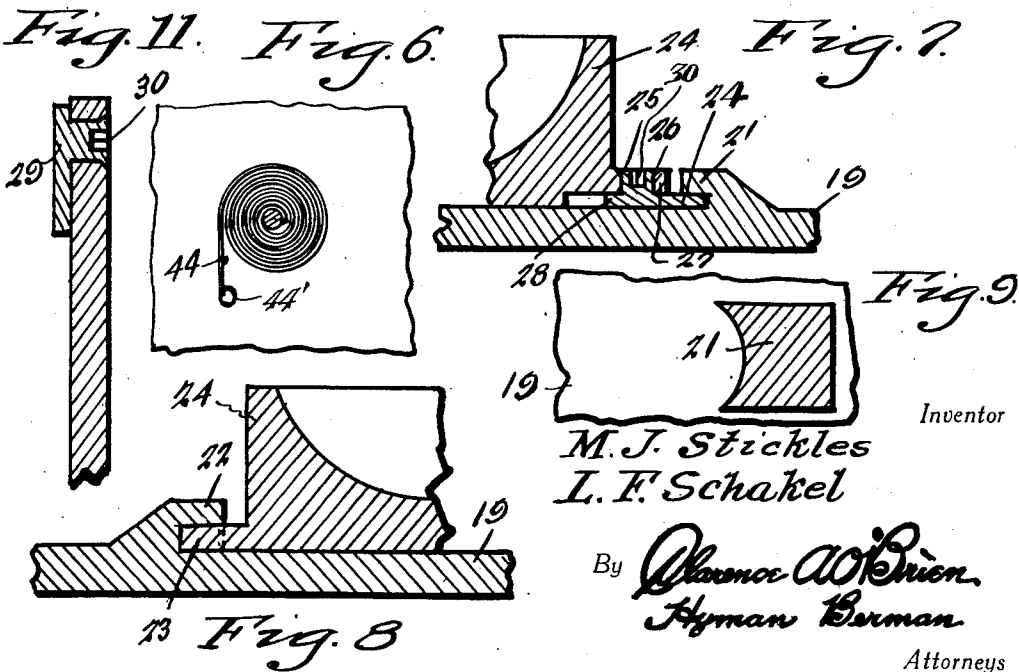
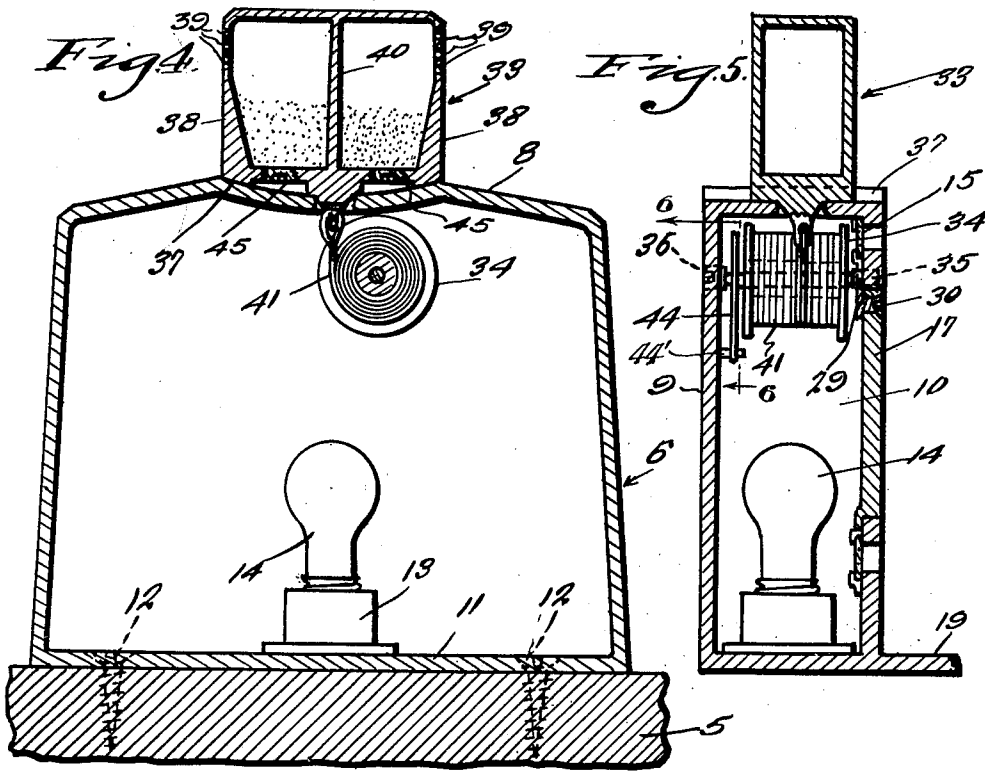
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1 Claim. (Cl. 65—45)

This invention appertains to new and useful improvements in condiment dispensers especially adapted for public dining rooms and restaurants.

5 The principal object of the present invention is to provide a condiment holder in combination with a stand and means whereby the condiment holder cannot be easily stolen.

10 Another important object of the invention is to provide a condiment holder and display stand in such a manner that the display stand will serve as a support for the condiment holder.

Other important objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to the reader of the following specification.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 represents a front elevational view of the structure.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view.

20 Figure 3 is a fragmentary top plan view.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view on line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a vertical sectional view on line 5—5 of Figure 1.

25 Figure 6 is a section on line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Figure 7 is a section on line 7—7 of Fig. 3.

Figure 8 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 8—8 of Figure 3.

Figure 9 is a section on line 9—9 of Fig. 1.

30 Figure 10 is a fragmentary elevation of the inner side of the door and showing the door detent.

Figure 11 is a section on line 11—11 of Fig. 10.

35 Figure 12 is an elevational view with parts in section of the condiment tube and wrench.

Figure 13 is an end elevational view of the structure shown in Figure 12.

Referring to the drawings wherein like numerals designate like parts, it can be seen that 40 numeral 5 represents a table or other supporting structure upon which the stand generally referred to by numeral 6 is disposed. This stand is of hollow construction, the same consisting of the front wall 7, a top wall 8, back wall 9, 45 end walls 10, and bottom wall 11. The bottom wall 11 is secured by wood screws or other suitable means 12 to the table 5. Upon the bottom 11 is the electric light socket 13 in which a bulb 14 is placed for illuminating the interior of the stand and this light is visible through the arrangement of narrow windows 15 around the frame 16 of the door 17, which door is secured in place by the hooks 18.

55 The bottom 11 is provided with the extending portion 19 and rising from this extending por-

tion 19 are the bosses 20—21. Boss 20 is undercut to provide a retaining lid 22 for the lip 23 at one end of the ash receptacle 24, which the other boss 21 is undercut to receive the peripheral portion of the rotatable disk 24, the same 5 being provided with the stud 25 disposed into the opening 26 of the lip 27 protruding from the opposite end of the ash receptacle 24. A portion of this disk 24 is cut off as at 28 so that when the disk is rotated to a certain position this peripheral portion of the disk 24 will not underlie the overhanging part of boss 21 thus permitting displacement of the ash receptacle 24. The detent 29 for the door 17 is of like construction and the stud of both of these detents is provided with 15 a polygonal-shaped recess 30 for receiving the polygonal-shaped extension 31 of the funnel-like scoop 32. This scoop is used for filling the condiment holder generally referred to by numeral 33, while the polygonal portion 31 is insertable in the recess 30 of either the detent 29 or the detent 24 and rotated so as to properly set the corresponding detent to permit opening of the detent or latching of the same.

Inside of the stand 6 is the reel 34, one end 25 of the shaft of which is journaled in the frame 16 as at 35 while the other end of the shaft engages into the bushing 36 threaded into the rear wall 9, said bushing being also provided with a polygonal-shaped socket for receiving the 30 wrench end 31 of the scoop 32.

A recess 37 is provided in the top 8 of the stand 6 for receiving the lower portion of the holder 33. This holder 33 consists of a shell-like structure provided with side walls 38—38 in which 35 openings 39 are formed. An internal partition 40 divides the interior of the shell or holder 33 into a pepper compartment and a salt compartment and these condiments can be dispensed through the openings 39 when the condiment 40 holder 33 has been removed from the shell 6 and shaken. However, the holder cannot be stolen because it is connected by the tape 41 to the reel 34. A spring 44 has one end connected to the shaft of the reel and its other end to a projec- 45 tion 44' extending from the inner face of the rear wall 9 of the stand 6, this spring acting to hold the tape 41 in wound condition on the reel but permitting the tape to be unwound from the reel when the holder 33 is lifted from the stand. 50 When the holder 33 is put back on the stand, the spring will rewind the tape upon the reel.

Filler plugs 45 are provided in the bottom of the holder 33 one for each of the said compartments and each of these plugs is provided with a non- 55

circular socket for receiving the part 31 of the funnel 32.

While the foregoing specification 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 dispensing device comprising a hollow stand, said stand having a transversely

concaved top portion and an opening at the bottom of the concaved portion, a condiment holder having its bottom portion of curved shape for uniform contact engagement with the surface of the concaved top of the stand, said condiment holder having a normally closed filler opening in the bottom thereof, the bottom of the condiment holder being provided with a depending plug-like formation adapted to seat in the opening of the concaved top portion of the stand.

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