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Fig. 1.

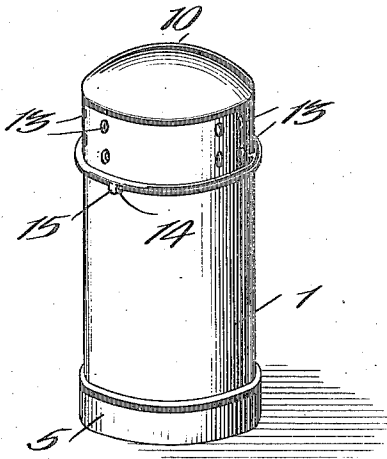


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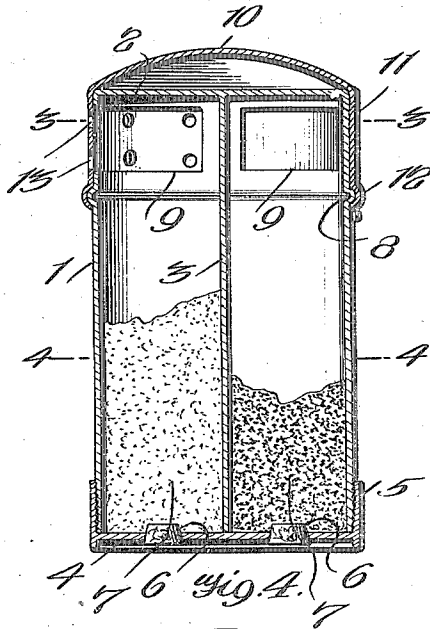


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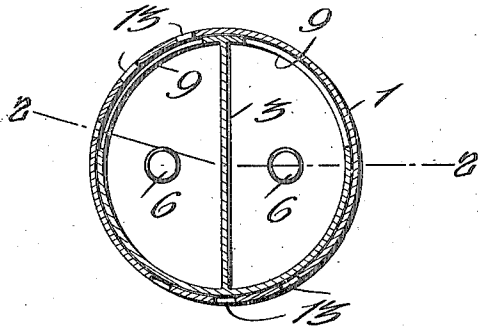
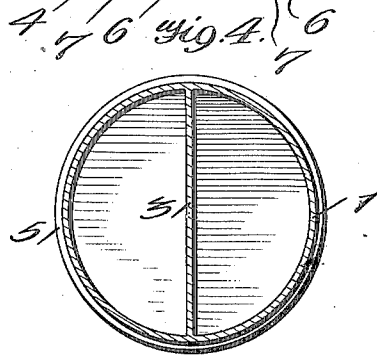


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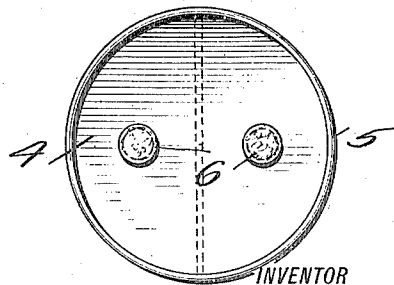
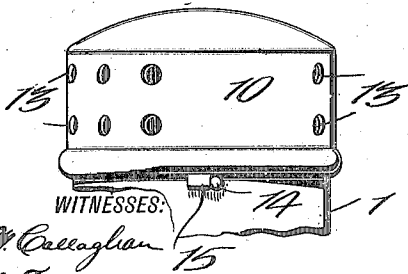


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER L. FERGUSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Ogden, in the county of Weber and State of Utah, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Condiment-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in condiment holders, and has for its object to provide a holder having a plurality of independent compartments for containing different condiments each having a port or discharge opening near the top of the holder, and wherein a cover is mounted to move on the holder at the top, and normally covering the ports or discharge openings and having a series of perforations so arranged that by turning the holder the series may be brought into register with the port of either compartment.

A further object is to provide a means for permitting the holder to be easily filled, and for permitting the condiments contained therein to be broken up in case they should become caked.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved holder,

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 3,

Figs. 3 and 4 are sections on the lines 3—3 and 4—4, respectively, of Fig. 2,

Fig. 5 is an enlarged front view of the upper part of the holder and the cover, and

Fig. 6 is a bottom plan view of the base.

In the present embodiment of the invention a holder is provided consisting of a cylindrical body 1, having its top closed at 2, and having its bottom open, the holder being externally threaded at the bottom. The holder is divided into two similar compartments by a diametrical partition 3, which extends the full length of the body, being connected to the top 2 at the top of the partition. These compartments may hold different condiments as for instance, pepper and salt, and the holder is completed by a bottom 4. This bottom has a flange 5 which has threaded engagement with the body, and the bottom has a marginal rib at the opposite face from the

flange for spacing the bottom above the table or other support for the holder.

The bottom or diaphragm is provided with an opening 6 at each compartment, and these openings are normally closed by stoppers 7. The body of the holder is provided with an external rib or bead 8, near its upper end spaced at a distance from the top, and ports or outlets are provided in the body at each compartment between the rib and the top. These openings 9 have their upper and lower side walls in alignment, and they are near each other, being on opposite sides of the partition as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

A cap-shaped cover comprising a body 10 and a depending flange 11 is mounted to rotate on the top, the flange 11 having an external bead 12, forming an internal groove which fits over the bead 8 of the body. The flange is of such length and the bead is so arranged with respect to the body 10 that when the bead 12 is in engagement with the bead 8 the top 2 of the body of the holder will engage the top 10 of the cover at its junction with the flange.

The flange of the cap or cover is provided with a series of openings 13 for each opening 9, the said openings 13 in the present instance, being six in number and arranged in rectangular formation, so that when the cover is turned into proper position one series of openings may be brought into register with one opening 9 or the other series 13 may be brought into register with the other opening 9. That is, the series 13 of openings are spaced apart from each other in a different manner to the outlets 9 so that either condiment may be discharged independently of the other or both may be closed simultaneously.

Mechanism is provided for limiting the turning movement of the cover with respect to the holder, the said mechanism comprising spaced stop lugs 14 on the body, and a depending lug 15 on the cover which is adapted to engage either lug. These lugs 14 and 15 are so arranged with respect to each other that when the lug 15 is in engagement with one lug 14 the one series of openings 13 will be in register with the one outlet 9, while when the lug 15 is in

engagement with the other lug 14 the other series of openings 13 will register with the other outlet 9. But when the lug 15 is midway between the two lugs 14 both compartments are closed making it possible to only sift the condiment from one compartment at a time.

It will be evident from the description that the improved holder will hold two different condiments entirely separate and without any possibility of mixing, and that either may be discharged independently of the other or both may be closed simultaneously. The holder may be filled by removing the bottom 5—6, or by removing a stop plug 7. The arrangement of the diaphragm spaced apart from both edges of the ring provides a means for engaging the holder to connect the bottom thereto and

also provides a means in the form of a depending rib for spacing the bottom above the supporting surface for the holder.

I claim:—

A condiment holder comprising a casing having a transverse partition dividing the casing into two compartments, said casing having a lateral discharge opening at each side of its top and at opposite sides of the partition, a cup-shaped cover mounted on the top of the casing for closing the openings and rotatably connected with the casing at the edge of the cover and having series of perforations for each opening and adapted to register in alternation with the openings when the cover is turned, and means for limiting the rotating movement of the cover on the holder.

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