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Fig. 1.

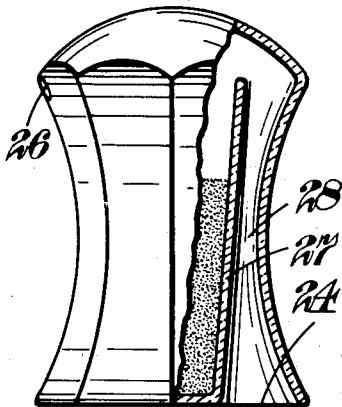


Fig. 2.

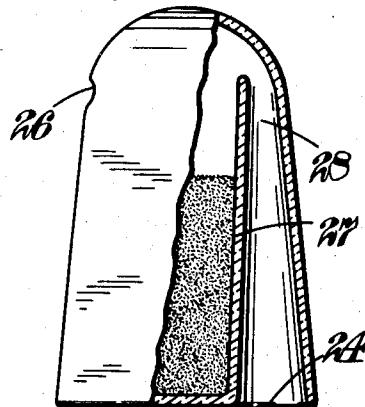
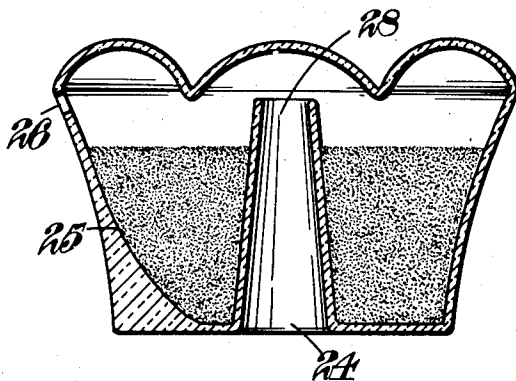


Fig. 3.



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I have filed applications in Great Britain on June 8, and 23 in 1931, and in Czechoslovakia on July 22, 1931.

This invention is for improvements in receptacles for granular or pulverulent condiments for table use. Receptacles according to the invention are primarily intended for containing salt but can be used for other condiments, for example pepper or sugar, and the object of the invention is to improve generally such receptacles.

Accordingly the present invention provides a receptacle (for example a one-piece receptacle) for the purpose set forth which is closed on top and is provided with an inwardly extending funnel or conduit, the inner end of which is directed upwardly towards the top of the receptacle to permit the condiment to be discharged through the funnel by shaking the receptacle. When the receptacle is tilted or inverted the condiment can be fed into it through the funnel which thus serves both for charging and discharging purposes.

The funnel may lead inwardly from an opening in the base of the receptacle and may be formed in any convenient manner, for instance by a baffle and an upstanding wall of the receptacle. An opening through which the contents of the receptacle may be poured is provided at the upper end of the receptacle but out of register with the inner end of the conduit or funnel, for example, near the upper end of an upstanding wall of the receptacle.

Further, there may be a plurality of funnels leading inwardly from a common filling opening.

Receptacles according to the invention may be made of any suitable material, for instance, glass or earthenware, and may be of any desired shape.

The accompanying drawing shows, by way of examples, several one-piece receptacles according to the invention made of pottery and suitable for containing salt.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is an elevation partly in section of one construction,

Figure 2 is a similar view of another construction,

Figure 3 is a similar view of yet another construction.

Like reference numerals indicate like parts throughout.

Figure 1 shows a polygonal receptacle having curved side faces and a curved top. An opening 24 is provided in the base of the receptacle and leads to a conduit 28 which is formed by a baffle 27 and one side wall of the receptacle. The upper end of the baffle terminates a short distance from the top of the receptacle. Thus the upper end of the conduit is directed upwardly towards said top. A discharge outlet 26 is provided at the upper end of a side wall remote from that which forms part of the conduit 28.

The receptacle is charged by inverting it and pouring in the condiment through the conduit 28. During normal handling the condiment cannot escape through said conduit. When condiment is required for use it can be obtained either by shaking the receptacle so as to discharge the condiment through the conduit 28 or by pouring it out through the outlet 26.

Figure 2 shows a receptacle which is substantially square in cross section and has straight side faces but is otherwise similar to that shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 shows a receptacle formed to simulate a crown. In this construction the discharge outlet 26 is provided at the upper end of the peripheral wall of the crown and a central conical funnel 28 is provided which leads inwardly from the opening 24 in the base and terminates a sufficient distance from the upper face of the receptacle to permit the receptacle to be charged and condiment to be discharged, if desired, through said funnel.

All the constructions shown on the drawing are one-piece articles, but, if desired, constructions can be provided in which the funnel 28 is removably mounted in the receptacle, and it is to be understood that such constructions are within the scope of the invention.

The invention is not restricted to the precise constructional details described. For instance, the discharge outlet may be a single

opening for pouring purposes or a number of small apertures for sprinkling purposes.

I claim:—

1. A receptacle for table condiments which
5 is closed on top and is provided with an inwardly extending conduit open at its inner end towards the top of the receptacle, and with an opening disposed at the upper end of the receptacle but out of register with the
10 inner end of the conduit.

2. A receptacle for table condiments which is closed on top and is provided with an inwardly extending funnel, the inner end of which funnel is directed towards the top of the receptacle, and with an outlet opening
70 near the upper end of an upstanding wall of the receptacle.

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