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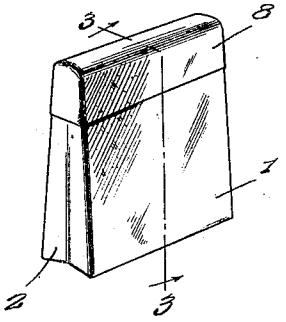


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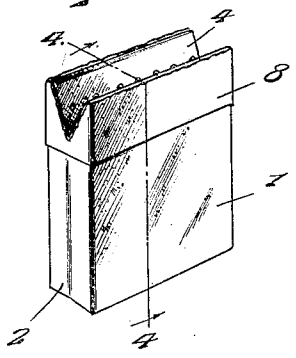


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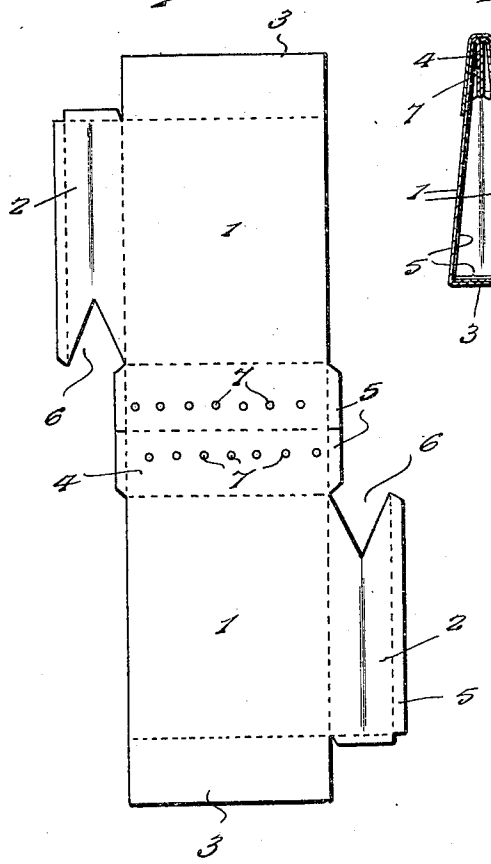


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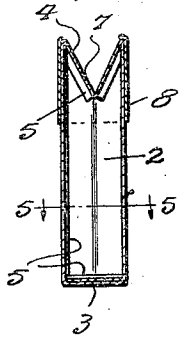


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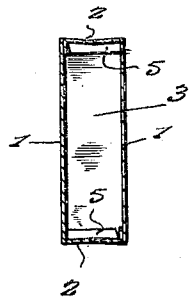
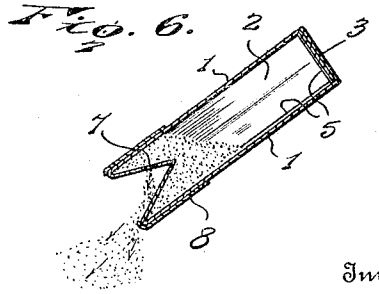


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CONDIMENT CONTAINER

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The invention relates to an individual container for salt, pepper and analogous food seasonings generally dispensed by means of a shaker.

The invention provides a package adapted to be carried in the pocket and holding sufficient condiment for a single service or sitting, and which may be discarded after use.

The invention supplies an article of the character specified which may be cheaply marketed and distributed by merchants at a small cost and which carries an advertisement that will be preserved, so long as the package remains intact, because of the contents.

The invention furthermore, provides a package the body of which consists of a single blank of paper treated to render it waterproof, and susceptible of being readily and cheaply manufactured, and which is sealed against moisture to preserve the contents in a manner to insure positive discharge when required.

Further improvements and novel details of the construction and arrangement will be brought out more specifically in the following description and illustrated in the drawings hereto attached in which corresponding and like parts are designated by the same reference characters.

It is noted that while the drawings illustrate a preferred embodiment of the invention minor changes in the construction and arrangement may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention as claimed.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a condiment package embodying the invention,

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the package with the delivery end released and spread to admit of discharge of the condiment,

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows,

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3 on the line 4—4 of Figure 2,

Figure 5 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 4,

Figure 6 is a view similar to Figure 2 showing the package inverted to admit of discharge of the contents, and

Figure 7 is a detail view of the blank of which the body of the container is formed.

The container is small to be readily carried in the vest pocket and is constructed of thin material such as paper which is paraffined or otherwise treated to render it waterproof. The article may also be utilized as an advertising medium which may be distributed by merchants at a comparatively small cost. Because of the nature of the device it is not likely to be thrown away until after use thereby assuring the advertisement being in the keeping of the possessor for an appreciable time.

Referring to Figure 7 of the drawings the same illustrates a developed view of the body of the container which is constructed of a single blank of waterproof sheet material such as paraffined paper. The blank is elongated and includes side portions 1, end portions 2, terminal portions 3, and intermediate portion 4, the several parts being foldable along the dotted lines. The parts 1 of the blank correspond to opposite side walls of the body. The parts 2 correspond to opposite end walls of the body. The parts 3 form the bottom and the part 4 the top of the body. When the blank is folded to form the body it is made secure by means of flaps 5 and the overlapping of the terminal portions 3, said parts being secured by glue or other suitable adhesive. The inner or opposing ends of the parts 2 corresponding to the top of the end walls are indented as indicated at 6 which are of V form. The end walls 2 are folded inwardly to admit of the side walls 1 converging towards the top of the container. The part 4 corresponding to the top conforms to the edges of the indentations 6 and are made secure by means of the flaps 5. The top 4 and end walls 2 constitute V-shaped folds producing an accordion pleat in the completed article, as indicated most clearly in Figures 1 and 3 of the drawings. Openings 7 are formed in the side portions comprising the top 4 and are disaligned so that the openings in one side are completely closed by the opposing portion of the opposite side. As

indicated most clearly in Figure 7 of the drawings the openings 7 are in straight lines and staggered. When the blank is folded to form the body of the container, or holder, the terminal portions 3 overlap and the lower ends of the walls 2 are made secure by means of the flaps 5 which are bent to overlap the bottom to which they are adhesively secured.

The holder is sealed by means of a closure 8, preferably in the form of a cap and constructed of light waterproof material such as paraffin. The upper portions of the side walls 1 of the holder are compressed to hold the side portions of the top 4 in contact and the cap 8 is slipped upon the upper end of the holder and secured thereto by a suitable adhesive. It is observed that the openings 7 in one portion of the top wall are closed by the imperforate portion of the opposite side thereby excluding moisture and preventing escape of the contents.

Suitable advertising matter, not shown, may appear on the side and end walls of the holder and in consequence the device constitutes a cheap medium for advertising matter to be brought to the attention of the public. Because of the utility of the article it will be preserved until it has served its purpose. The terminal portions 3 result in the formation of a reinforced bottom. When it is desired to use the article the cap 8 is slit in line with the spaces of the side portions comprising the top. This may be effected by means of the thumb nail, knife blade or other instrument. After the cap 8 has been slit the upper portions of the side walls spring apart exposing the openings 7 and by inverting the container as indicated in Figure 6, the contents will discharge through the openings 7, the delivery being assured by reason of absence of moisture.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A condiment holder having a V-shaped foldable top forming an accordion pleat with the side portions bordering upon the fold in contact, one side portion having discharge openings normally closed by the opposing side portion of the top.

2. A condiment holder including a V-shaped foldable top forming an accordion pleat having discharge openings in both side portions which are disaligned to admit of the openings in one side portion being closed by the imperforate part of the opposing side portion.

3. A condiment holder including a V-shaped foldable top forming an accordion pleat having a row of openings in each side portion bordering upon the fold, said rows of openings having a staggered arrangement, whereby one side portion forms a closure for the openings in the opposing side portion.

4. A container of the character specified including opposing walls having their top indented and a foldable top having the side portions bordering on the fold conforming to the indentations of the opposing walls and secured thereto, said top having discharge openings which are adapted to be closed by the opposing side portion in contact therewith.

5. A container of the character specified including end walls having their top indented, said end walls being foldable, and a foldable top conforming to the indentations of the end walls and attached thereto and provided with discharge openings which are adapted to be closed by a folded side portion of the top in contact therewith.

6. A container including opposite foldable walls and a foldable top, the latter having discharge openings, and a cap secured to the upper portion of the container and sealing the same and normally retaining the top of the container in folded position, and adapted to be slit in line with the space formed between the meeting faces of the folded side portions of the top.

7. A container including side walls and foldable end walls having their upper ends indented, and a foldable top conforming to the indentations of the end walls and attached thereto, and having discharge openings in a side portion adapted to be normally closed by the opposing side portion of the top in contact therewith, and a closure fitted over the upper portion of the container and holding the side portions of the foldable top in contact and adapted to be slit to admit of the spreading of the top and the discharge of the contents of the container.

8. A container formed from a single blank of sheet material of elongated form and comprising end portions, an intermediate foldable top portion having openings therein, end wall portions having their inner ends indented, terminal bottom portions, and securing flaps, the several parts corresponding to the enclosing walls of the container and being secured by the terminal bottom portions and flaps which are adhesively connected.

9. A condiment container including a body formed of a single blank including a bottom, foldable end walls indented in their top portions, and a foldable top formed with discharge openings and conforming to the indentations of the end walls and attached thereto, and a closing cap secured to the body and holding the side portions of the top in contact and adapted to be slit to admit of discharge of the contents.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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