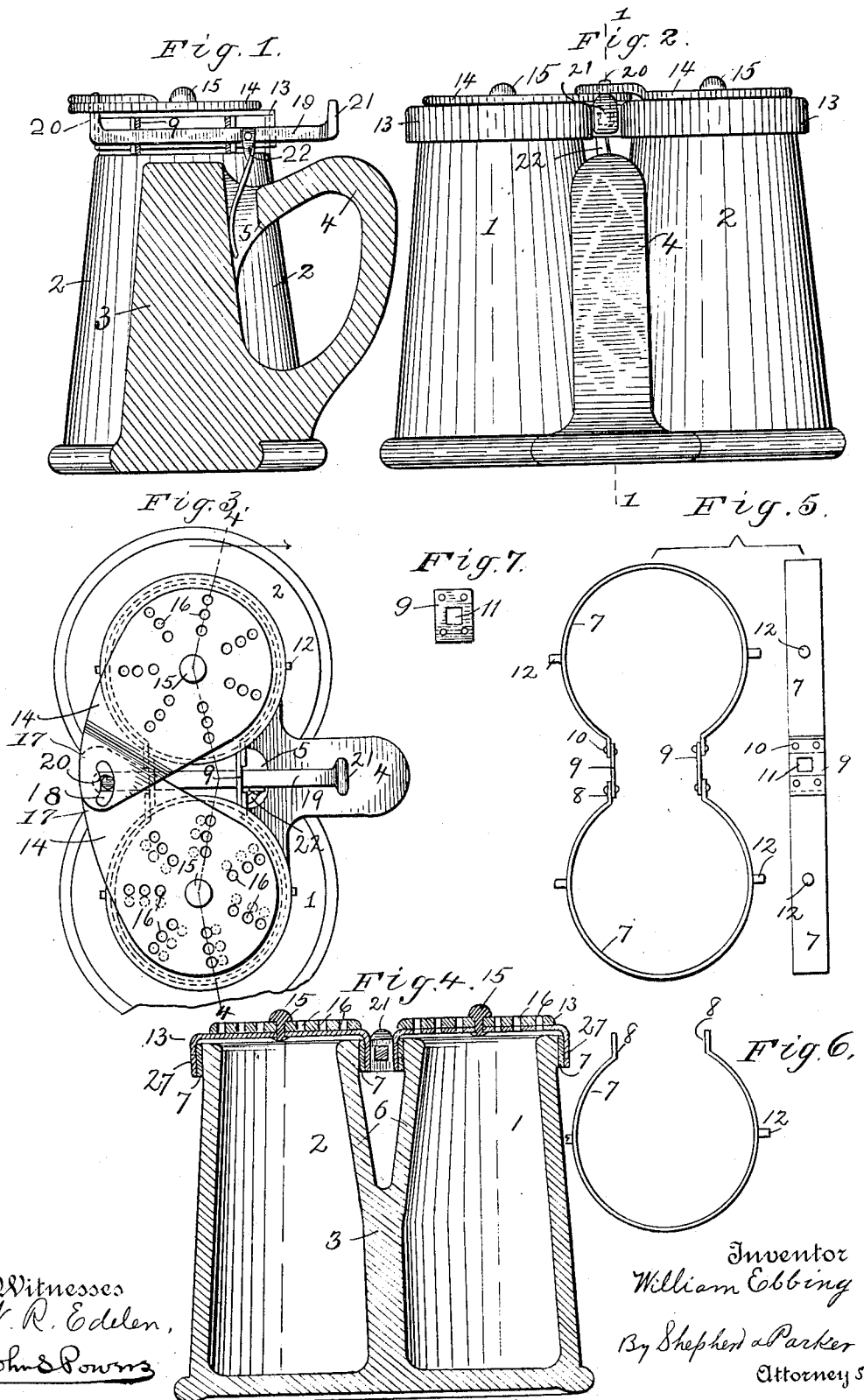


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM EBBING, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Condiment-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in condiment-holders; and it particularly pertains to that type known as "twin" condiment-holders.

In connection with a condiment-holder of the above type it is a primary consideration of the present invention to provide novel means for maintaining the perforated tops of the condiment-sections relatively in an open and closed position, and toward the attainment of the above object I have provided simultaneously-operated cut-offs for the perforated tops and a lever for moving said cut-offs.

The detailed construction will appear in the course of the following description, in which reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, like numerals designating like parts throughout the several views, wherein—

Figure 1 is a section, partly in elevation, on the line 1 1 of Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the condiment-holder forming a part of this invention. Fig. 3 is a top plan view thereof, showing the relative arrangement of the cut-offs and their appurtenant parts. Fig. 4 is a central longitudinal section thereof on line 4 4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a view showing in top plan and side elevation the detailed construction of the supporting-frame for the cut-off-operating device. Fig. 6 is a detailed top plan of one element of said supporting-frame, and Fig. 7 is a detailed plan view of an element to be hereinafter specifically referred to.

In the practical embodiment of my invention I employ a pair of condiment-holders 1 and 2, united by an integral web 3, which is so shaped on one side as to form a handle or grip 4, provided with a longitudinal slot or recess 5 in its upper surface and for a purpose to be described. The web 3 terminates at some distance from the upper ends of the condiment-holders 1 and 2, so as to leave a space 6 therebetween. At the top of each of the condiment-holders 1 and 2 I have provided split collars 7 of flexible material which surround said condiment-holders and are re-

tained thereupon by a frictional engagement. The collars 7 are formed adjacent their free ends with parallel spaced extensions 8, which when the collars are assembled in position confront one another, as is shown in Fig. 5. The free ends 8 are united in confronting pairs by cross-pieces 9, (shown in detail in Fig. 7,) suitably secured by rivets 10 or other approved form of fastening means and are formed with a central rectangular opening 11.

The collars 7 are each provided with a pair of oppositely-disposed outwardly-extending studs 12, which pass through suitable apertures in the perforated dredging-caps 13 and serve as securing means therefor. Mounted upon each of the caps 13 are cut-offs 14, which are centrally pivoted by a headed pin 15. The cut-offs 14 are each provided with openings 16, arranged in ornamental series and designed to be brought into registry with the perforations in the caps 13 when it is desired to discharge the contents of the holders 1 or 3. The cut-offs 14 are each provided with extensions 17, the extensions of the one cut-off overlapping in superposed relation the extension of the other cut-off. Said extensions are provided at their ends with curved slots 18, coextensive throughout and adapted to be normally in registry.

A rod 19 extends through the aligned openings 11 in the cross-pieces 9 and is formed at its outer end with an upwardly-extending pin 20, which passes through the slots 18 in their registering relation, as is clearly shown in Fig. 3. The rod 19 is further provided with a handle 21 on its free end and at a distance from the handle carries a depending leaf-spring 22, the end of which projects into the slot or recess 5 in the handle 4 and bears against the wall thereof, so as to retain the rod 19 in a predetermined normal position.

In operation the cut-offs 14 are normally relatively disposed, as shown in Fig. 3, wherein the openings 16 are in registry with the openings in one of the caps 13, but are out of registry with the openings in the other cap 13. When it is desired for any reason to use a different condiment from that which is discharged in the normal position of the cut-offs, as shown in Fig. 3, the rod 19 is pushed forward against the tension of the spring 22 and the cut-offs 14 are partially rotated in converging directions until the ends of the slots 18 bear against the pin 20 and restrict the movement of said cut-offs. In the partial

rotation of the cut-offs upon their pivots 15 the relative positions thereof are reversed, and the cut-off which has its aperture 16 normally in registry with the apertures in the cap 13 becomes out of registry therewith, and the cut-off normally out of registry with the cap 13 comes into registry with said cap upon the forward movement of the sliding bar 19. It will thus be seen that the collars 7 and cross-pieces 9 coact to form a supporting-bearing for the slidable rod 19.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination with a condiment-holder comprising independent condiment-receptacles and perforated covers therefor, of movable cut-offs carried by said covers and a spring-held lever having connection with said cut-offs and adapted to impart simultaneous movement thereto.

2. The combination with a condiment-holder comprising independent condiment-receptacles and perforated covers therefor, of movable cut-offs designed to be moved across the face of said perforated covers and a spring-held lever having connection with said cut-offs and adapted to impart simultaneous movement thereto.

3. The combination with a condiment-holder comprising independent condiment-receptacles and perforated covers therefor, of perforated movable cut-offs designed to be

moved across the face of said covers and a spring-held lever having common connection with said cut-offs and adapted to impart simultaneous movement thereto.

4. The combination with a condiment-holder comprising independent condiment-receptacles and perforated covers therefor, of perforated movable cut-offs pivotally mounted upon said covers and designed to be in relatively registering and non-registering position with said covers and a lever having common connection with said cut-offs and designed to impart simultaneous movement thereto.

5. The combination with a condiment-holder comprising independent receptacles and perforated covers therefor, of perforated cut-offs pivotally mounted upon said covers and relatively in registering and non-registering position therewith, a slidable spring-held lever having common connection with said cut-offs and adapted to impart simultaneous partial rotary movement thereto, and supporting-bearings for said lever carried by said receptacles.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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