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Fig. 1.

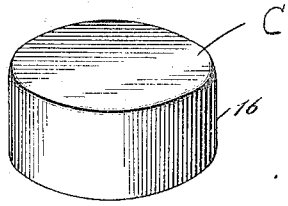



Fig. 2.

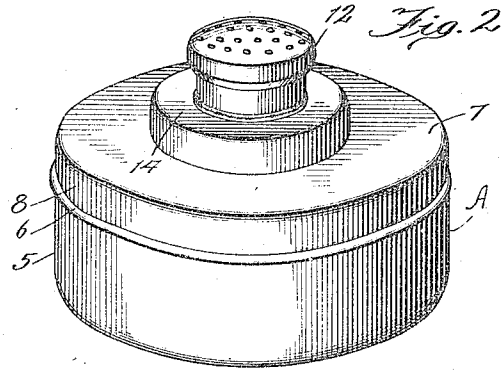
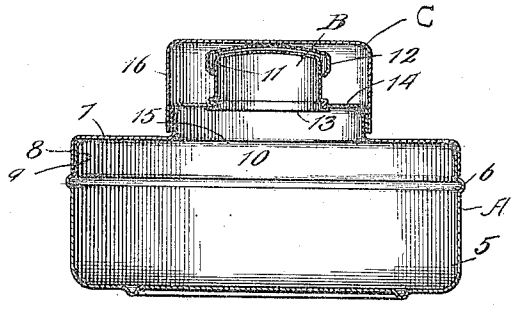



Fig. 3.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDMUND HOFFMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sifter-Top Containers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates in general to sifter containers and has more particular reference to containers of this general type adapted for the packaging and the using of talcum powder and the like.

A principal object of the present invention is the provision of a sifter top container for talcum powder and similar substances which may be conveniently used by the consumer either upon a dresser or from a hand-bag or case when traveling. In packing a hand-bag or grip, very frequently users of talcum and face powder neglect to close the sifter top with which the packages containing such materials are usually provided, with the result that the powder spills out upon the other contents of the traveling bag, or having closed it in some instances and particularly where the bag is tightly packed, movement of the parts of the sifter top brings the apertures in these parts into registration with a like result. This invention aims to eliminate these difficulties.

A further object of the invention is to provide a container of this type which, while holding a large amount of talcum or face powder, will not be in danger of being overturned on a dresser or in the wash-room of a train, and from which powder will not leak out when packed away with other articles in a suit case, hand-bag or the like.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of a talcum powder box which will be compact in form, pleasing in appearance and of economical construction.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent as it is better understood from the following description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawing illustrating a preferred embodiment thereof.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of the auxiliary cover with which the container embodying my invention is provided: Fig. 2 is a similar view of the container body; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken centrally through the container with the parts assembled.

On the drawings it will be noted that the container shown consists primarily of a body A carrying a sifter top B and an auxiliary cover or closure C. The body A is preferably of cylindrical form of diameter appreciably greater than its height, and in the present instance is constructed of a sheet metal bottom portion 5 having an outwardly extending bead 6 near its top. An upper portion 7 also of sheet metal is provided, having at its bottom a downwardly extending flange 8 adapted to engage over the upper end 9 of the body and to rest against the bead 6 at its lower edge. The metal forming the upper portion 7 is cut away at its center and spun upwardly to form a flange 10 adapted to provide a neck, for a purpose to be later described.

The sifter top B is of the ordinary form, consisting of a perforated inner member 11 about which is mounted the outer member 12, also perforated and alined to bring the perforations of the two members 11 and 12 into registration, to permit sifting of the powder or to be disposed with the perforations out of registration to close the container. The sifter top B is secured in place by having the bottom edges 13 of the inner member 11 bent and engaged within an aperture in a sheet metal member 14 having its edges 15 turned down and engaging the upwardly spun edges 10 of the top portion of the container; the edges 10 and 15 forming a neck of much less diameter than the diameter of the body of the container. The cover C has a long downwardly extending flange 16 adapted to engage about its neck, in the present instance frictionally, to form an auxiliary closure so that should the sifter top be inadvertently left with the apertures of the inner and outer members 11 and 12 in registration, or should these apertures be brought in registration by relative movement of these parts when in a grip or hand-bag, no powder can waste out upon the other contents of these receptacles. The auxiliary cover further prevents contact of the sifter top with clothes and other articles which, when a bag is being packed, may produce a relative movement of the members 11 and 12 to open the perforations. The whole package is compact, neat and attractive in appearance and well adapted to attain the various objects already set forth.

It is thought that the invention and many of its attendant advantages will be understood from the foregoing description, and it will be apparent that various changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its material advantages, the form hereinbefore described being merely a preferred embodiment thereof.

I claim:

A sifter-top sheet metal powder container comprising a body the top member of which tightly and permanently engages around the bottom member of said body, said top member being formed with an inwardly extending top plate formed with an upwardly extending neck of much less diameter than that of the body; a sheet metal member 14 elevated above said body and having a central aperture and its outer edge turned down to form a depending flange which tightly and permanently fits around said neck of the body; a sifter top member of less diameter than said member 14 and having a perforated top and a depending neck integral therewith, the edge of said neck being flanged to embrace above and below the edge of the aperture of said part 14; a perforated rotatable closing cap mounted on said sifter top member and inclosing and engaging the same by a depending flange; and an auxiliary closure inclosing the sifter top and having a depending flange removably engaging around the depending flange of said part 14.

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