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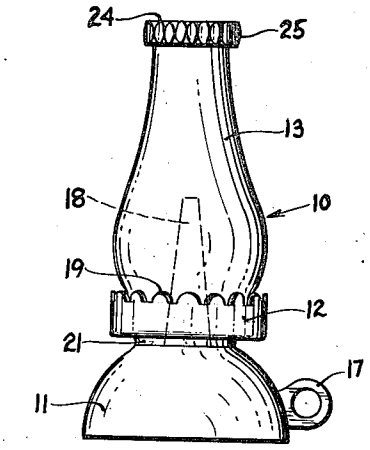


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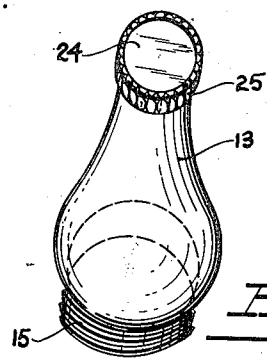


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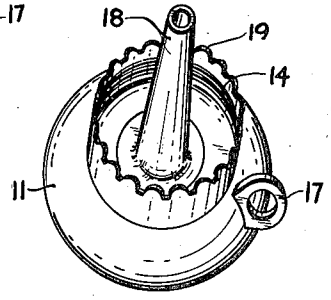


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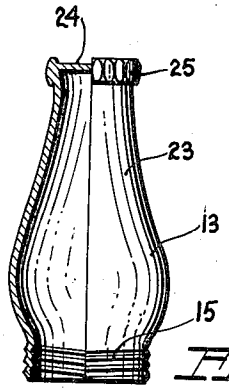


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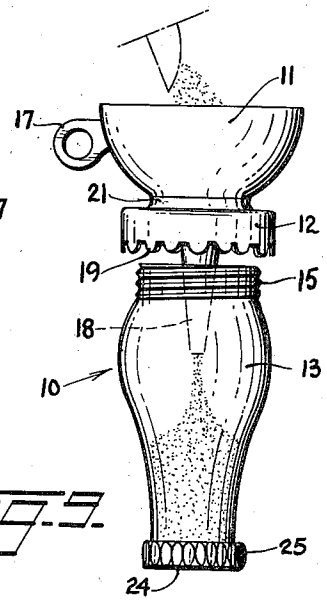


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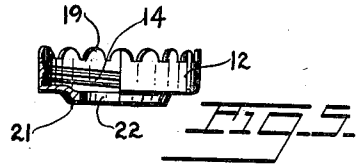


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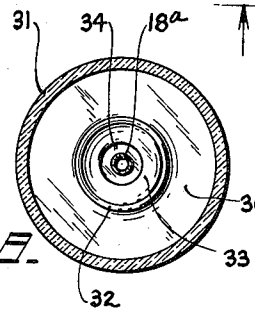


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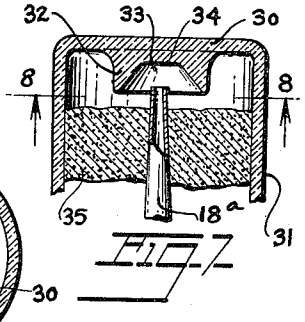


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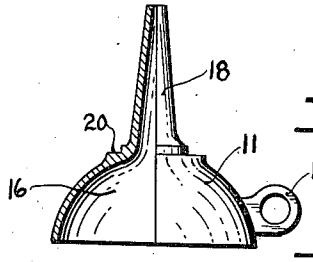


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This invention relates to a condiment holder, and in particular, to one that can be vertically shaken to discharge the contents thereof.

A particular object of the invention is to provide a condiment holder of plastic construction which, instead of employing a number of small openings, will employ one relatively large opening that is non-cloggable.

Other important objects of the invention are to provide in a device of the character referred to, a minimum number of parts that may be molded from plastic or any other suitable material, so arranged that the base of the implement may be provided with an inwardly projecting tube that extends into the globe or condiment receptacle, and which prevents the contents of the latter from accidentally spilling; to provide, in a device of this character, a simple structure that will permit the condiment holder to be substantially filled so that the capacity of the holder is increased and the contents can be shaken out in small quantities; to provide a base member that may serve as a funnel when the condiment holder is to be filled and which also forms a part of the holder; to provide a shaker of the character referred to, which may be made in simulation of an old fashioned oil lamp so that it is ornamental in appearance and enhances the table setting.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a view in side elevation of a condiment shaker showing the ornamental appearance thereof and the relative arrangements of the parts.

Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of the globe portion of the holder, showing the closed top thereof.

Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the base portion of the holder, showing the arrangement of the globe holding means.

Fig. 4 is a view in elevation, partly in section, of the condiment holding globe forming a part of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a view in elevation, partly in section, of a portion of the base member that is used in supporting the globe and providing the desired ornamental effect.

Fig. 6 is a view in elevation, partly in section, of the base portion of the holder, showing the construction thereof.

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Fig. 7 is an enlarged view in cross section of the upper end of a globe in which the condiment is housed, showing a modified form of top structure which permits filling of the holder to a maximum.

Fig. 8 is a section on the line 8—8 of Fig. 7.

Fig. 9 is a schematic view showing the use of the base as a filling funnel.

Referring to the drawing in detail, 10 indicates a condiment holder which consists of three parts, a base portion 11, a threaded annulus 12, and a condiment holding vial or receptacle 13. The annulus is secured in any suitable manner to the base 11 and is internally threaded as at 14 to engage the external thread 15 of the vial 13 to detachably hold the latter in position in the annulus.

The base member 11 consists of a hemispherical hollow bottom 16 molded to provide an integral handle 17 and an upper tapered tubular extension 18 which, when the globe or vial 13 is positioned on the base, extends substantially into said globe. The upper portion of the hemispherical section of the base is provided with a shoulder 20 which is arranged to receive the flange 21 bounding the opening 22 in the bottom of the annulus 12. For convenience of manufacture, the annulus 12 and the base portions 11 may be cast or otherwise formed out of plastic as separate units and then may be cemented together or otherwise attached with the flanged section 21 resting in the shoulder 20 to form a solid structure hereinafter referred to as the base. The vial 13, shaped in simulation of the old fashioned oil lamp chimney, may be made of clear plastic or glass and is formed to provide the neck portion 23 and closed top 24 ornamented on its peripheral edge by any suitable means such as the beading 25. The upper edge of the annulus 12 may be likewise ornamented by the serrations 19.

It is evident that when the annulus 12 is assembled with the base 11, the base itself and the spout 18 will form a pouring funnel, when inverted, through the medium of which the condiment vial 13 may be replenished (Fig. 9). When the holder is resting on its base as illustrated in Fig. 1, the contents may be shaken out by agitating the holder vertically causing the granular substance within the globe 13 to strike the closed end 24 thereof and fall back down through the tube 18 to be sprinkled on the food. The tube, being tapered, will allow the condiment to scatter as it falls therethrough so that it will be spread evenly on the food.

It is desired that the capacity of the holder be

as great as possible and to this end, the upper or top wall 30 of the condiment holder or vial 31 (Fig. 7) may be shaped to provide a central raised portion 32 having an inwardly extending truncated conical depression 33, the bottom of which is flat as at 34 and provides a surface against which the granular condiment may strike when the holder is agitated so that a certain desired amount of the condiment will fall back through the tube 18a, whose upper end extends within the recess 33. In this form of the invention, it will be noted that the condiment, as indicated at 35, may fill the receptacle 31 almost to the top without spilling over the upper edge of the discharge tube 18a and consequently the capacity of the holder is greatly increased.

The form of the invention, as illustrated in Fig. 7, may be applied to the construction shown in Fig. 1 and instead of the tube 18 extending partly into the globe or vial 13 it may project into the receptacle 33 that may be formed in said globe 31.

It is evident therefore, that the invention provides a device which will be simple and inexpensive in construction, highly efficient in use, positive in action, desirable in service and one which may be easily and thoroughly cleaned and kept in a sanitary condition.

While we have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of our invention, it is to be understood that we do not limit ourselves to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is:

A condiment holder comprising a substantially hollow, semi-spherical base having an elongated,

tapering, hollow tubular member in communication with the interior of said base, said tubular member extending substantially vertically from said base, a circumferential shoulder formed on said base and positioned substantially co-axial with respect to said tubular member, an annular member having a depending flange surrounding the opening thereof, said flange engaging against said shoulder and adhesively held in engagement therewith to releasably secure said annular member on said base, a vertically extending and upwardly projecting flange formed on said annular member, said last named flange being internally threaded, an elongated vial having an externally threaded open end for engagement with said internal threads whereby said vial is releasably secured on said annular member and surrounds said tubular member.

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