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Fig. 1.

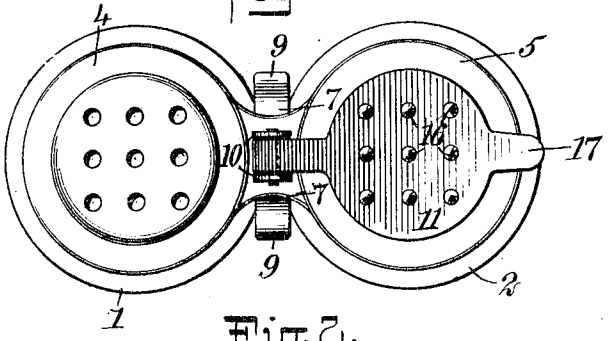


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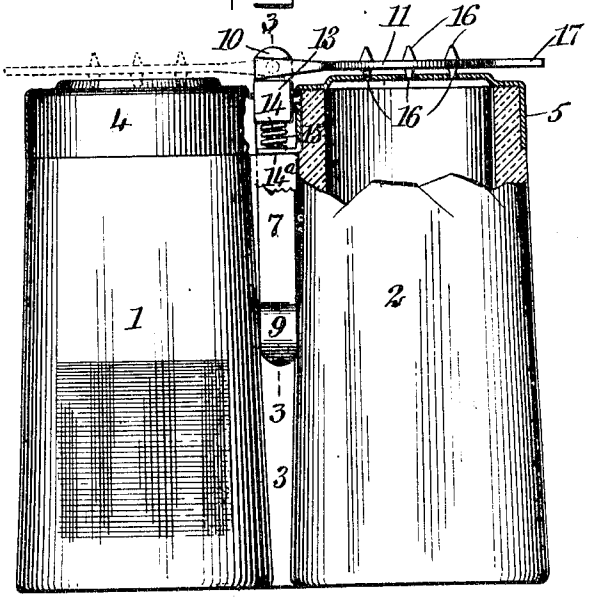
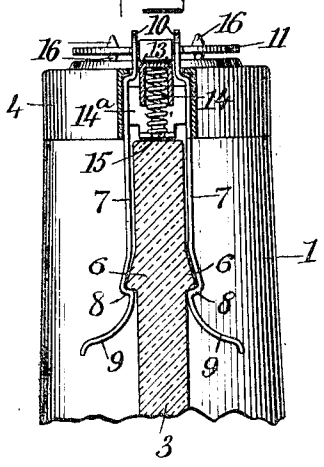


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYMAN B. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Sulphur, District 21, Indian Territory, have invented a new and Improved Compound Condiment-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is an improvement in compound condiment-holders, embodying in a single structure two shakers or distributers adapted to contain salt and pepper or other condiments and which can be brought into action simultaneously or selectively at the desire of the user.

The invention has for objects the production of a device of this character in which the caps of the shakers can be readily removed and replaced and the perforations therein remain in a free and open state by the action of means carried by a closure-lid operable to close that shaker not in use.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of one embodiment of my improved condiment-holder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, one of the holders being shown partly in central vertical section; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view substantially on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

The invention comprises two receptacles 1 and 2 of like construction and joined together by a thin web 3, the whole being preferably made as an integral piece of glass. The upper ends of the receptacles are slightly reduced in diameter for receiving sheet-metal caps 4 and 5, respectively, slidingly fitting over them, said caps being constructed of a single piece of sheet metal and provided with the usual perforations.

Each side of the web 3 is provided with enlargements 6 of triangular formation with abrupt lower faces which are adapted to be engaged by spring-arms 7, said arms being provided with angular offsets 8 for this purpose and with outwardly-flaring ends 9, extending therefrom. The upper extremities of the spring-arms pass through the connecting portion of the caps and are offset slightly inward, terminating in upwardly-projecting ears 10, between which is pivoted an arm extending from a lid 11. This arm, as best shown in Fig. 2, has inclined faces with a flat end adapted to be engaged by a spring-pressed hollow finger 13, slidably mounted between the spring-arms 7. For normally pressing this finger upwardly a spiral spring 14 is incased therein and is seated at its lower end upon an angular bracket 14^a, the latter having a tongue 15 cut therefrom, which is turned upwardly into the bore of the spring, maintaining the spring from accidental displacement.

Each side of the lid 11 carries a series of conical projecting pins 16, adapted to enter and close the perforations in the caps 4 and 5, respectively, when not in use and acting to keep the perforations in a free and open state. An arm 17 projects from the lid 11 and serves as a means for turning the lid on its pivot.

It is obvious from the construction of the pivotal arm of the lid that the spring-pressed finger 13 will keep the projecting pins 16 in tight engagement with the perforations of the cap, over which it is placed. Further, by reason of the flat extremity of this arm when the lid is turned to a vertical position the spring-pressed finger will cause it to be maintained in this relation until thrown to one side or the other.

It is further obvious that the spring-arms will automatically engage and disengage the enlargements on the web 3 when the caps are respectively placed on and drawn from the condiment receptacles or holders. For placing these caps on the receptacles, as well as on removing them therefrom, the lid 11 will be found to serve as a convenient handle when pressed in the vertical position referred to.

The precise embodiment of the invention is not material, provided the essential characteristics are employed, as pointed out in the annexed claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A condiment-holder comprising a plurality of receptacles, perforated caps covering the receptacles, and a lid pivoted between the caps having conical pins projecting from each side for keeping the perforations in the caps free and open.

2. A condiment-holder comprising a plurality of receptacles joined together by an inter-

mediate web, perforated sheet-metal caps joined together and fitting over the receptacles, a spring-arm fixed to the caps, and an enlargement on the web adapted to be engaged by the spring-arm when the caps are in place.

3. A condiment-holder comprising a plurality of receptacles joined together by an intermediate web, perforated caps constructed of a single piece of sheet metal slidably embracing the receptacles, enlargements at each side of the web, and spring-arms carried by the caps adapted to engage said enlargements when the caps are in place.

4. A condiment-holder comprising a plurality of receptacles joined together, perforated caps joined together and slidably embracing the receptacles, spring-arms carried by the caps, coacting with means carried by the receptacles for holding the caps in place, and a lid pivotally connected between the caps adapted to close the perforations in the caps.

5. A condiment-holder comprising a plurality of receptacles joined together, perforated caps for covering the receptacles, a lid having an arm with inclined faces and a flattened end, pivotally connected between the caps, and means yieldingly pressing on said arm, for the purpose described.

6. A condiment-holder comprising a plurality of receptacles joined together, perforated caps for covering the receptacles, a lid having an arm with a flattened end pivotally connected between the caps, a hollow finger arranged under the arm, and a spring partly incased in said finger and acting to normally press it against the arm.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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