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Fig. 1.

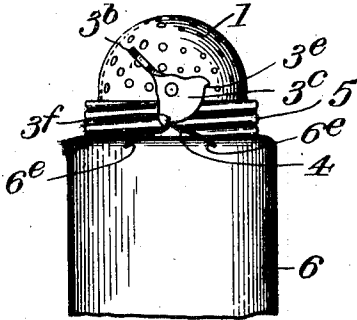


Fig. 2.

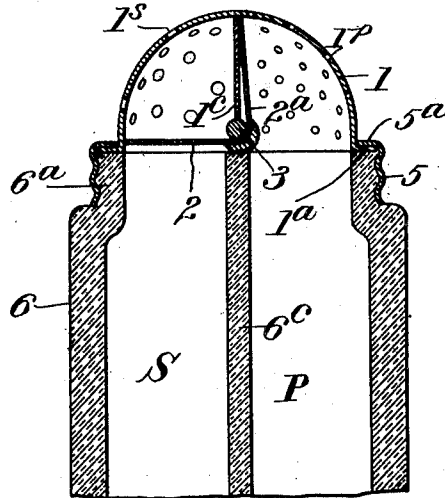


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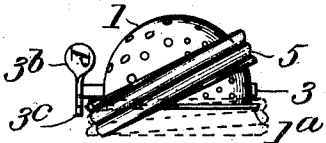


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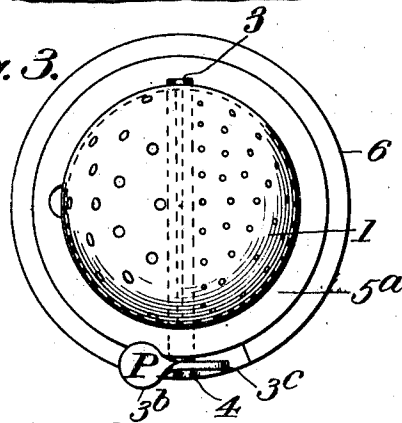


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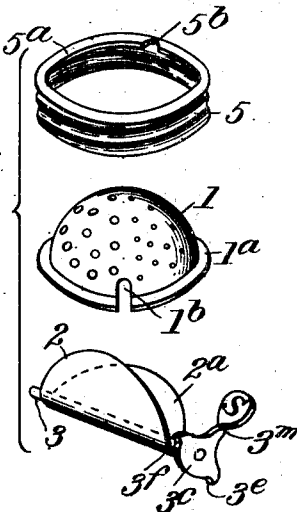
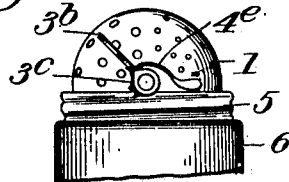


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. CLEMMER, of Trenton, in the county of Mercer and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Condiment-Holders; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

This invention is an improvement in condiment holders or cellars adapted to contain two different condiments,—such as salt and pepper in different compartments; and provided with means whereby either condiment can be delivered from the holder at the will of the user while the other is retained therein.

The object of this invention is to provide a novel shaker head or cover for such holders or “cellars” whereby either condiment can be delivered, as desired by the user, while the other can be retained;—and wherein accumulation of condiment on the under or inside of the cover will be prevented; and which cover can be easily detached from the cellar or vessel and the parts thereof separated so that they can be thoroughly cleansed; and can be as easily reassembled and attached to the cellar.

I will now describe the invention with reference to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the upper part of a holder or cellar provided with the invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view of the cover and upper part of the cellar. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a view showing the manner of assembling or separating the parts of the head. Fig. 5 is a view of the parts of the head separated. Fig. 6 is a view of a slight modification of the valve adjusting devices.

As shown in the drawings the holder or “cellar” 6, which is preferably made of glass, has an annular neck 6^a which is exteriorly threaded as shown and is divided by a transverse vertical partition 6^c into two compartments; one compartment, P, may contain pepper, and the other compartment, S, salt; or different condiments.

Detachably attached to the collar 6^a, as by screw threads, is a ring 5 preferably of metal, having on its upper edge an internal flange 5^a which overlies an external flange 1^a on the lower edge of the hemispherical cover 1, which rests upon the top of the neck 6^a, of

the cellar 6 and is preferably provided with an internal vertical partition 1^c which is adapted to lie in line with the partition 6^c so as to form a continuation of the chambers P and S, above the cellar and within the cover 1, see Fig. 2. The cover is perforated on opposite sides of this partition, as indicated at 1^b and 1^s, to permit sifting of the condiments therethrough. Within the cover and at opposite sides of the partition 1^c are two adjustable semi-circular valves 2, 2^a, each of which is preferably attached at its axial line to a shaft 3 that extends axially of the cover and is supported upon the flange 5^a of the ring 5 but is properly centered and kept from lateral movement in the cover by engaging diametrically opposite notches or slots 1^b in the cover as shown.

The valves 2, 2^a are so attached to the shaft 3 that when one is vertical the other is horizontal, consequently by rocking the shaft to right or left either compartment P or S can be closed while the other is left open. Suitable means may be provided for rocking the valves and holding them in adjusted position. As shown in Fig. 1 a finger piece 3^b is attached to one end of shaft 3, and has a segmental lower end 3^c provided with opposite notches 3^e, 3^f, either of which may be engaged with a suitable spring detent or catch, which may be formed of a piece of spring metal 4 bent in approximately V-shape and having its ends engaged in notches 6^e in the upper edge of the cellar, adjacent the collar thereof with its apex uppermost and so arranged and located as to properly engage the segment 3^c when the cover is properly secured in place. If desired the finger piece 3^b may be provided with indicia on opposite sides thereof as shown, so that by depressing the proper arm the shaft 3 will be rocked and open or close the salt or the pepper compartment. As shown in Fig. 6 instead of a spring 4 attached to the cellar, a detent spring 4^e may be attached to the side of the cover 1 in position to engage the notched segment 3^c of the finger piece 3^b to hold the shaft and valves in adjusted position. The valves 2, 2^a fit neatly within the cover and their free edges are curved on arcs corresponding to the interior curvature of the cover, so that said valves will prevent the accumulation or deposit of condiment on the under side of the cover, and keep the inner face thereof clear of obstructions.

The shaft 3 supports valves 2, 2^a, and also forms a means for locking the cover and ring 5 together. As shown when the parts are properly assembled the ends of the shaft 3 engaging above the flange 5^a prevent the cover dropping through the ring or the ring slipping over the cover, when the parts are in the position shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, such interlocking of the parts by the shaft is one novel feature of the construction. The parts can be readily detached however, after the ring and cover are removed from the cellar, by turning the ring 5 until a notch 5^b in the flange 5^a comes opposite the short end 3^c of shaft 3, see Fig. 3. In which position the shaft and cover can be disengaged from the ring as indicated in Fig. 4, the cover dropping from the ring or the ring tilting from the cover as shown in said figure, so that the ring, cover and shaft with attached valves can be readily separated, and while so separated each part can be thoroughly and easily cleansed. To re-assemble the parts the valves are first placed in the cover by engaging shaft 3 in the notches 1^b of the cover; ring 5 is slipped over one end of shaft 3, as shown in Fig. 4 until the flange 5^a engages between such end of the shaft and the flange 1^a of the cover; then the ring 5 is dropped over the cover until the opposite end of the shaft 3 engages under the flange 5^a, and then the ring is turned until such end of the shaft 3 can be entered through notch 5^b to a position above the flange 5^a; then the ring is turned so as to move notch 5^b to one side of the shaft 3, thereby locking the parts in the assembled position, shown in Fig. 3.

In positioning the cover on the cellar, after the cover, valves and ring are assembled as described, the ring is partially screwed onto the neck of the cellar and then the shaft turned until it is parallel with the partition 6^c; then ring 5 is tightened, while the cover is held, and thus the parts are secured in proper position, as indicated in Fig. 2. The cover, ring and valves, can be readily removed as a unit from the cellar when it is desired to fill the compartments of the latter and replaced as a unit after the cellar is filled; or when removed the ring, cover and valves can be readily separated for cleansing, as described.

Having described my invention what I claim is:

1. In a condiment holder, the combination of a cellar having adjacent compartments, a ring detachably connected to the cellar, a hemispherical perforated cover attached to the ring, a detachable rock-shaft disposed equatorially of the cover, semi-circular

valves within the cover and attached to said rock-shaft, and means for locking the valves in adjusted position.

2. In a condiment holder, the combination of a cellar having adjacent compartments, a flanged ring detachably connected to the cellar, a hemispherical perforated cover having a flange adapted to engage under the flange of the ring, a rock-shaft disposed axially of the cover, valves attached to said rock-shaft within the cover, and means for locking the valves in adjusted position.

3. In combination with a cellar having adjacent compartments; a closure therefor, comprising an internally flanged ring engaging the neck of the cellar, an externally flanged hemispherical perforated cover engaging the ring and provided with diametrically opposite notches, a shaft disposed axially of the cover and projecting through said notches and resting upon the flange of the ring, and semi-circular valves attached to said shaft within the cover, and means for locking the valves in adjusted position.

4. In combination with a cellar having adjacent compartments; a closure therefor, comprising an internally flanged ring engaging the neck of the cellar, an externally flanged hemispherical perforated cover engaging the ring and provided with diametrically opposite notches, a shaft disposed axially of the cover and projecting through said notches and resting upon the flange of the ring, the flange of the ring having a notch to permit the disengagement of the shaft from the ring when the parts are to be separated, or the engagement of the shaft with the ring, when the parts are assembled, and valves attached to said shaft within the cover.

5. In a condiment holder, the combination of a cellar having adjacent compartments, a flanged ring detachably connected to the cellar, a hemispherical perforated cover having a flange adapted to engage under the flange of the ring to secure the cover to the ring, a shaft disposed axially of the cover, valves attached to said rock-shaft, a notched piece on the outer end of the shaft, and a spring detent adapted to engage said notched piece to lock the shaft and valves in adjusted position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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