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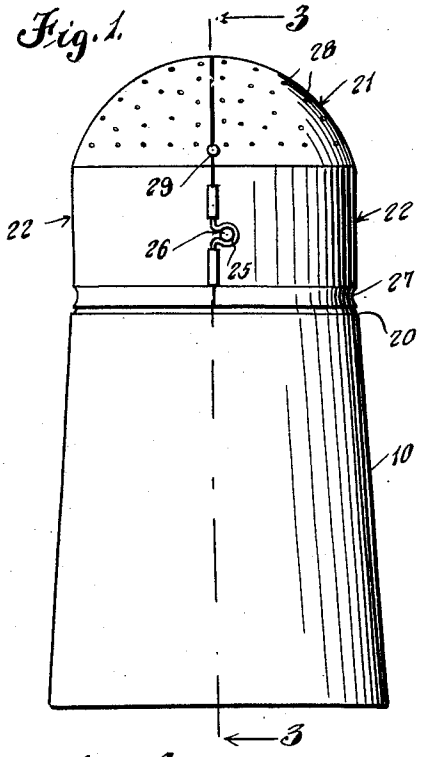


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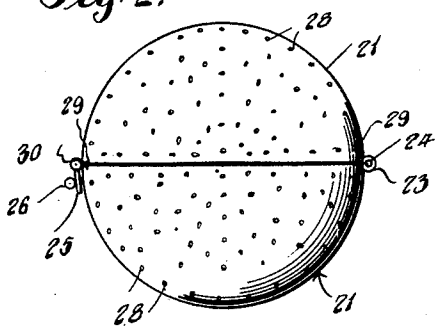


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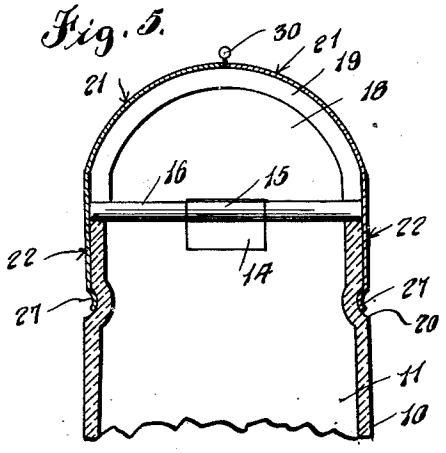


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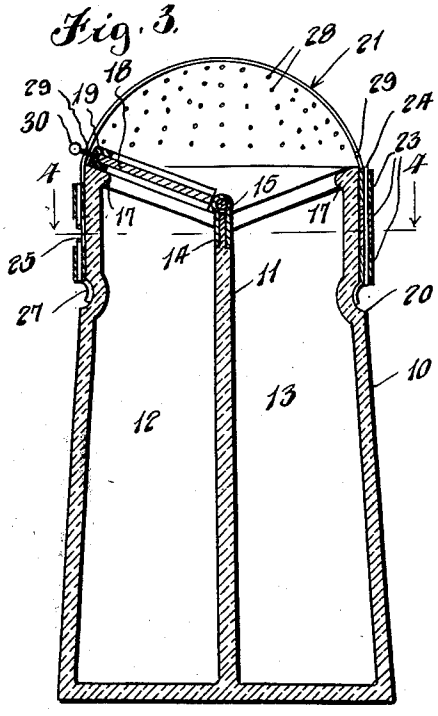
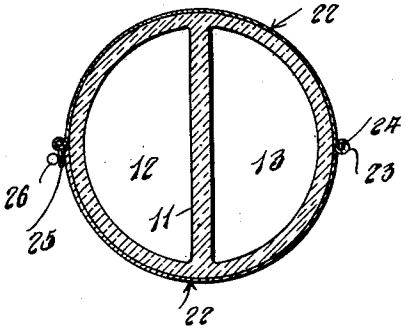


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This invention relates to a pepper and salt or condiment holder or shaker.

It is aimed to provide a durable, inexpensive and efficient construction wherein there is no danger of the cap becoming accidentally detached from the holder proper, a construction wherein the inner surface of the perforated or dispensing portion may be readily scraped, and a construction wherein the valve or closure may be mounted in a novel manner and moved over either of a plurality of dispensing chambers, and held against displacement from such position.

The more specific objects and advantages will become apparent from a consideration of the description following taken in connection with accompanying drawings illustrating an operative embodiment.

In said drawings:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation;

Figure 2 is a plan view;

Figure 3 is a central vertical section;

Figure 4 is a cross section on the line 4—4 of Figure 3, and

Figure 5 is a detail section taken at a right angle to Figure 3.

10 designates a holder of glass or any other preferred material and of any desired size or shape. Such holder has a partition 11 therein providing compartments 12 and 13 on opposite sides thereof each adapted to contain a different condiment and for instance one containing salt and the other pepper.

The partition 11 terminates short at the top of the holder and has a reduced portion 14 which is engaged on opposite sides and frictionally grasped by a U-shaped clasp 15 which serves as a journal or anchor for a hinge pintle 16 which extends on opposite sides of the clasp 15 and rests on top of the partition. At the top of each compartment 12 and 13 a downwardly and inwardly inclined rim 17 is provided. Either rim is adapted to be engaged by a plate or closure 18 which is fastened rigidly to the pintle rod 16. Marginally, the plate 18 is provided with a strip 19 of rubber which is U-shaped in cross section and arranged in gripping relation therewith, such rubber being adapted to directly engage seat 17 and effectively close the chambers.

Exteriorly, at a distance below the top, the holder 10 is provided with an annular groove 20. The holder has a cap 21 composed of two halves or sections provided with depending skirts 22 which have interfitting barrels 23 pivotally connected together by a pintle 24 arranged longitudinally of the holder. Diametrically opposite the pintle 24, one skirt 22 has a U-shaped resilient wire clasp or other fastener 25 secured thereto which is adapted to snap over a stud 26 of the adjacent skirt 22 in order to secure the sections together with an inturned flange 27 at their lower edges disposed in the groove 20 and therefore in such manner that the cap will not accidentally become detached from the holder.

In order that the sections may readily dispense the condiment, the cap is perforated as at 28. Also in order to hold the valve or plate 18 in position closing either compartment 12 or 13, the top sections have notches 29 which engage a lug 30 extending from the plate 18 and serving as a handle in adjusting it.

It will be realized that the top sections may be readily separated in order to clean the inner surface at the perforated portion should the same become clogged and in order to move the plate 18 from the position shown in Figure 3 to its other position or vice versa and it will also be realized that the cap will not accidentally become detached.

Various changes may be resorted to provided they fall within the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A condiment holder, comprising a holder, a partition in said holder providing compartments, a plate pivotally mounted on said partition and adapted to be positioned over either compartment, a sectional perforated cap removably secured to said holder and enclosing said plate, and a lug on said plate arranged to move between the cap sections and providing means for dispensing material from either compartment through the perforations in the cap.

2. A device of the class described comprising a holder having a partition providing compartments and having an external groove, a sectional cap at the top of the holder having an inturned flange at a portion thereof engaging the groove, means pivotally connecting the sections together, fastening means securing the sections against separation, a plate adapted to close either compartment pivoted at the top of the partition, a lug extending from the plate, and said sections at their meeting edges having notches engageable with said lug to hold the plate in position closing either compartment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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