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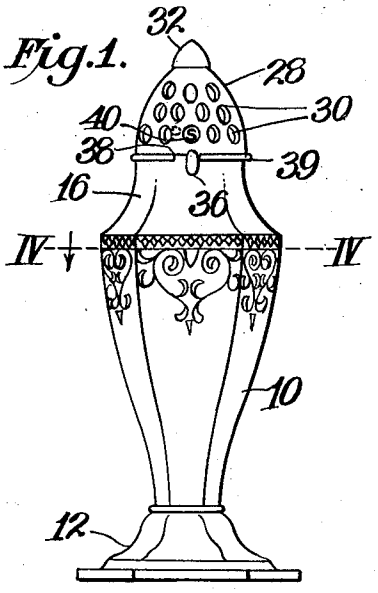


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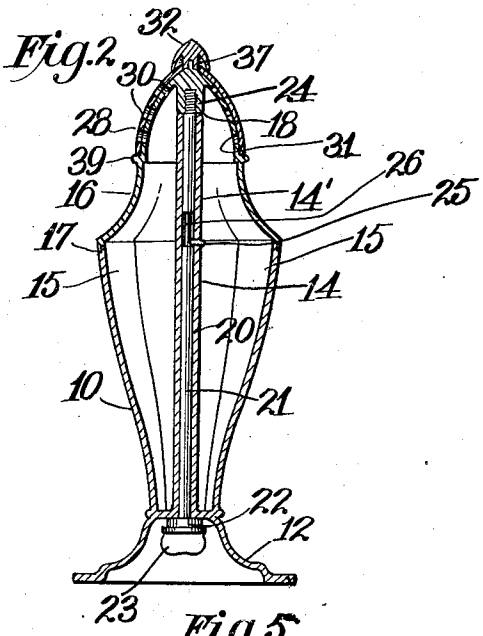


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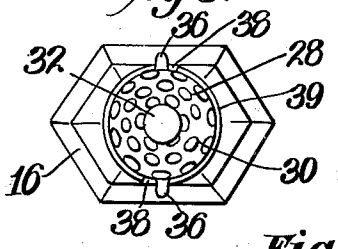


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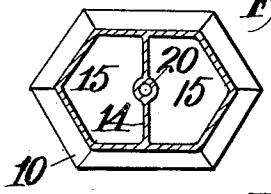


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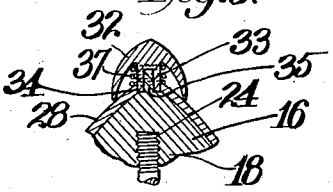


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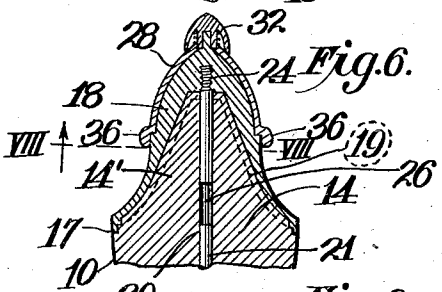


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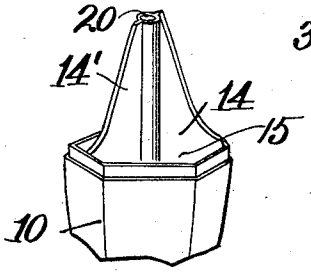
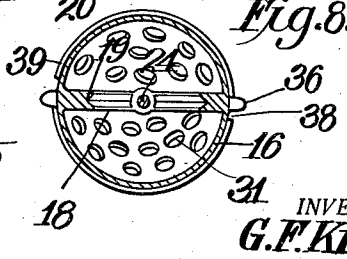


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The present invention relates to condiment holders, and aims to provide an improved combination receptacle of the salt and pepper box type, of compact form providing separate condiment compartments within the same body portion and a single and removable cover or closure structure carried by the top of the receptacle for regulating the discharge from both of the condiment compartments.

Accordingly I have devised an improved construction of this character comprising a receptacle having an integral base and body portion formed with separate condiment compartments and carrying a removable cover or closure structure operative to regulate the discharge from either of the compartments and provided with efficient securing means entirely concealed from view for removably holding the closure structure in place.

It is also sought to provide a device of extremely simple construction and compact form and of as few parts as possible for adapting the same to be cheaply and economically manufactured.

With the aforesaid general objects in view, the invention will now be described by reference to the accompanying drawing in which is illustrated one practical and efficient embodiment of my improved construction, after which the novel features and combinations thereof will be set forth and claimed.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a view showing an elevation of the improved condiment holder, constructed in accordance with my invention;

Figure 2 is a central vertical sectional view of the same;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the device;

Figure 4 is a horizontal sectional view, representing a section taken on the line IV—IV of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is an enlarged sectional detail of the upper portion of the device;

Figure 6 is a vertical sectional fragmentary view of the upper portion of the device, showing a section at right angles to the plane of Figure 1;

Figure 7 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating the upper part of the body portion of the receptacle with the cover or closure structure removed; and

Figure 8 is an enlarged detail view of said cover or closure structure, representing a section taken on the line VIII—VIII of Figure 6.

Referring now to the said drawing in detail, this illustrates the improved construction as comprising a body or receptacle portion 10 integrally connected with a base portion 12 of any suitable material adapted to be made up by die-casting into any desired ornamental form, as indicated in Figure 1, and with the interior of the receptacle portion 10 divided by a partition structure 14 into separate condiment compartments 15, as illustrated in Figures 4 and 7. This partition 14 is also formed with an upwardly projecting extension 14′, forming a continuation of the partition within the top or cover member 16 which is of any desired ornamental design having a mortise fitting engagement with the upper margin of the body portion 10, as indicated at 17 (see Figures 2 and 6). The extension 14′ serves also the useful purpose of a baffle member, since on removing the cover member 16 it is adapted to prevent any accidental mixing of the condiments in the refilling of the receptacle, such as might occur if the condiment being poured into one of the compartments 15 should be spilled over into the other compartment 15,—the opportunity for such spilling action being practically eliminated by the presence of said extension 14′. The interior of the cover member is also provided with a diametrically extending rib or partition element 18 formed with a groove or channel 19 of V-shape to fit the correspondingly shaped edge of the top margin of the partition 14.

The vertical middle portion of the partition 14 is suitably enlarged to provide a central vertical bore 20 for passage of a rod or pin 21 for securing the cover member 16 in place. The lower end of the rod 21 is formed with a knob 22 engaging the bottom face of the receptacle portion 10 within the hollow base member 12, this knob having a suitable finger engaging projection 23. The upper end of the rod or pin 21 is threaded to screw

into a threaded socket 24 formed within the cover member at the middle portion of the rib or partition element 18 (Figs. 2, 6 and 8). A pin 25 in the bore 20 engages a slot or groove 26 in the side of the rod 21 to prevent the latter from dropping out of the bore, as at times when the cover member 16 is removed for the purpose of filling the receptacle.

A closure element 28 is fitted to the exterior face of the cover member 16 and provided with two sets of openings 30 adapted to be brought separately into register with two similar sets of openings 31 in the cover member 16 at opposite sides of its rib or partition 18, for the purpose of separately regulating the discharge of the contents from the receptacle compartments 15 and thus enabling the individual user to obtain a supply of either condiment as desired. The closure element 28 is secured rotatably in position by means of a cap piece 32 having a central hub portion 33 entering a central opening 34 in said closure element 28 and secured by press-fitting engagement with a pin 35 projecting up from the apex of the cover member 16. This cap piece 32 encloses a coil spring 37, coiled about the hub portion 33, and exerting a pressure upon the margin of the opening 34 in the closure element 28 whereby the latter is maintained in yielding frictional engagement with the outer face of the cover member 16.

The rotative movement of the closure element 28 is limited by a pair of finger pieces or projections 36 carried by the lower margin of said element and projecting within cutaway portions 38 of a bead 39 formed on the outer face of the cover member 16 and thus providing stops for the finger pieces 36 and limiting the movement of the element 28 to just the extent necessary for alternately uncovering the shaker openings 31. If desired, the closure element 28 may be provided with openings 40 for alternately exposing letters "S" and "P" on the cover member beneath, for indicating the alternate registered relations of the openings 30 and 31 for respectively discharging salt or pepper from the receptacle compartments 15.

It will thus be apparent that I have devised a simple and practical construction for carrying out the desired objects of the invention, and in a combination form which is susceptible of being embodied in attractive designs of a very neat and ornamental character.

While I have herein illustrated and described what I regard as one of the preferred forms of construction for embodying my improvement, I desire to be understood as reserving the right to make all such changes or modifications as may fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A condiment holder construction comprising an integral hollow base and receptacle portion, a central vertical partition dividing the receptacle portion into separate condiment compartments, a removable cover structure carried by the top of the receptacle portion and operative to regulate the outlet from both of said compartments, a securing device comprising a rod having a head enclosed within said hollow base and a shaft extending vertically through said partition into threaded engagement with said cover structure for holding said cover structure upon said receptacle portion, and means permitting rotative and limited longitudinal movement of said rod while retaining the same from withdrawal from said partition.

2. A condiment holder construction comprising a base and receptacle portion, a partition dividing said receptacle into separate condiment compartments and having an extension projecting above said receptacle portion, a removable closure structure enclosing said extension and embracing the upper margin of the receptacle portion, the interior of said cover structure being formed with a threaded socket, a securing device comprising a rod extending through said partition into engagement with said socket for holding said closure structure upon said receptacle portion, and means permitting rotative and limited longitudinal movement of said rod while retaining the same from withdrawal from said partition.

3. A condiment holder construction comprising an integral base and receptacle portion, a partition dividing the receptacle portion into separate condiment compartments and provided with a vertical central bore, a removable cover structure carried by the top of the receptacle portion and comprising an interior hollow shell member and an exterior rotary shell member having registrable openings operative to separately regulate the outlet from both of said compartments, said interior shell member being formed with an interior threaded socket, and a rod extending through said bore into engagement with said socket for securing said interior shell member in fixed position upon said receptacle portion.

In witness whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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