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FIG. 1

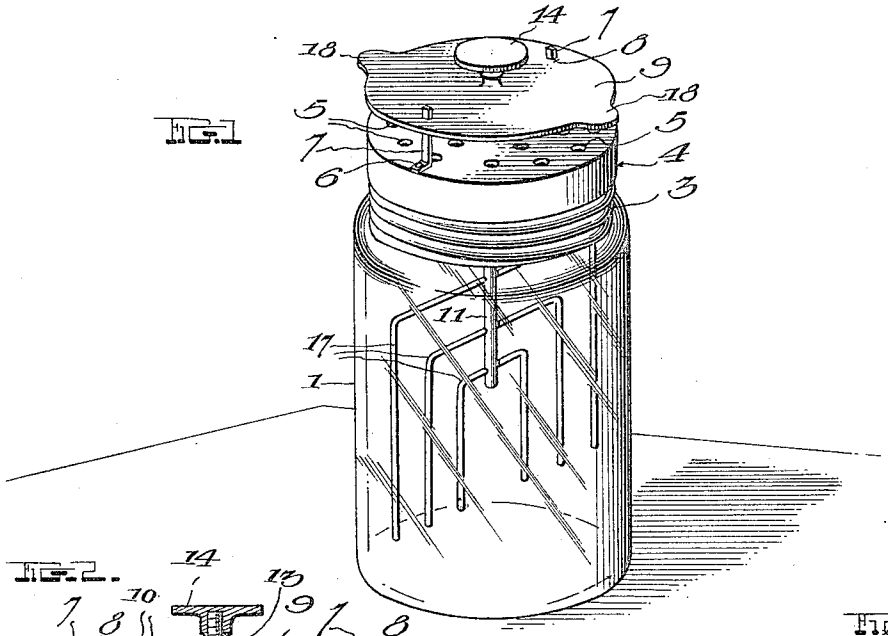


FIG. 2.

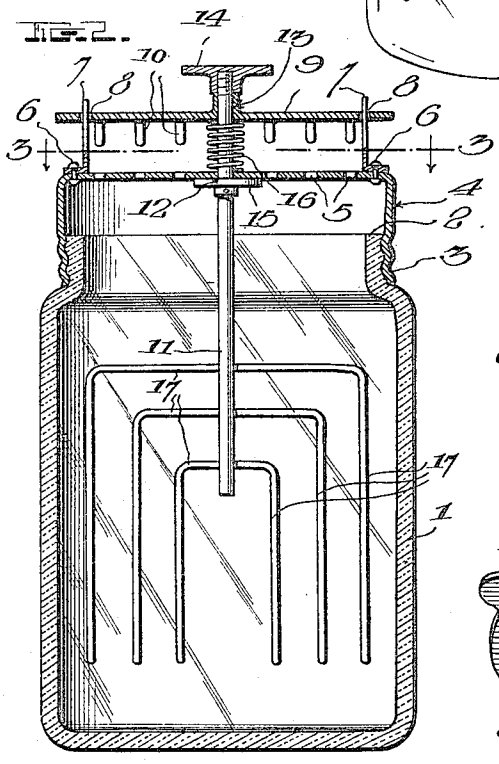


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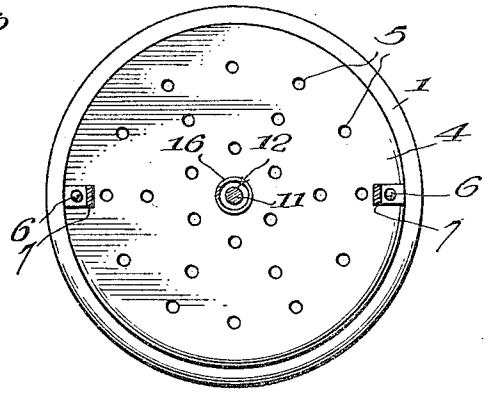
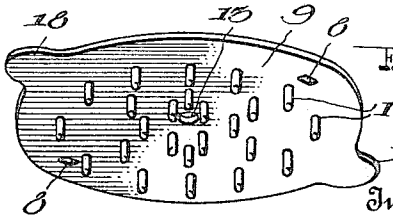


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOE HAVASSY, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, residing at Miami, in the county of Gila and State of Arizona, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Condiment-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in receptacles, and is particularly designed for dispensing salt, pepper and the like.

One object of the invention is to provide means for agitating the contents of a receptacle and thereby preventing caking or lumping of the contents of the receptacle.

Another object of the invention is to provide a receptacle of this character having a perforated cap provided with means for preventing the perforations therein from becoming clogged.

A still further object is to provide a means for preventing dust from gaining entrance to the interior of the receptacle.

A further object resides in the provision of a device which will be simple, strong, durable and inexpensive in construction, efficient and reliable in operation, and well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, and the combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings in which similar reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device constructed in accordance with this invention; Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view of the same; Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the plane of the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the lower face of the plate.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 represents a receptacle which may be of any suitable material, here shown as of glass, and which may be of any desired configuration. The open upper end of the receptacle 1 is provided with a reduced externally threaded neck 2, which engages an internally threaded annular flange 3 of a cap member 4, the latter being provided with a plurality of perforations 5. Riveted at 6 to the upper face of the cap member 4 is a pair of upright stems 7, here shown arranged on diametrically opposite edges. However, as many stems as are required may be provided. These stems 7 are slidably engaged with apertures 8 arranged at opposite edges of a substantially circular plate 9, from the lower side of which depends a plurality of punches 10 arranged in alinement with the perforations 5 of the cap 4.

Arranged within the receptacle 1 is an upright rod 11, the upper end of which extends through and is revolubly mounted in alined apertures 12 and 13 in the cap member 4 and the plate 9 respectively. The upper end of the rod 11 is provided with a knob 14 against which the upper face of the plate 9 contacts, and secured to the rod 11 below the lower face of the cap member 4 is a disk 15. The knob 14 and disk 15 act in the capacity of stops for retaining the rod 11 in place in the alined apertures 12 and 13 and they also prevent the plate 9 from becoming disengaged from the stems 7. Surrounding the rod 11 between the plate 9 and cap member 4 is a coil spring 16 which normally holds said plate spaced above the cap member, but allows it to yield downwardly under pressure.

Secured to the rod 11 and disposed within the receptacle 1 are three inverted U-shaped arms 17, it however is to be understood that the number and shape of these arms is immaterial.

In use, the receptacle 1 is filled with salt or the like and the cap member 4 is secured to the neck of the receptacle as hereinbefore described. In the event that the contents of the receptacle becomes clogged or lumped, it may be disintegrated and broken up by turning the knob 14, which as will be seen, turns the rod 11 and moves the arms 17 back and forth within the receptacle. If, however, the apertures 5 in the cap member 4 become clogged, the operator presses the plate 9 downwardly, a pair of lugs 18 being provided on the opposite edges to be engaged by the thumb and fore finger. The punches 10 are thus projected through the apertures 5, which, as will be understood, cleans the same free of the salt or other material. The spring 16 returns the plate to its normal position, which prevents dust from accumulating on the cap member 4 and gaining entrance into the interior of the receptacle.

From the foregoing, it may be seen that the objects of the invention have been effectively carried out. However, it is to be understood that as various changes in form and proportion may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of this invention, I do not wish to be limited to the construction herein shown and described, other than that set forth in the appended claim.

I claim as my invention:

A device of the class described comprising a perforated cap having a central aperture therein and adapted to be secured to the open end of a receptacle, a plate above said cap and adapted to move vertically toward and away from the same, said plate being provided with a central aperture alined with the aperture in said cap and with a plurality of spaced apertures, ears rising rigidly from the cap and received slidably in said spaced apertures, a rod extending through said alined apertures and revolubly mounted therein, a stop on said rod above said plate, an additional stop on said rod below the cap, an agitator carried by said rod and adapted to be disposed within said receptacle, punches depending from the lower face of said plate and adapted to be projected through the perforations in said cap when the plate is moved to its lowermost position, and a coil spring surrounding said rod between said plate and cap for normally retaining said plate in its uppermost position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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