

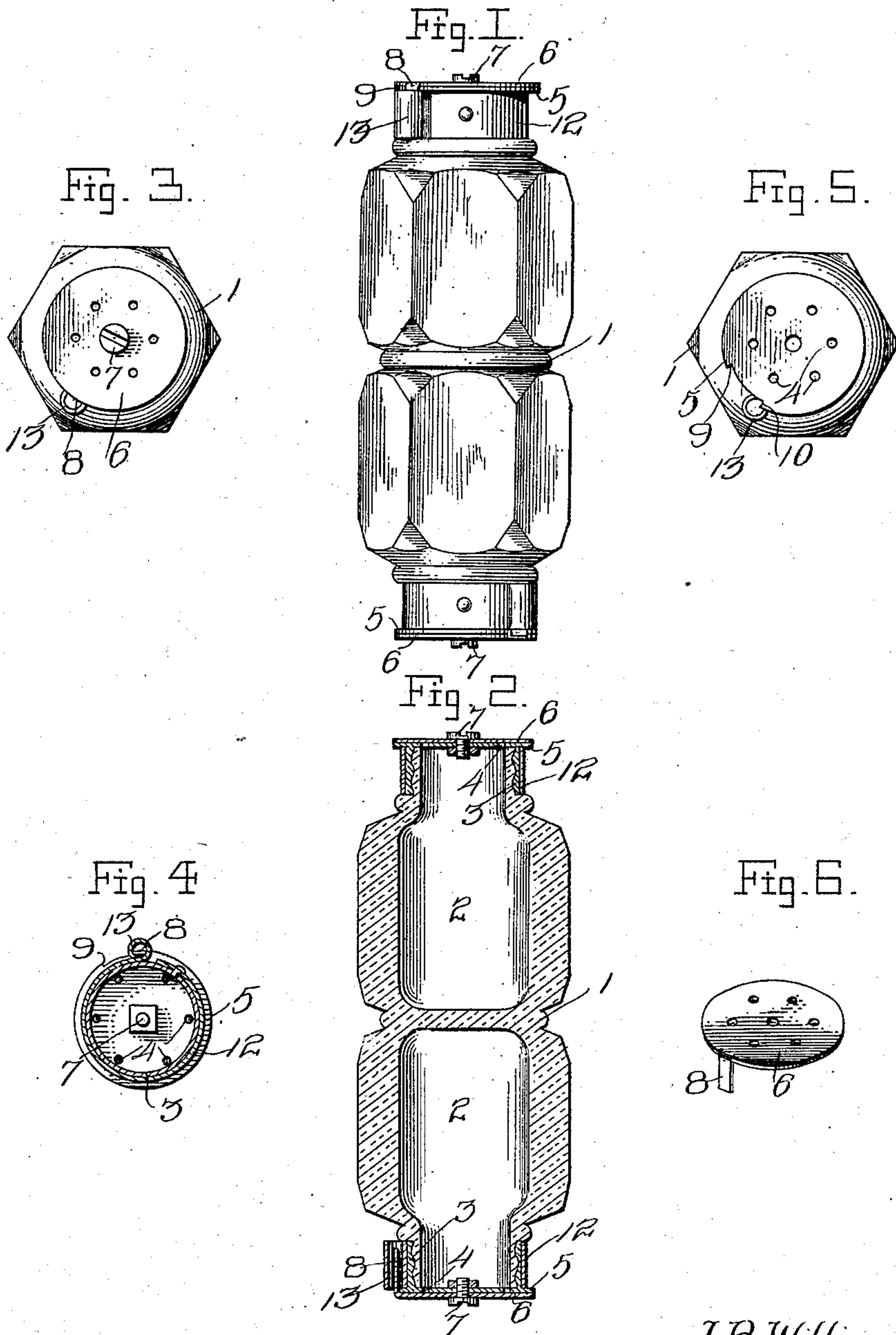
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. WILLIAMSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, 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 combined salt and pepper or other condiment holders.

The object of the invention is to provide a holder of this character from which either salt or pepper may be shaken and to provide a cut-off by which the ends of the holder may be closed when not in use.

A further object is to provide a device of this character which will be simple, strong, and durable, easily taken apart for cleaning, and particularly well adapted to the use for which it is designed.

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

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a combined salt and pepper holder embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 3 is an end elevation. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view through the neck at one end of the holder. Fig. 5 is an end view of the holder with the pivoted plate removed, and Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the pivoted plate detached.

In the drawings, 1 denotes the body portion of the holder or receptacle, which may be of any desired shape or configuration. In each end of the body portion 1 is formed a cell 2, one of which is adapted to contain salt and the other to contain pepper. The outer ends of the holder are reduced and threaded for the reception of threaded caps 3, in the flat ends of which are formed perforations 4. The edges of the ends of the caps are adapted to project slightly beyond the neck portion of the same to form annular flanges 5.

6 denotes perforated cut-off plates or disks pivotally attached to the ends of the caps by

means of a centrally-disposed screw or bolt 7, on the inner end of which is adapted to be screwed a nut which bears against the inner side of the ends of the caps and pivotally holds said plates or disks and caps together, but permitting them to be easily separated for cleaning purposes.

8 denotes an inwardly-projecting lug formed on the edge of the plates 6 and is adapted to project over the neck of the caps, the flanges 5 on the same being cut away to form stop-shoulders 9 and 10, which limit the movement of the plates 6, the arrangement of the shoulders 9 and 10 being such that when the plate 6 is turned to its limit of movement in one direction or until the lug 8 engages the shoulder 9 the perforations in the plates 6 and in the ends of the holder will coincide, thereby permitting the contents of the cell at this end of the holder to be shaken out, and upon a reverse movement of the plate to the position in which the lug 8 engages the shoulder 10 the perforations in the ends of the caps will be covered and closed by the solid portions of the plates 6 between the perforations, as will be understood.

12 denotes a circular-plate spring arranged around the neck portions of the caps and having one end fixed thereto, the opposite end of the springs being formed into a loop or coil 13, which is adapted to receive the lugs 8 on the plates 6, the tension of the springs being such as to normally force the lugs 8 against the shoulders 10 to turn the plates or disks 6 to a position to close or cut off the holes in the ends of the caps and to hold the plates in this position.

When it is desired to use the holder, the same is grasped in one hand and with the thumb the looped end 13 of the spring at the desired end of the holder is engaged and the spring pressed back, thereby turning the plate 6 until the lugs 8 engage the shoulder 9, when the perforations in the plate and the end of the cap will coincide, which will permit the contents to be shaken out. When the plate 6 is in its normal or closed position, the contents of the cells are kept in a dry condition and will not be affected by the atmospheric changes.

The holder 1 is preferably formed of glass and in one piece, but it is obvious that the

same may be formed from any suitable material. When formed of glass, the contents of the two cells will be readily distinguishable, and when formed of opaque material
5 the cells will be suitably marked to indicate their contents.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention
10 tion will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of
15 this invention.

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

20 A cut-off for condiment-holders, comprising a perforated cap having an offstanding

flange provided with a recess the end walls of which form stop-shoulders, a rotary perforated plate pivoted to said cap and having a lug moving in said recess and limited in
25 its movement by said shoulder, and a flat spring surrounding the cap, fixed at one end thereto, and provided at its opposite end with a loop or coil forming a thumb-piece and receiving said lug, whereby the plate may be
30 moved to bring the perforations therein in alinement with the perforations in the cap, the reaction of the spring when the thumb-piece is released serving to restore the plate to its normal position.

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

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