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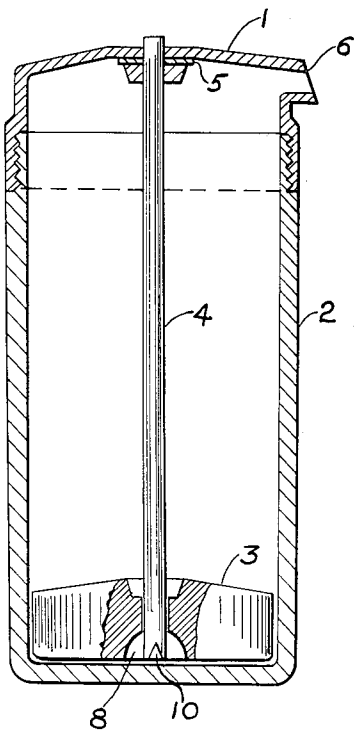


Fig. 1

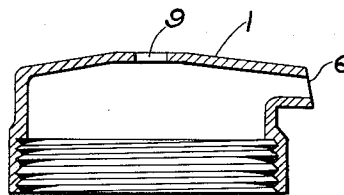


Fig. 2

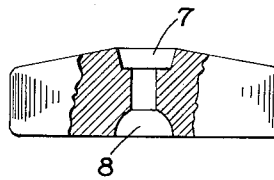


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to improvement in dispensing devices; and more particularly to the provision of a novel device for dispensing mustard and the like.

It is well known that mustard becomes viscous after being exposed to the air, and consequently is difficult to dispense by pouring. In restaurants, and other public dining places, it is desired that mustard be quickly and economically dispensed. It has been found that dispensing mustard by pouring is satisfactory; but due to the change in the viscosity of mustard after standing a while, pouring slows the dispensing process.

It is, therefore, an object of this invention to provide a device for dispensing mustard rapidly by pouring regardless of the viscosity of the mustard.

A further object is to provide a container having a spout for dispensing mustard, said container carrying a weight to force the mustard through the spout.

These and other objects are attained by the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and illustrated by the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view, partly in section, of a dispensing device embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a cover for the device.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a weight used in the device.

Referring to the drawings, the mustard dispensing device is shown to include a container 2, preferably cylindrical in shape and having a plurality of external threads at its upper end adapted to engage internal threads on a cover 1, which has a central aperture 9 through which passes the upper end of a tube 4.

Positioned in the container 2 is a weight 3, made of stainless steel or the like.

The upper end of tube 4 is provided with a washer 5 adapted to engage the underside of the cover 1, and the

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lower end of the tube passes through an opening 7 in the weight, which has a recess 8 which receives air through an opening 10 at the lower end of the tube.

In operation, to dispense mustard, the container 2 is turned upside down to cause the weight 3 to fall downwardly and bear on mustard in the container to force the mustard through the spout 6 of the container. The weight, obviously, becomes of considerable assistance in providing easy flowing of the mustard as the viscosity of the mustard increases.

It will be seen from the above description that a simple and inexpensive device has been provided for facilitating the pouring of mustard from a container.

The above description is to be considered as illustrative and not limitative of the invention, of which modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

The invention having been described, what is claimed is:

1. In a device for dispensing mustard, a container for holding mustard, a weight movably positioned in the bottom of the container, a cover for the container, said cover having a central aperture, said weight having an opening and a recess on its under side, a tube passing through the opening in the weight and the aperture in the cover, a spout formed on the cover, and means for attaching the cover to the container.
2. The structure set forth in claim 1 further characterized by said tube having an opening at its lower end communicating with the recess in the weight.
3. The structure set forth in claim 1 further characterized by said weight being freely slidable on the tube.
4. The structure set forth in claim 1 further characterized by a washer provided on the upper end of the tube and arranged to engage the underside of the cover to limit movement of the tube.

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