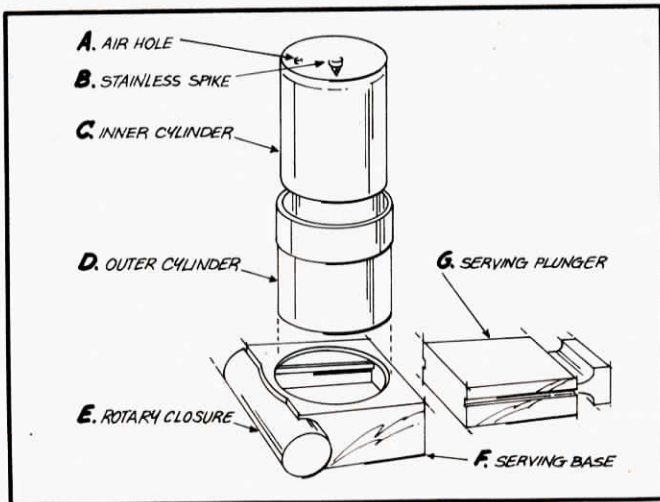


New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home.



Each push-pull stroke of the serving plunger dispenses about one-fourth of the contents of a 14 oz. can. Rotary closure knob is opened to dispense food, then turned to close opening and provide an air tight, clean and odor proof seal, allowing partially full and opened can to be stored in the refrigerator.

“NO MESS, NO SPOON AND NO MORE MESSY FINGERS”

Handy New Dispenser For Canned Pet Food

Somebody's finally discovered a "spoonless" and "no mess" way to dispense canned pet food.

It's Mike Ryan, president of Ryan Industries, of Mitchellville, Iowa, and inventor of Pet Mate, the first and only canned pet food dispenser on the market. It works like an air cylinder to eject the contents of the can into the pet's dish. "There's no mess, no spoon and no pet food on your fingers," explains Ryan.

To operate the Pet Mate, you simply remove the top of the pet food can and set it down. You then place the Pet Mate's outer cylinder over the open end of the can, inserting it full length (snapping it into place) and pick it up. The can is now positioned upside down in the outer cylinder.

Next, insert the inner cylinder into the outer cylinder, enclosing the can and turning the dispenser into an air cylinder. The inner cylinder has a stainless steel spike ($\frac{3}{8}$ dia. and 1 in. long) molded into it inside at top center. As you push down on the inner cylinder, the spike pierces a hole into the bottom of the "upside down" can. Adjacent to the spike is a small air intake hole. After having pulled the inner cylinder to its top-most position for the "power" stroke, this air hole is covered by your finger before pushing down again. The second stroke forces the entrapped air in the cylinder through the pierced hole in the can which, in turn, forces the can's contents out onto the Pet Mate's serving tray.

Each push-pull stroke of the serving plunger dispenses a round patty approximately equal to one-fourth of the can's contents. The device allows you to serve only a portion of the can and then safely return it to the refrigerator for storage. The key component of this "odor proof" design is



Pet Mate can dispense food in "measured servings".

the "rotary" closure knob, located on the front of the serving base. It's turned open to dispense food, then turned back to close the plunger opening, covering the food left on the end of the serving plunger and providing an odor and moisture-tight seal, explains Ryan.

For large pets that consume the full contents of a 14 or 23½ ounce can in one serving, you don't need to use the "measured serving" base part of the dispenser. You simply snap the base away from the two cylinders to "pump" the entire contents of the can right into the dog's dish.

Slated to be on the market later this summer, the Pet Mate will be available for both the 14 oz. (approx. \$15.00 each) and the 23½ oz. (approx. \$19.98 each) pet food cans. Patents are pending.

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LIFELIKE FIGURE SCARES OFF WOULD-BE BURGLARS

They Built A Crime Fighting "Dummy"

The Jasper County Farm Bureau, located about four miles outside Rensselaer, Ind., used to have lots of trouble with break-ins due to its isolated location and the amount of valuable equipment the offices contain. All that stopped when "Albert" was installed.

When the burglar problem got bad about 8 years ago, they could have installed various alarm systems but the manager decided to try a "dummy" alarm in the form of a wire and paper mache lifesize figure made by his son as a school project.

Nicknamed Albert, the figure looks like it's going about some kind of business and, even during the day, it looks scary. There haven't been any break-ins since Albert took his stand in the office, although one night a patrolling deputy sheriff almost took a shot at Albert, thinking he was a burglar. Mike Hanley, manager of the operation, says the idea might well work in farm shops or any other place with valuable equipment or tools.

The Indiana crime-fighting dummy is similar to a life-like house sitter featured in FARM SHOW two years ago. Invented by Pricilla Larson, Lexington, Mass., after two robberies, "Hercules" is a life-size model on flexible wire frame that lets him be positioned in a variety of positions. He can be positioned at the kitchen table when nobody's home or you can even take him along in the car to scare away would-be criminals.



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Mike Hanley stands with Albert, the local Farm Bureau's highly successful "dummy" alarm.

Pricilla wrote a book that explains how to make your own dummy. The booklet sells for \$4.95.

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