Figure. 2

## Turning an Artisan® Crank Top Salt Mill

#### **Supplies Needed**

- 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" Blank
- 1-1/2" Forstner Drill Bit
- 1-1/16" Forstner Drill Bit
- 1-1/8" Forstner Drill Bit
- Sandpaper/Finish
- Drill or Drill Press Eye and Ear Protection

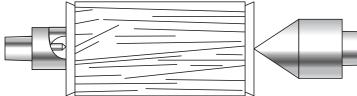
# Selecting the Blank

**1.** Select a 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" blank with the grain running lengthwise.

### **Mounting the Blank**

- 1. Mount the blank between centers and rough turn the blank to round.
- 2. Square the ends of the blank. Cut a 1/4" long dovetail tenon on each end for mounting in a 4 jaw chuck. (See Figure. 1)

Figure. 1



### **Drilling the Mill Body**

- **1.** Mount the Mill Body in a chuck gripping the dovetail tenon.
- **2.** Drill a 1-1/2" dia. hole 3/8" deep.
- 3. Drill a 1-1/8" dia. hole 3/16" deep. Using a skew flat on it's side enlarge the 1-1/8" hole to 1-3/16" dia.
- **4.** Now drill a 1-1/16" hole half way through the blank.
- 5. Reverse the blank in the chuck and check it to make sure it runs true and tighten it.
- **6.** Drill a 1-1/2" hole 1/8" deep.
- 7. Drill a 1-1/16" hole through the blank until it meets the existing hole leaving a 1-1/16" hole through the entire blank

#### **Precaution:**

The hole depths must be accurately drilled or the mechanism will not work.

### **Turning the Mill Body**

- 1. Mount a 2" to 3" diameter by 2" long waste block on the lathe with a chuck or faceplate.
- 2. Turn a 1-1/2" long tenon to fit very snugly into the 1-1/16" dia. hole in the Mill Body. Leave a small shoulder at the base of the tenon. Test the fit of the tenon to the hole until you have the right fit.
- 3. Mount the blank onto the tenon and turn to your desired shape. Support the blank using the tailstock whenever possible.
- **4.** Sand and finish the blank.
- **5.** Assemble the salt mill according to figure. 3.

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