the assembly (a) and the mouthpiece or nosepiece (b) define a first hinged unit and the outer shell (c) defines a second hinged unit, the first hinged unit being disposed within the second hinged unit for use such that the first hinged unit can be removed as such from the second hinged unit as such; and/or

the assembly (a) and the mouthpiece or nosepiece (b) are disposed within the outer shell, each of the upper and lower shell parts has a circumferential rim defining a mouth of the part and the contours of the rim of each shell part match the contours of the rim of the other substantially completely around the rims when the shell is in the closed condition; and wherein

the lower shell part of the outer shell is tapered inwardly in a downward direction away from a top opening defined by its rim, the assembly (a) correspondingly tapers inwardly in the downward direction so that it can be received in the lower shell part, and the finger-operable actuator for the capsule opening device protrudes through an opening in the lower shell part below the rim of the lower shell part, whereby the rim of the lower shell part is complete.

2. An inhalator according to claim 1, wherein the assembly (a) or the first hinged unit can be removed from the lower shell part by passing up and through the top opening defined by the rim of the lower shell part.

3. ~~2.~~ An inhalator according to claim 1, wherein the assembly (a) is retained in the lower shell part and is not moveable in normal use with respect to the lower shell part.

4. ~~3.~~ An inhalator according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the assembly (a) and the mouthpiece (b) define a first hinged unit and the outer shell (c) defines a second hinged unit, the first hinged unit being disposed within the second hinged unit for use such that the first hinged unit can be removed as such from the second hinged unit as such.

5. ~~4.~~ An inhalator according to claim 1, wherein the assembly (a) and the mouthpiece (b) are disposed within the outer shell, each of the upper and lower shell parts has a circumferential rim defining a mouth of the part and the contours of the rim of each shell part match the contours of the rim of the other substantially completely around the rims when the shell is in the closed condition.

6. ~~5.~~ An inhalator according to either of claims 4 ~~3~~ and 5 ~~4,~~ wherein the hinges of a first hinged unit, defined by the assembly (a) and the mouthpiece or nosepiece (b), and a second hinged unit, defined by the outer shell (c), are separate from one another.

7. ~~6.~~ An inhalator according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the assembly (a) is received substantially completely within the lower shell part of the outer shell.

8. ~~7.~~ An inhalator according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the inhalator has a single capsule chamber.

9. ~~8.~~ An inhalator according to either of claims 4 ~~3~~ and 5 ~~4,~~ wherein the assembly (a) and the mouthpiece or nosepiece (b) define a first hinged unit and the outer shell (c) defines a second

hinged unit, the first hinged unit being disposed within the second hinged unit for use such that the first hinged unit can be removed as such from the second hinged unit as such, the assembly (a) and the mouthpiece or nosepiece (b) are disposed within the outer shell, each of the upper and lower shell parts has a circumferential rim defining a mouth of the part and the contours of the rim of each shell part match the contours of the rim of the other substantially completely around the rims when the shell is in the closed condition.

~~9. An inhalator according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the lower shell part of the outer shell is tapered inwardly in a downward direction away from a top opening defined by its rim, the assembly (a) correspondingly tapers inwardly in the downward direction so that it can be received in the lower shell part, and the finger-operable actuator for the capsule opening device protrudes through an opening in the lower shell part below the rim of the lower shell part, whereby the rim of the lower shell part is complete and the assembly (a) or the first hinged unit can be removed from the lower shell part by passing up and through the top opening defined by the rim of the lower shell part.~~

10. An inhalator according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the assembly (a) and the lower shell part are adapted so that the former is snug-fit or push-fit or snap-fit into the latter for locating the assembly (a) in the lower shell part.

11. An inhalator according to either of claims 4 ~~3~~ and 5 ~~4~~, wherein the mouthpiece or nosepiece (b) of the inhalator comprises a projection extending away from the pivot line of the hinge between the mouthpiece or nosepiece (b) and the assembly (a) on the opposite side of the pivot line from the mouthpiece or nosepiece and the assembly (a) comprises a stop surface arranged so that the said projection will bear against the stop surface after the mouthpiece or nosepiece (b) has been rotated more than a certain angle out of a closed condition in which the mouthpiece or nosepiece is adjacent the air outlet opening of the capsule chamber, whereby, after the certain angle of rotation has been reached, further pressure on the mouthpiece or nosepiece will lift the assembly (a) out of its fit in the lower shell part, to assist removal of the assembly from the shell.

12. An inhalator according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the hinge between assembly (a) and mouthpiece or nosepiece (b) is a separable hinge, so that the hinge will separate before breaking.

13. An inhalator according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the mouthpiece or