

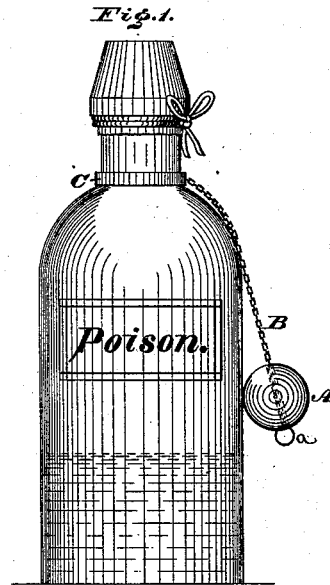
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW BLAIR, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Indicators or Advertisers of the Contents of Packages, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a side elevation of a bottle having my invention applied to it.

My invention consists of means for indicating or advertising the nature of the contents of bottles, boxes, or other packages, especially those containing poison or dangerous substances, whereby when the package is grasped the guard will also be grasped, or the movement of the package will cause the guard to strike the same, thus indicating by the contact of the hand with the guard, or the sound created by the guard, the nature of the contents of the package, the guard being in condition to be easily, quickly, and securely applied in position.

Referring to the drawing, A represents a block of wood or other material of suitable form—spherical or cubical being preferred; and B represents a chain or cord to which the block is attached, the chain being preferred for purposes of security and durability.

C represents a rubber or elastic band, which is connected to the chain B at the end opposite to the block A, and adapted to be fitted on and connected to the neck of a bottle, or around a box or other package containing poison or other dangerous substances.

It will be seen that the block A is of bulbous form, whereby when the package is grasped and the block is grasped with it said block interposes a well-defined and hard substance between the hand and the package, which immediately indicates the dangerous nature of the contents of the package. Should the block not be grasped the movement of the package will cause the former to roll or swing and rattle or strike against the sides of the package, the sound thus created likewise indicating the dangerous nature of the contents of the same. Should the block fail to be grasped or roll

around and strike the package, it may strike the drinking-glass employed when the package is tilted or emptied, thus providing another safeguard, as in each case the connection B is sufficiently long to locate the block in position, so that it will accomplish its purposes in either of the modes stated.

The guard as produced can be applied to the package in a convenient and rapid manner, is simple and inexpensive, and reliable in operation.

The block has an opening through which the chain is freely passed, one end of the chain having attached to it a ring or cross-bar, *a*, thus preventing the block slipping from the chain. To the other end of the chain is connected the fastening-piece C. As the ring *a* and piece C are broader or wider than the opening in the block, the latter is prevented from disconnection from the chain at either end of the latter. By the employment of the rubber band as the fastening-piece the device may readily be connected to the package, since the band may be stretched over the package, and it securely holds thereon, and may be removed and applied to other packages which require to have their contents indicated as a matter of warning.

I am aware that indicators for bottles and packages are not new, and that they are variously constructed. I am also aware that coiled springs and rubber bands are well known for fastening purposes, and therefore disclaim the same broadly.

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

1. The indicator for contents of packages, consisting of the block A, chain B, and rubber band C, combined and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The perforated ball A, the chain B, with ring *a*, and rubber band C, combined and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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