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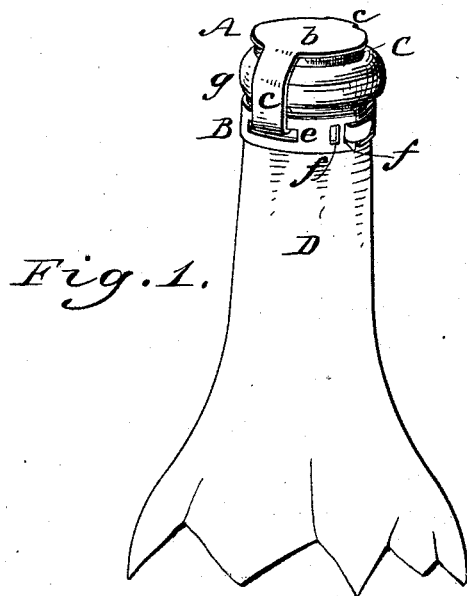


Fig. 2.

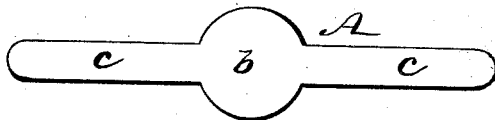
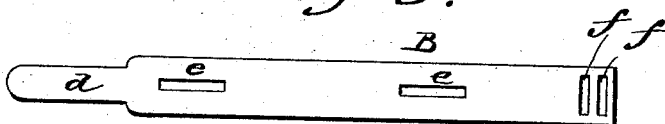


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BEARDSLEY, of Beacon, in the county of Mahaska and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cork-Holders for Bottles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a compensating cork-holder for bottles, composed of a cap-piece and a neck-piece adapted to engage with each other, substantially as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of my improved cork-holder as applied to retaining the cork in a bottle, the neck portion of the bottle only here being shown. Fig. 2 is a top view of the blank composing the cap-piece of the cork-holder, and Fig. 3 a side view of the blank composing the neck-piece of said holder.

A indicates the cap-piece of the cork-holder, and B the neck-piece thereof, both made of sheet metal or other suitable flexible material, but which will here be described as composed of two strips of sheet metal.

The strip composing the cap-piece A is made with an enlarged central portion, *b*, to form a cap or hood on, over, or covering the cork C in the bottle D, and with opposite side arms or extensions, *cc*, of reduced or tapering width, and of suitable length to be applied as hereinafter described.

The strip composing the neck-piece B may be of uniform width throughout its length, excepting at its one end, where it is constructed with a tongue or portion of reduced width, *d*, and the body portion of said strip is provided with two horizontal or longitudinal slots, *ee*, and with a series (here shown as two) of vertical or cross slots, *ff*, one behind or outside of the other, near the opposite end of the strip to the tongue *d*. This strip B is applied to the bottle by bending it round the neck thereof, under the usual collar, *g*, at the mouth end of the neck, and its tongue *d* is passed through either of the slots *ff*, according to the diameter of the neck of the bottle, and its outer end clinched or turned back to secure such engagement and close fit of the strip or neck-piece B round the neck of the bottle.

Thus, when the neck of the bottle is of re-

duced diameter, the tongue *d* of the neck band or piece B is engaged with the inner slot *f* and drawn tight or clinched. For larger diameters of bottle-neck, the outer slot *f* is used in like manner. This makes the neck band or piece B a compensating one for bottles or bottle-necks of different diameters or sizes.

The cap-piece or strip A has its enlarged central portion, *b*, applied to or over the cork in the bottle, and its side arms or extensions, *cc*, bent down and engaged with the longitudinal slots *ee*, and clinched or turned up to secure the engagement of the cap-piece A with the neck-band B, and so retain or hold the cork in the bottle. These longitudinal slots *ee* are of greater length than the side arms or extensions, *cc*, are wide, thus also compensating for different sizes of bottle-necks, and insuring a central position for the side arms or strap portions, *cc*, regardless of the different diameters of bottle-necks, the clinches on the strap end portions, *cc*, being made long or short when attaching the cap-piece to the neck-band, as the case may demand.

By this construction of the cork retainer or holder I provide for such latitude of adjustment in all its parts as that it may be made to perfectly fit all or different sizes of bottles, and so dispense with cork-holders of different sizes for different sizes of bottles. Said cork retainer or holder may be made, too, with but little waste of the sheet metal or material used in its construction.

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

The within-described compensating cork holder or retainer for bottles of different sizes, the same consisting of a flexible strip or cap-piece, A, having strap-like clinching-extensions *cc*, and of a flexible neck band or strip, B, adapted to encircle the neck of the bottle and provided with a series of cross-slots, *f*, at or near its one end, a clinching extension or tongue, *d*, at or near its opposite end, and longitudinal intermediate slots, *ee*, of greater length than the width of the clinching end portions of the cap-piece or strip, essentially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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