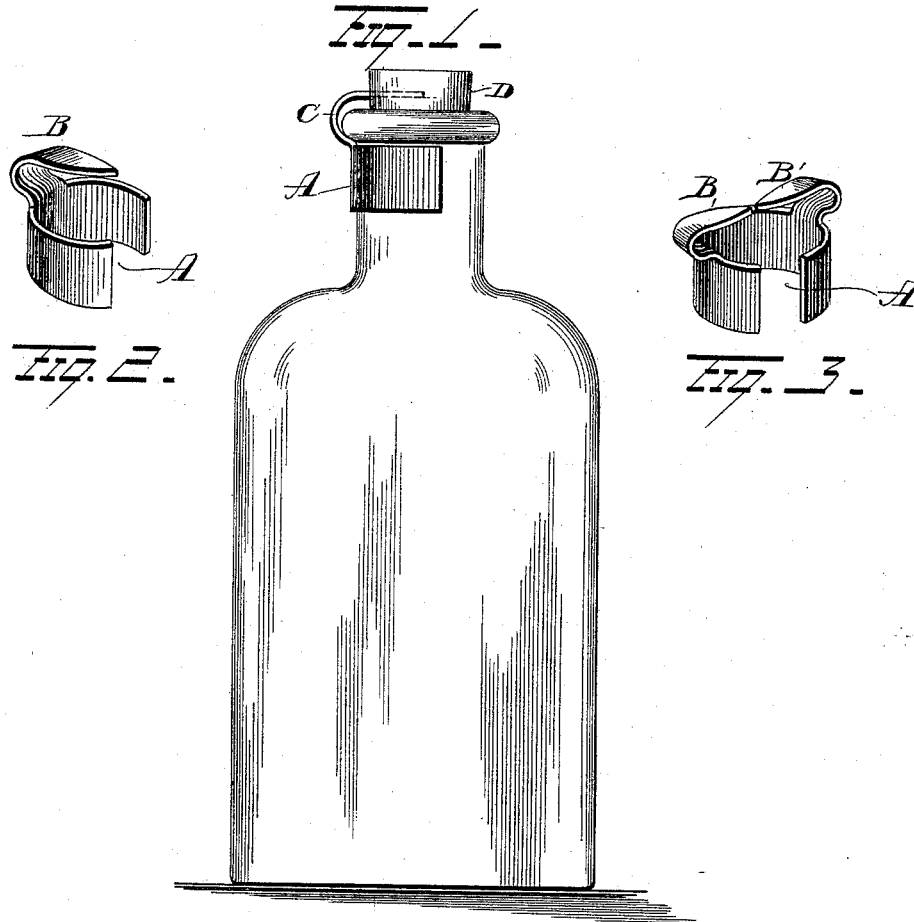


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM BALDWIN, residing at Toledo, in the State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cork-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in cork-holders for bottles, the object being to provide a small, simple, and inexpensive device for holding corks in the necks of bottles, from which, by application of my invention, it is impossible for the cork to be accidentally removed, or even be discharged by the pressure from within, unless the holder is first removed.

A further object is to provide such a holder as may be quickly and easily applied or removed by a simple lateral movement upon the neck of the bottle.

With these ends in view the invention consists in a small metal band, preferably of steel, open at one end and having one or more pointed tongues adapted to enter the cork from the side simultaneously with placing the holder upon the bottle.

It further consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a bottle with my improved cork-holder applied. Fig. 2 is a detached view of the holder, and Fig. 3 is a modification.

A represents a narrow metal band, preferably made of steel or other spring metal, so that it springs upon the neck of the bottle, holding itself tight upon the neck. A small pointed tongue B, constituting an integral

part of the band, projects from the upper edge of the band, and after being bent out to form a recess C, which receives the flange at the top of the bottle, it is bent laterally and adapted to enter the cork D from the side, puncturing its own hole.

In the modification the band is provided with two pointed tongues B B', instead of one, as in former construction. This makes a simple and inexpensive fastener, which is easy to be applied, and is effectual in holding the cork in the neck of the bottle. This holds the cork securely in place, and the holder may be removed by pulling it off laterally just the same as it was placed on, only in the opposite direction.

It is evident that slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact construction herein set forth; but,

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

As a new article of manufacture, a cork-holder consisting of a spring-metal band or collar having its ends disconnected or free, and an inwardly-projecting tongue secured to and located in a plane above said band or collar, and provided with a pointed end to enable it to penetrate or enter a cork, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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