

(No Model.)

W. A. DUNLAP.  
TOP.

No. 526,305.

Patented Sept. 18, 1894.

FIG. 1.

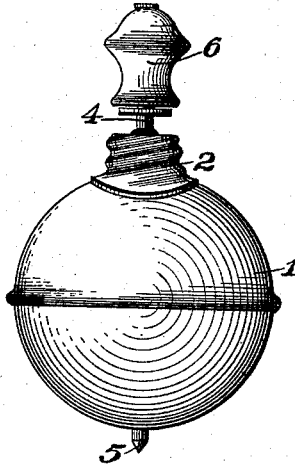
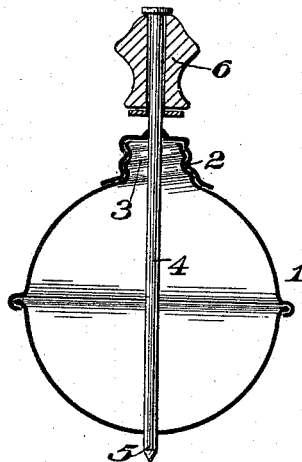


FIG. 2.



WITNESSES:

*Samuel B. Wolcott*  
*C. E. Hunt.*

INVENTOR,

*William A. Dunlap,*  
*by George H. Christy*  
Att'y.

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WILLIAM A. DUNLAP, OF PITTSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

## TOP.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 526,305, dated September 18, 1894.

Application filed February 23, 1894. Serial No. 501,131. (No model.)

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. DUNLAP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented or discovered certain new and useful Improvements in Tops, of which improvements the following is a specification.

The invention described herein relates to certain improvements in tops, and has for its object such a construction as will permit of the utilization of the body of the top as a receptacle for candies, &c., without in any way interfering with the utilization of the article as a top.

In general terms, the invention consists in the construction and combination substantially as hereinafter more fully described and particularly claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view in side elevation, of my improved top, and Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same.

In the practice of my invention, the body portion 1 of the top, which may be made of any desired shape, is made hollow, and at one point of its periphery is provided with an opening through which any desired articles may be placed in the body 1 of the top. This opening is closed in any suitable manner by a cap 2, which may, as shown in the drawings, be constructed in the form of a screw-threaded cap, adapted to screw onto a threaded collar 3 formed around the main opening. This cap 2 is secured to the spindle 4, which is made of such a length as to pass diametrically through the body 1, and, projecting through the opposite side thereof, forms the pivotal point 5, for spinning the article when used as a top. The projection formed by the collar 3 and the cap 2, is utilized for the winding on of the cord by which the top is spun. On the upper end of the spindle 5, is placed a handle 6 for holding the top while the desired impetus is being given thereto by the cord wound upon the projection

upon the body 1, as hereinbefore stated. As the cover or cap 2 is securely fastened upon its seat, and as the spindle 5 is firmly secured to the cap, the top and pin will rotate together when operated as described. The body portion 1 may be formed of sheet metal, in which case it consists of two hemispherical pieces of sheet metal seamed or otherwise secured together, as shown in Fig. 2; or, if desired, the body portion may be formed of glass, or any other suitable material.

I claim herein as my invention—

1. In a top the combination of a hollow body portion, provided with an opening through which articles may be placed in the body portion, a cap or cover for closing said opening and a pin permanently secured to the cap or cover and passing diametrically through the body portion, the cap or cover forming a shoulder or projection around the pin for the cord for operating the top substantially as set forth.

2. In a top the combination of a hollow body portion provided with an opening through which articles may be placed in the body portion, a cap or cover for closing said opening, a pin permanently secured to the cap or cover and passing diametrically through the body portion and a handle loosely mounted on the pin, the cap or cover forming a shoulder or projection around the pin for the cord operating the top substantially as set forth.

3. In a top, the combination of a hollow body portion having an opening therein, a threaded collar or flange surrounding said opening, a threaded cap adapted to fit said collar, and a pin permanently secured to the cap, and passing diametrically through the body portion, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

WILLIAM A. DUNLAP.

Witnesses:

F. E. GAITHER,  
DARWIN S. WOLCOTT.