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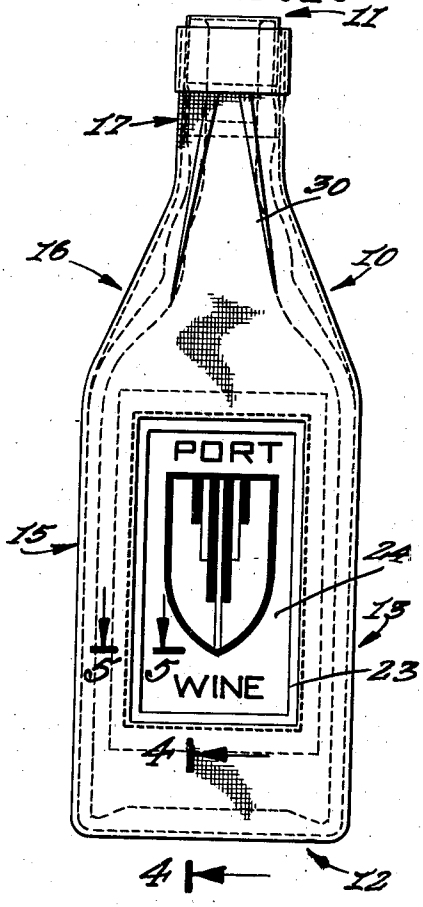


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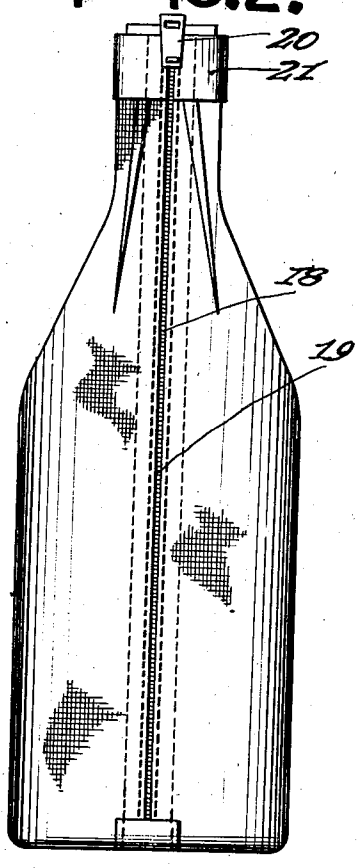


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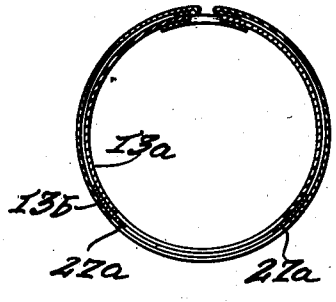


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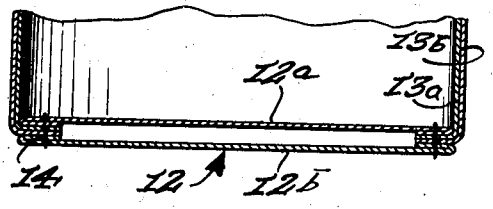
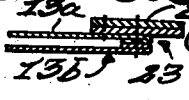


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FIG. 6.

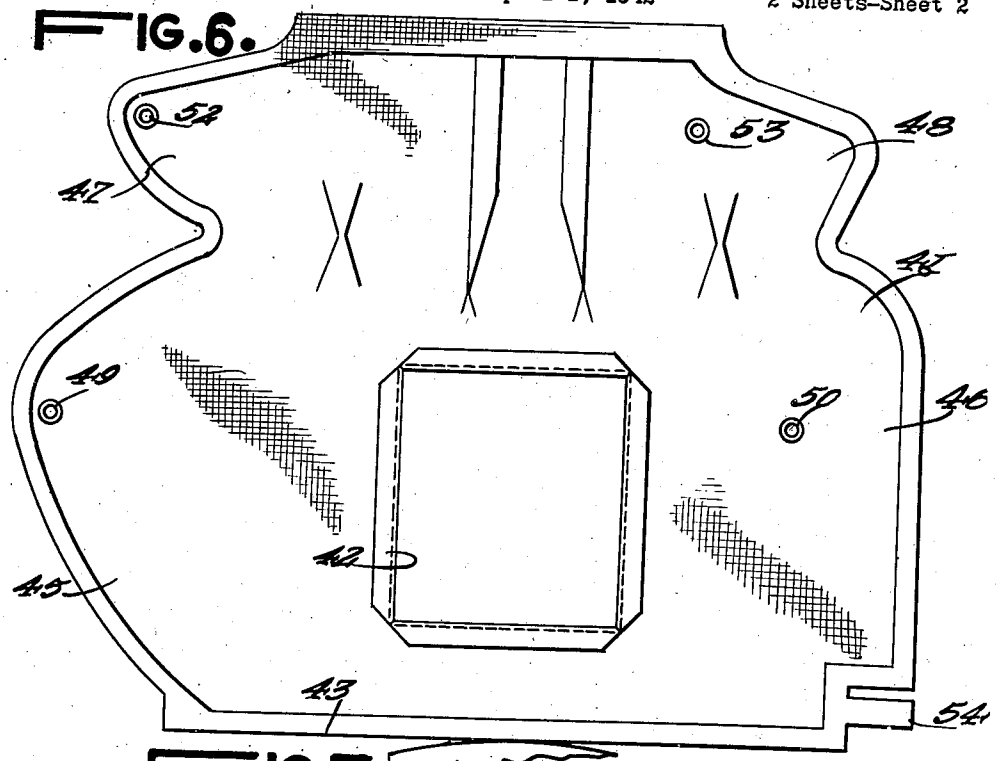


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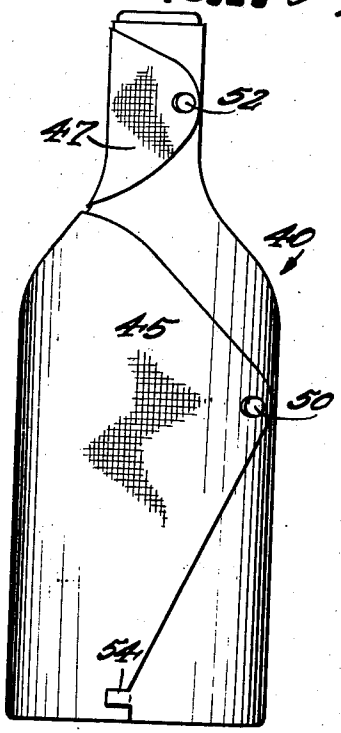
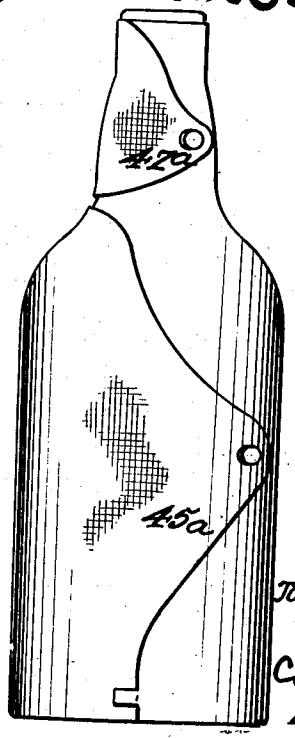


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This invention relates to bottle folders.

An object of this invention is to provide a cloth folder or bag for wine bottles or other bottles to replace a napkin which is usually used to wrap a bottle when serving therefrom.

The advantage of the bottle folder embodying the invention is that it prevents stains from the bottle on the table cloth or other linen. The bottle folder furthermore may be made inexpensively from cloth in any color or design desired. The bottle folder totally encloses the bottle, with the exception that the mouth of the bottle protrudes at the top and the folder has a window opening through which the label of the bottle may be seen. The bottle thus enclosed will not slide from a serving tray or on bottles, thus eliminating undue noise which often causes embarrassment to the hostess or host.

A further object of this invention is to provide a durable bottle folder of the character described, which shall be relatively inexpensive to manufacture, easy to open up or close, and which shall yet be practical and efficient to a high degree in use.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claim.

In the accompanying drawings, in which is shown one of the various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a bottle folder embodying the invention with a bottle therein;

Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a horizontal, cross-sectional view taken through the middle of the folder, and embodying a modified construction;

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a developed, top plan view of a bottle folder embodying the invention, and illustrating another modified construction;

Fig. 7 is a front elevational view of the folder shown in Fig. 6, with a bottle therein; and

Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 7 and illustrating a still further modified construction.

Referring now in detail to the drawings, 10 designates a bottle folder embodying the invention with a bottle 11 therein. The bottle folder 10 may be made of cloth of any suitable kind and color. The folder has a bottom wall 12, and a body 13. The body 13 comprises inner and outer pieces of cloth 13a and 13b. The bottom wall 12 comprises inner and outer pieces of cloth 12a and 12b. The lower ends of the pieces of cloth 13a and 13b are received between the pieces of cloth 12a and 12b, and stitched thereto as at 14. The peripheral edges of the pieces 12a and 12b are folded inwardly before stitching, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings.

The body 13 is bottle shaped, that is, it is cylindrical part of the way up, as at 15, and has a tapering portion 16 and a neck portion 17 at its upper end. The neck is open so that the mouth of the bottle 11 may be exposed. The body 13 is formed with a longitudinal slit 18, the meeting edges at the slit being provided with slider actuated fasteners 19.

The fasteners 19 are opened by moving the slider 20 and locked by moving the slider upwardly. At the upper end of the neck 17 is a reinforcing band 21 made of tape or ribbon stitched to the neck portion of the folder. The walls 13a, 13b are cut-away at the front of the folder to form a rectangular opening 23 opposite to the slider actuated fasteners 19, and through which opening the label 24 of the bottle 11 may be seen.

The edges of walls 13a, 13b may be folded inwardly, and stitched together at the opening 23. There may furthermore be stitched to walls 13a, 13b all around the opening 23, strips of tape or ribbon 27 to reinforce the material at the opening.

The entire folder being made of cloth may be laundered. The folder takes the place of the common napkin used to wrap wine bottles for table service or banquets, parties, restaurants or dining rooms. The folders may be made of various shapes, but fit any shape of liquor or wine bottle. The folders may be used a number of times before being laundered. The folders may also be iron when the slider actuated fasteners are opened.

The opening 23 may be covered with mica or other transparent material to cover the label. As the slider moves down, the folder opens up, so that the bottle may be removed or replaced. The tapering and neck portion of the folder may be made by cutting darts from the material or cloth of which the folder is made or by making V-shaped folds 30, as shown in the drawings and stitching the folds.

When a transparent cover is used for the open-

ing 23, it is preferably removably attached by inserting the edges thereof between the tapes 27. Thus, the transparent cover for the opening 23 may be removed before laundering.

In Fig. 3 there is shown a modified construction, similar to the construction of one of 1, 2, 4 and 5, with the exception that there is substituted for the tapes 27, a tape 27*a* inserted between the inner and outer walls 13*a*, 13*b* and stitched thereto.

It will be noted that the tapes 27, as well as the tape 27*a*, project beyond the edges of the walls 13*a*, 13*b*.

In Figs. 6 and 7 there is shown a folder 40 which may be closed by the use of snap fasteners instead of slider actuated fasteners. The folder 40 is made from a flat body of cloth 41 having an opening 42, through which the label on the bottle may be visible.

The bottom edge 43 of the body 41 is stitched to the periphery of the bottom member 44, which is circular and forms a bottom wall for the folder. The body 41 is bottle shaped, but has overlapping portions 45, 46 at the bottom, and overlapping portions 47, 48 at the neck. The overlapping portions 45, 46 are formed with cooperating snap fastener members 49 and 50, and the overlapping portions 47, 48 at the neck are formed with cooperating snap fastener portions 52, 53. To remove the bottle it is merely necessary to unsnap the snap fasteners 49, 50 and 52, 53. Adjacent the bottom of one edge of body 41 is a tape 54 which may be stitched to the opposite side of the body.

In Fig. 8, the overlapping tabs 45*a*, 47*a* corresponding to the tapes 45 and 47 of Fig. 6, are differently shaped to enhance the appearance of the folder.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiments above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawings is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

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

A launderable cloth bottle folder having a bottom wall and a body, said body having a cylindrical lower portion, a tapering intermediate portion, and an upper neck portion, the bottom wall being attached to the lower end of said cylindrical portion, said body having an opening from its upper end to its lower end, means to close said opening, said means comprising slider actuated fasteners at opposite edges of said opening, a slider adapted to be moved downwardly to open the folder and upwardly to close the folder, said folder having an opening at a part thereof, opposite the longitudinal opening, for the purpose of exposing a portion of the bottle when the bottle is in the folder, means to reinforce the edges of the opening which exposes a portion of the bottle, said last mentioned means comprising a pair of superposed tapes stitched to the edges of the folder defining the opening exposing a portion of said bottle, and a transparent cover removably inserted between said tapes.

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