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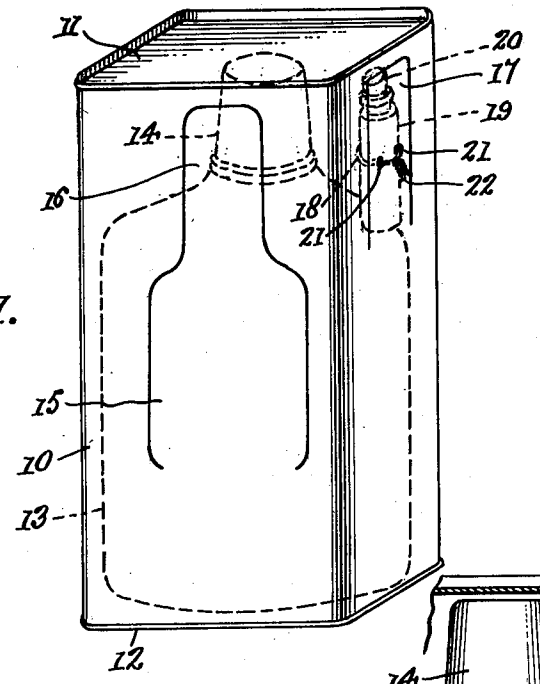


Fig. 1.

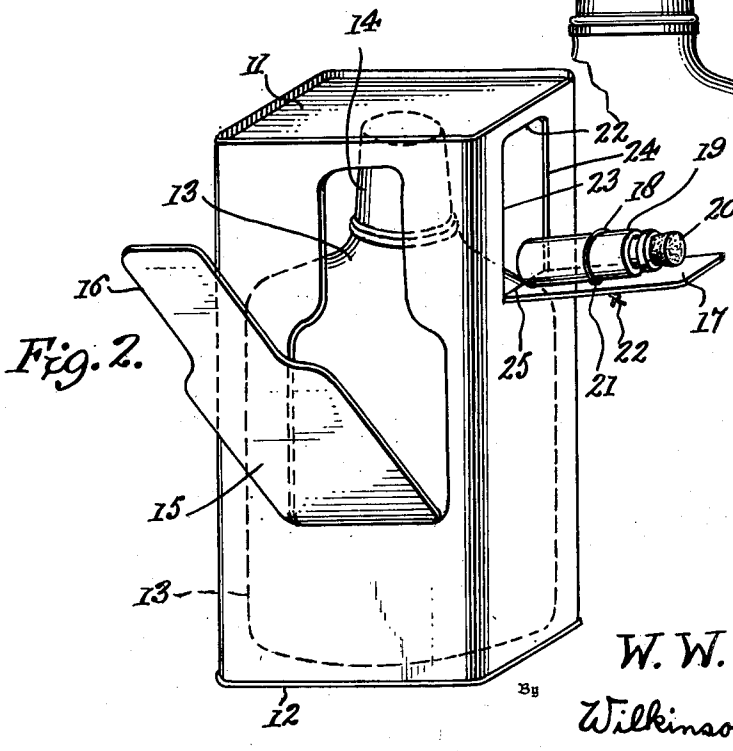


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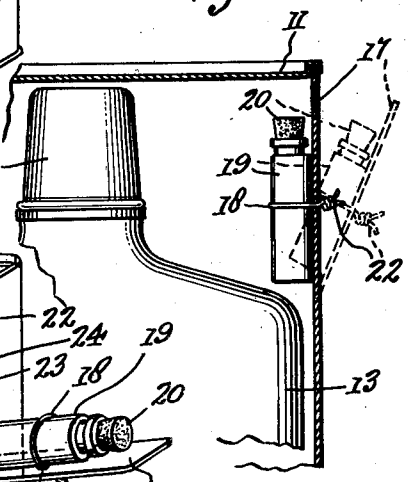


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The present invention relates to improvements in whisky packages and has for an object to provide a construction of whisky package in which the whisky bottle is sealed for safety, and provision is made whereby a sample of the whisky contained in the package may readily be revealed for the purpose of showing the color of the contents of the bottle enclosed in the container.

The invention contemplates an addition to the construction shown and described in the Miller Patent No. 1,732,059 granted October 15, 1929. In that patent a bottle of whisky was secured in a container having metal ends spun on to the body of the container whereby to prevent access to the closure of the bottle and its contents. In this way tampering with the genuine product was avoided and the integrity of the whisky was preserved to the customer who would insist upon delivery of the goods in the complete package.

It became a simple matter for the purchaser to rip out the side wall of the container which was usually made of fibre, thus enabling him to pull aside one of the metal ends and abstract the bottle from the container.

There is only one possible commercial drawback to the use of these packages and that is that the bottle is so securely housed within the container, that the contents of the bottle are not visible to the customer. Particularly is this true where an amber, brown or other colored bottle is used.

The customer likes to inspect the contents and to examine same particularly as to color of the whisky. This color is an important consideration in the sale of whisky today where so many spurious brands are on the market under famous and valuable old trademarks and brands.

It is a further object of the invention to relieve the drawback above mentioned and to supply the prospective customer with an index of the character and quality of the whisky he is asked to purchase, and of the genuineness of which he is assured by the sealed package in which that bottle of whisky is so carefully guarded.

It is a further object of the invention to accomplish this purpose in a simple and inexpensive way, such as will not materially increase the costs of packages of the above character, and in such a way as will enable the ready filling of sample bottles and their application to the carton.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention will be more fully described hereinafter, and will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto.

In the drawing, wherein like symbols refer to like or corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing an improved whisky package constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a similar view with parts broken away and parts shown in section, and with the sample device opened out, and

Figure 3 is a fragmentarily vertical section taken through the package and the sample device and showing the same in dotted lines in a partly opened condition.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 10 designates the fibre or other body of the carton or container and 11 and 12 represent the tin or other ends of the container. Such ends are spun onto the body 10 and form with the body a sealed package confining the bottle 13 of whisky therein and preventing unauthorized access to its closure 14 and to the contents of the bottle. This bottle is filled with whisky at the authorized source, the closure is put in place and the bottle placed in the container, the ends being promptly spun into place. This bottle goes to the customer in this condition. The back label on the bottle is shown at 15 and this back label is exposed for Government and purchaser examination through an opening in one wall in body 10, such opening being normally closed by a flap 16 which may be folded down to reveal such label. This flap is also of use when the customer wishes to break out the bottle, the flap being pulled out admits the hand of the purchaser within the opening and the easy ripping of the side wall 10 of the carton.

The bottle 13 is usually of a colored or opaque glass and the color of the whisky contained therein is not revealed to the purchaser.

In accordance with the present invention one end wall of the carton is formed with a second flap 17 to which is affixed, as by wire 18, a small bottle 19 of clear glass containing a sample of the whisky in the bottle 13. The sample bottle 19 contains a stopper or closure 20 which may be removed to taste the bouquet, aroma and if desired taste, of the product in the bottle 13. The sample bottle 19 is shown to be held in place by an encircling rod or band 18, the ends of which are passed through openings 21 in the flap 17 and twisted together, as indicated at 22 upon the outside of the flap. The flap 17 is formed by making incisions 22, 23 and 24 in one end wall of the carton body 10, the lower edge of the flap 17 being left secured to the end wall to form a hinge 25 on which the flap 17 may rock out-

wardly as indicated in Figure 2 and in the dotted position in Figure 3. The flap 17 is formed in the upper portion of the end wall, and it is formed in the end wall and not in the side wall of the container in order to take advantage of the space within the carton above the breast of the whisky bottle 13 and alongside the neck and closure 14. The sample bottle 19 may be of round or other cross-section and is preferably secured with its closure 20 upright when the flap 17 is in closed position. This flap 17 will fit with a tight frictional fit into the opening in the end wall, which will retain it in this position during transportation and exhibition upon the shelves and counters of the retailer. By inserting the finger or an instrument beneath the flap 17, the same may be pried out to the position shown in Figure 3 or in Figure 2. The bottle 19 containing a small volume of the same whisky as contained within the large bottle 13, will immediately show the color of the whisky, and if desired the other characteristic qualities thereof. After electing to make the purchase, the flap 17 may be thrust back into place where it will catch into the walls of its opening, and in this condition remain while it is being carried home by the purchaser.

It will be appreciated that the device forms an easy and simple construction for the inspection of the goods without in any way detracting from the maximum safety contemplated for this package by its original creator.

It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims:—

What is claimed is:—

1. An improved package comprising a bottle containing whisky or the like, a carton having a tubular wall of fibre or the like, metal ends spun permanently on the fibre body of the carton, a movable wall section in one end of the tubular fibre wall of the carton, said wall section being cut from the fibre wall of the carton on three sides with the lower side left uncut to afford a crease hinge on which the section may rock into and out of the plane of the carton wall and having frictional holding fit with the carton wall when in the raised position, a small bottle of clear glass having a removable stopper and containing a sample of the goods on sale in the bottle, and an encircling band passed about the small container while it rests against the inside face of the wall section, said band having sharp narrow ends to pass through the wall section, said ends being twisted upon the outside of the section to bind tightly on the small container.

2. The combination with a large bottle containing whisky or the like, of a carton with sealed upper and lower ends for enclosing and preventing the removal of said bottle, the said carton being cut to provide an outwardly movable wall section adjacent the neck of the bottle and the sealed upper end, and a small bottle containing a sample of the contents of the large bottle attached to said movable wall section, the said small bottle normally enclosed with said carton and movable outwardly with said movable wall section without permitting the removal of the large bottle.

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