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TUMBLER CASE.

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Fig. 1.

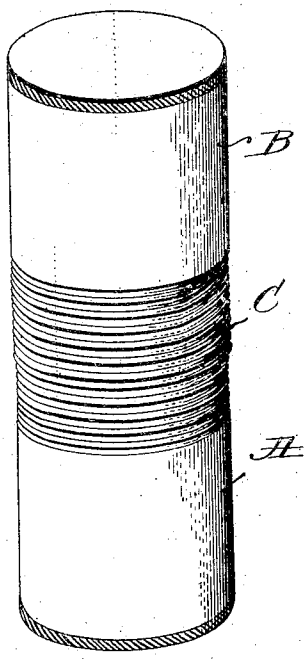


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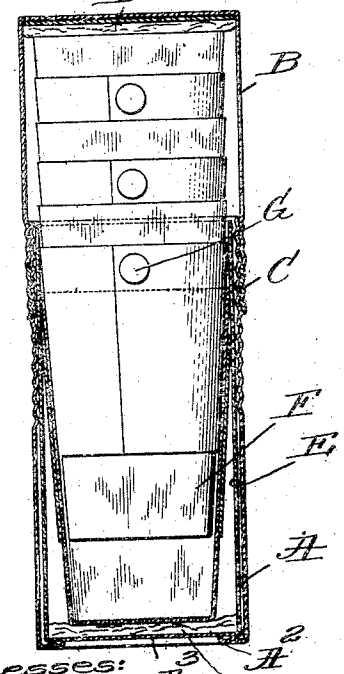
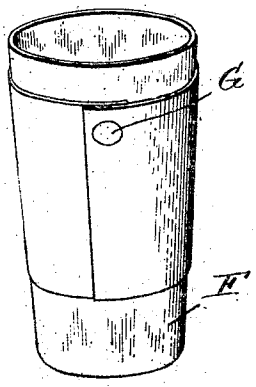


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EVELYN LEE CONVERSE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Tumbler-Cases, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention relates to a case for carrying a series of tumblers, and, while useful for many purposes, is particularly designed for use in traveling and in picnicking. In such cases it is desirable and essential that the tumblers shall be so packed as not to be broken by the jarring and rough usage to which they are subjected, that the tumblers shall be kept clean and unexposed to handling, that a ready means shall be afforded of carrying the tumblers after they are soiled and without cleaning without injury to the case, and also that the case shall be adapted to hold the remaining tumblers properly if one or more be broken.

The invention provides a neat and ornamental case presenting a pleasing appearance to the eye, and compact in form. The case is provided with an absorbent cushioning lining, and with cushioning pads at either end, and each tumbler is provided with an absorbent cushioning wrapper, all of which are removable so that they may be replaced when soiled or injured. The case is made in two parts adjustably connected together, and means are provided for varying the position of the parts so that within reasonable limits any desired number of tumblers may be held in the case, and when the case is in closed position the tumblers are held firmly against cushioning pads at the end so that no vibration is possible.

The nature of the invention will more fully appear from the accompanying description and drawings and will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

The drawings illustrate the preferred form of the device embodying the invention.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the entire case in closed position. Fig. 2 is a view of the case in longitudinal vertical cross-section, showing the nested tumblers inside. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of a single tumbler showing its wrapper.

The case comprises a cylindrical body part A, flanged at its lower end at A^2, and provided with a loose disk-shaped bottom A^3 adapted to rest on the circumferential flange A^2 and a cylindrical cap B.

The lower portion of the cap B and the upper portion of the body A are screw-threaded, the latter for a considerable portion of its length, and the parts are held together by the cap B being screwed down upon the body A. It will be obvious that owing to the length of the screw-threaded portion of the body A the distance between the top of the cap and the bottom of the body portion may be adjusted. A screw-threaded band C is fitted upon the screw-threads of the body portion A and by screwing the band up or down the downward movement of the cap upon the body may be determined.

The case at each end of its interior is provided with a cushioning pad D, of any suitable material, such for example as tissue paper, which may be readily and inexpensively replaced. The interior cylindrical wall of the body portion is provided with an absorbent removable lining E which may be of any suitable material, such for example as blotting paper, which can be readily and inexpensively replaced. The loose disk-shaped bottom A^3 is made of such diameter as to be movable freely inwardly within said lining E. The tumblers designed for use in this case are of a frusto-conical shape, such as the ordinary champagne tumbler, so that they are adapted to nest, and one of the tumblers is illustrated at F in Fig. 3. Each of the tumblers is provided with an absorbent cushioning removable zonal wrapper of any suitable material, such for example as blotting paper. As herein illustrated the blotting paper is wrapped about the tumbler and held in place by an ordinary paper fastener, but the wrapper may be fastened in any suitable manner. This wrapper serves to keep the tumblers apart and prevent breaking.

The lining, cushioning pads, and wrappers prevent the contact of the tumblers with the case, and hence when the tumblers are soiled they may be packed in the case and after the tumblers are removed and cleaned fresh lining, pads and wrappers may be readily and inexpensively provided.

The band C will be adjusted to such a position that when the cap B is screwed down upon the body A the nest of tumblers will be held firmly by the pads D at each end. If a tumbler should be broken the band C will

be adjusted to a lower position so that the lesser number of tumblers may be held in the same firm manner.

When the case is open the separate removable disk bottom A^3 enables the nest of tumblers to be pushed outwardly so that the lowermost tumbler may easily be seized, the disk A^3 being moved up by the thumb or finger for that purpose.

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

1. A package comprising a cylindrical body provided with a loose bottom adapted to be moved freely inwardly of the body, a cylindrical cap, means for fastening said cap and body together, cushioning pads inside said cap and body for receiving the ends of a nest of tumblers and holding the nest firmly, and an absorbent removable zonal wrapper for each tumbler.

2. A package comprising a cylindrical body, a cylindrical cap, means for fastening said cap upon said body and adjusting the same longitudinally thereof, cushioning pads inside said cap and said body for receiving the ends of a nest of tumblers and holding the nest firmly, an absorbent cushioning removable lining for said body, and an absorbent cushioning removable zonal wrapper for each tumbler.

3. A package carrying a nest of tumblers, comprising a cylindrical body, a cylindrical cap, means for fastening said cap upon said body and adjusting the same longitudinally thereof, an absorbent cushioning removable lining for said body, and an absorbent zonal wrapper for each tumbler.

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

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