The present invention relates to improvements in sealed containers for bottles, and has for an object to prevent tampering with the contents of the bottle of such medicinal whisky as is manufactured under Government supervision and stored in Government warehouses, or the refilling of the bottle, before it reaches the ultimate consumer who will demand it in the sealed container.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved sealed container for bottles, in which the internal revenue act, the prohibition act and regulations in pursuance thereto, regulating the sale of whiskey may be complied with in all respects by exhibiting the internal revenue stamp on the bottle and providing for the application of the druggist's prescription label to the bottle and in which an inspection of the bottle may be made.

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 drawings, wherein like symbols refer to like or corresponding parts, throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an improved container for bottles constructed according to the present invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical section taken through the improved container in the sealed condition, and

Figure 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 in Figure 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 5 designates a bottle of any particular form, preferably a flat pint whiskey bottle in which liquor is now usually dispensed through drug stores. The bottle is closed by a closure 6, preferably a closure, known as "Kork-N-Seal." The internal revenue stamp 7 is affixed over the closure 6 and to opposite sides of the bottle 5 in accordance with the usual practice.

The trade mark label is shown at 8 and the label bearing the name of the distiller or the producer of the spirits is shown at 9, being affixed to opposite walls of the bottle 5.

The bottle 5 is adapted to be placed within a sealed container 10 of fiber, tin or other appropriate material and of any desired shape and of a size to receive the bottle 5. The carton or container body 10 is preferably of tubular form having open ends through one of which the bottle 5 is introduced, these ends being afterwards closed by the tin or other top and bottom closure plates 11 and 12. These closure plates are spun on to the body as indicated at 13. The metallic heads or closures 11 and 12 are secured in permanent and fixed relation on the wall of the carton by the spinning operation. The manufacture of the carton and the spinning of the closures in place on the carton in the permanent and fixed relation above referred to is capable of accomplishment only in factories having expensive equipment and large and heavy machines, such factories being only in the hands of a few responsible manufacturers, who could not afford to deal with bootleggers and venders of spurious goods, and for this reason, the packaging of medicinal whisky in a carton, such as described, is from a practical and commercial standpoint the highest guarantee available of the purity of its contents. At the same time, the structure is such as to readily admit of compliance with the law in the matter of inspection by the druggist of the revenue stamp and in the matter of giving free access to the bottle while sealed within the container for the application of the prescription sticker or label. Although, it is not necessary, it may be desirable to provide a bottom pad 14 and side cushioning pads or linings 15 and 16 to protectively hold the bottle in the container. Also a top cushioning pad 17 may be provided between the top closure 6 of the bottle and the top closure lid 11.

In opposite side walls of the body are produced the openings 18 and 19. These openings may be of the rectangular form shown or any other form desired. The opening 18 at the front is designed to expose not only the trade mark label 8, but also one side of the internal revenue stamp 7; while the opposite opening 19 exposes not only the dis-
tiller label 9, but also the opposite end of the internal revenue stamp 7.

In the use of the device, the bottles are filled with whiskey at a legitimate source under proper bottling authority, the closure 6 put in place and the bottles placed in the containers 10, which are sealed up by securing the heads or lids 11 and 12 in place. The entire device as an article of commerce and after packing in cases is ready for shipment and is shipped to the drug trade and by the druggist sold directly to the consumer while in the sealed condition within the container 10. The openings 18 and 19 provide for the attaching directly to the bottle of the druggist's prescription sticker. Moreover, the extension upwardly above the labels 8 and 9 of the openings 18 and 19 expose the printed matter on the government stamp 7.

The purpose of exposing the government stamp is two-fold:

First, to inform the purchaser of its genuineness; and second, to permit the retail druggist to copy the serial number from the government stamp for his records. The "Kork-N-Seal" closure is convenient to use on a bottle which is sealed by placing it in a tamper-proof container.

The necessity for sealing medicinal whiskey arises from the fact that, without a protective seal, the ultimate consumer has no assurance of its integrity. The more effective the seal, the more certain the integrity of the whiskey. All metal seals and caps which are applied directly over the cork are capable of ready imitation and duplication. The present tin-end carton cannot be readily duplicated because of its intricate construction and the further fact that responsible manufacturers would not furnish this carton to irresponsible parties; nor could irresponsible parties afford to pay for the equipment necessary to manufacture it in quantities.

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. A package consisting of a bottle containing contents for medicinal purposes, said bottle being provided with a closure, said closure being provided with an authorization seal extending over the closure and affixed upon the bottle, a carton of a one-piece wall structure encasing said bottle, said metal closures on the ends of said carton, said metal closures being spun onto the ends of the carton in permanent and fixed relation to the walls of the carton by the conventional spun joint, said carton having an opening through which the authorization seal may be viewed, said opening so located as to prevent unauthorized tampering with, or removal of, the authorization seal or closure, said opening being large enough to permit application of a prescription sticker to the bottle while the bottle is in the carton, said opening being too small to permit either insertion or removal of the bottle therethrough without mutilation of the carton.

2. A package consisting of a bottle containing contents for medicinal purposes, said bottle being provided with a closure, said closure being provided with an authorization seal extending over the closure and affixed upon the bottle, a carton of a one-piece wall structure encasing said bottle, a metal closure on one end of said carton, said metal closure being spun onto said end of the carton in permanent and fixed relation to the walls of the carton by the conventional spun joint, said carton having an opening through which the authorization seal may be viewed, said opening so located as to prevent unauthorized tampering with, or removal of, the authorization seal or closure, said opening being large enough to permit application of a prescription sticker to the bottle while the bottle is in the carton, said opening being too small to permit either insertion or removal of the bottle therethrough without mutilation of the carton, the other end of the carton being provided with closure means, said closure means being so constructed as to possess the same capability for insurance against tampering as is possessed by the metal closure of the opposite end.

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