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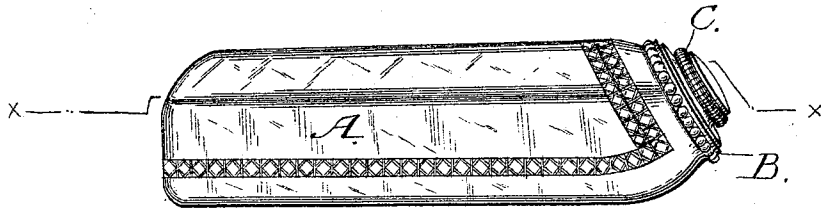
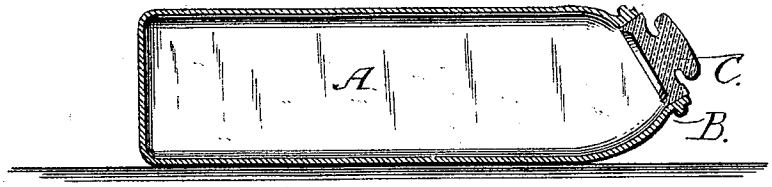


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON DELANO WORK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jamestown, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Trays or Jars; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

Figure 1 represents a glass display tray or jar embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

My invention relates to means for the advantageous display of confections, fruits and like articles; for the preservation and keeping fresh of said articles, and for maintaining the same in an attractive and marketable condition.

My invention consists, essentially, of a glass tray or jar adapted to be used in a horizontal position, having the mouth end beveled or turned upwardly at an angle to the horizontal and closed against the admission of air by a suitable stopper or closure.

The ordinary method of displaying confections and similar articles whose freshness and attractive condition are essential for their sale, is to place them in open trays composed of brass, copper, nickel, tin or other material; or to place them in jars adapted to stand vertically. The former method is objectionable for the reason that the confections are exposed to the action of the air, which causes them to dry and lose their flavor; while the polish or gloss on hard boiled candies, such as butter-cups, &c., will be lost. The second method above mentioned, is also objectionable since the great depth of the jar, the weight of the goods and the difficulty in removing them from vertical jars causes the formation of spalls or chips, which settle on top of the goods thereby destroying their attractiveness. These objections are fully overcome by the employment of the tray or jar shown in the drawings. This tray or jar A is preferably made of glass, cut, pressed, blown or otherwise, and is given any desired form of ornamentation. It may be of square, rectangular or approximately rectangular cross-section and the junction of the sides with the top and bottom may be of a rounded nature or may be formed as a sharp angle. In other words the cross-sectional configuration of the tray or jar may be of any desired kind without departing from the spirit of my invention.

A tray or jar of the form shown in Fig. 1 is well adapted for the uses mentioned.

The mouth end of the tray or jar is beveled or turned at an angle to the plane of the body portion, as shown at B. This places the mouth or opening to the interior of the tray or jar at an incline to the vertical so as to facilitate the introduction and removal of the contents of the tray, the opening or mouth being large enough, preferably, for the insertion of a person's hand.

The mouth or opening of the tray or jar is closed and the tray kept in an air-tight condition by means of a ground glass or other stopper or closure C.

From this description it will be seen that I produce an air-tight tray or jar adapted to be used in a horizontal position whereby the weight of the goods will not tend to crush or chip those lying near the bottom, while the gloss or polish of hard boiled confections will be retained for a much longer period than with the usual opening trays, and soft cream goods can be kept without wrapping in paraffine paper, or being crystallized, thereby making them present a more attractive appearance.

The tray or jar is, as before stated, to be used in a horizontal position on the counters or windows of dealers in confectionery or like articles.

The stopper being on an incline to the body, as described, is prevented from falling out, as its own weight will tend to draw it into the mouth of the tray or jar.

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

A glass tray or jar adapted to contain and form a shallow air tight receptacle for con-

fections, consisting of a body portion having its mouth end turned at an angle to the body with an opening through the same of a capacity which readily admits the hand to any part of the body, and a glass stopper in said opening inclined with relation to the body of the jar whereby the tendency of the stopper is to draw inward by reason of its inclination and weight, and form an air tight closure for the tray or jar.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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