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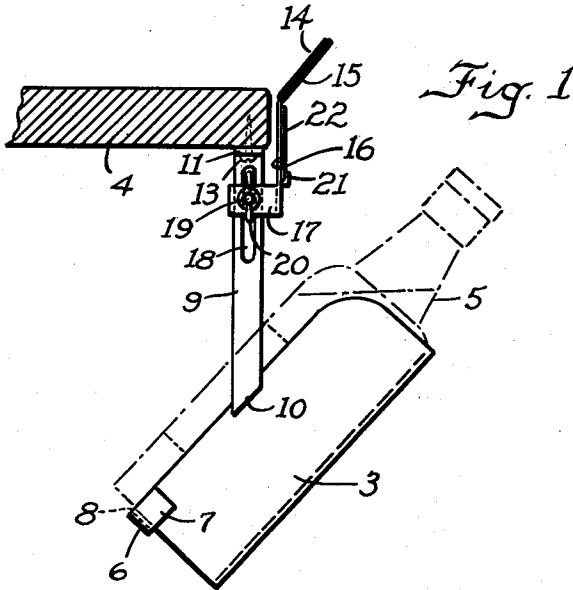
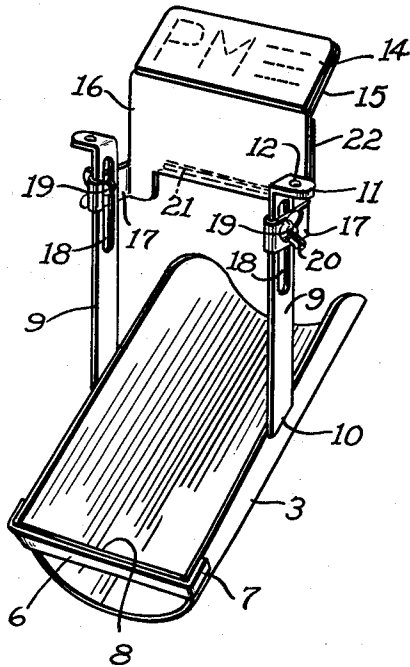


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to a bottle holder for use under bars in taverns to hold bottles of whiskey and other liquors for the greater convenience of the bartenders in dispensing drinks, and also for the greater convenience of the patrons in reading labels of the different drinks available.

Bartenders have a lot of difficulty keeping the back bar in neat order because of the necessity for frequently removing and replacing bottles as different drinks are called for, and most bartenders prefer to keep in the foreground the bottles that are filled or nearly filled, because of the sorry appearance of a row of bottles that are nearly empty. It is, therefore, the principal object of my invention to provide bottle holders which are designed to be attached to the underside of the bar at the rear in which the various bottles from which drinks are to be dispensed may be placed so that only unopened filled bottles intended for display purposes only can be kept on the back bar, thus making the bottles more easily accessible to the barkeeper and avoiding a cluttered up and untidy appearance on the back bar, especially during the busier hours and avoiding also the ever present danger of bottles being knocked over and broken, each bottle that has been opened for dispensing purposes being placed in its own individual holder at a convenient angle for quick removal and replacement, and each holder being furthermore equipped with a display sign, one side of which is visible to the customer from the front of the bar as an aid to him in selecting a drink, and the other side of which is clearly visible to the bartender behind the bar so that he can instantly identify whichever bottle he wants to pick up when a drink has been ordered.

The display sign, in accordance with my invention, is preferably adjustable vertically with respect to the two supporting arms on the holder so that the sign may be set at a desired elevation with respect to the top of the bar, and the same design of holders may be used on different makes in thickness of the top of the bar.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a side view of a holder made in accordance with my invention shown applied to a bar, a portion of which appears in vertical section, and

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder removed from the bar.

The same reference numerals are applied to corresponding parts in these views.

The reference numeral 3 designates a sheet metal pocket or cradle disposed below the rear portion of the bar 4 at an angle of approximately 45° from a vertical, making it convenient for the bartender to remove and replace a bottle 5 each time he serves a drink from it. The sheet metal body of the cradle 3 is bent to a substantially

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semi-circular form and a U-shaped sheet metal strap 6 is mounted on the lower end thereof, bent ends 7 of the strap being welded or otherwise suitably secured to the body of the cradle. The strap 6 has a rubber strip 8 cemented to the inner side thereof to cushion the engagement of the bottom of the bottle and thus silence the operation when a bottle is placed in the holder and allowed to slide down to the point of contact with the rubber strip 8. Two sheet metal arms 9 are disposed in parallel vertical relation on opposite sides of the cradle 3 and have their lower ends 10 welded or otherwise suitably secured to the sides of the cradle, the upper ends 11 being bent outwardly in a horizontal plane and perforated, as indicated at 12, to receive screws 13 for fastening the holder to the underside of the bar 4, as indicated in Fig. 1. These arms 9 are long enough to suspend the cradle 3 at the right elevation below the bar 4 so that the necks of the bottles 5 will not be noticeable from in front of the bar and yet will be at a convenient elevation for the bartender to take hold of the bottles and remove the same when drinks are ordered. A display sign 14 is cemented or otherwise suitably secured on the front of the rearwardly inclined upper end portion 15 of a sheet metal bracket 16 which has arms 17 bent forwardly therefrom for support of the bracket on the arms 9 of the holder. There are vertical elongated slots 18 provided in the arms 9 through which screws 19 are entered and extended through holes in the arms 17 to receive the wing nuts 20 for clamping the arms 17 in vertically adjusted relationship to the arms 9. In this way the display sign 14 can be set at a desired elevation where it will be convenient for the customer to read in picking out a desired brand of liquor at the time of ordering a drink and yet will not be in the way of the bartender in serving the drink. The height to which the bracket 16 will be adjusted will, of course, depend to a large extent upon how thick the material of the bar 4 happens to be, a thicker bar requiring higher adjustment of the bracket 16, and vice versa. The lower edge portion of the bracket 16 is bent rearwardly and upwardly, as indicated at 21, to form a holder for another sign 22 on the back of the bracket 16 which may be the same as the sign 14 or merely contain the name of the liquor referred to in the display sign 14, so that the bartender can quickly identify the various liquors in the various bottles.

In operation, the present holder facilitates tending bar and enables the bartender to keep his back bar practically entirely for display of samples which he can keep in an orderly fashion while using the bottles placed in the holders for dispensing drinks. From the patron's standpoint, these holders are of advantage in saving the patron the embarrassment of wondering what kind

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of liquor to order when the bartender is ready to wait on him, especially if the patron's eyesight is not good enough to enable him to distinguish the names of labels on bottles on the back bar. The display signs 14 are easily readable across the top of the bar, and the patron can accordingly pick out what he wants to order at a glance, thus saving time and embarrassment. The danger of breaking bottles is obviously reduced to a minimum with this invention, because each bottle has its individual holder, whereas bottles placed on a back bar are quite apt to be knocked over in removing and replacing bottles, and much expensive liquor has been wasted in this way. As a result, the holders of my invention pay for themselves in a short time in eliminating the danger of breakage, besides giving all of the other advantages mentioned.

It is believed the foregoing description conveys a good understanding of the objects and advantages of my invention. The appended claims have been drawn to cover all legitimate modifications and adaptations.

I claim:

1. A bottle holder adapted to be secured to the underside of a substantially horizontal drink dispensing bar for supporting a drink dispensing bottle in an inclined position below the rear portion of the bar, said holder comprising an elongated bottle receiving pocket member that is inclined so as to support a bottle in a rearwardly and upwardly directed position for easy handling from the rear of the bar, and suspension means for said pocket member the upper end of which is adapted to be fastened rigidly to the underside of the bar, the lower end of said suspension means being rigidly secured to said elongated pocket member intermediate the ends thereof.

2. A bottle holder adapted to be secured to the underside of a substantially horizontal drink dispensing bar for supporting a drink dispensing bottle in an inclined position below the rear portion of the bar, said holder comprising a bottle receiving pocket member that is inclined so as to support a bottle in a rearwardly and upwardly directed position for easy handling from the rear of the bar, suspension means for said pocket member the upper end of which is adapted to be fastened to the underside of the bar, the lower end of said suspension means being rigidly secured to said elongated pocket member intermediate the ends thereof, and a display sign carried by said suspension means and projecting upwardly behind the bar, said sign having a front portion visible and readable from in front of the bar and a rear portion visible and readable from behind the bar, both portions identifying the liquor in the bottle.

3. A bottle holder adapted to be secured to the underside of a substantially horizontal drink dispensing bar for supporting a drink dispensing bottle in an inclined position below the rear portion of the bar, said holder comprising a bottle receiving pocket member that is inclined so as to support a bottle in a rearwardly and upwardly directed position for easy handling from the rear of the bar, suspension means for said pocket member the upper end of which is adapted to be fastened to the underside of the bar, and a display sign carried by said suspension means and projecting upwardly behind the bar, said sign including a lower substantially vertical portion

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carrying identification means on the back thereof relative to the bottle in the pocket member, and an upper rearwardly inclined portion carrying identification means on the front thereof relative to the bottle in the pocket member.

4. A bottle holder adapted to be secured to the underside of a substantially horizontal drink dispensing bar for supporting a drink dispensing bottle in an inclined position below the rear portion of the bar, said holder comprising an elongated trough shaped bottle receiving pocket member having a bottle supporting abutment on one end, a supporting frame extending upwardly from and attached to the opposite sides of said member, said frame including arms disposed in acute angle relationship to said member, and a display sign carried on said arms above the rear portion of said pocket member.

5. A bottle holder adapted to be secured to the underside of a substantially horizontal drink dispensing bar for supporting a drink dispensing bottle in an inclined position below the rear portion of the bar, said holder comprising an elongated trough shaped bottle receiving pocket member having a bottle supporting abutment on one end, a supporting frame extending upwardly from and attached to the opposite sides of said member, said frame being disposed in acute angle relationship to said member, and a display sign carried on said frame above the rear portion of said pocket member, said sign including a lower substantially vertical portion carrying identification means on the back thereof, and an upper rearwardly inclined portion carrying identification means on the front thereof.

6. A bottle holder adapted to be secured to the underside of a substantially horizontal drink dispensing bar for supporting a drink dispensing bottle in an inclined position below the rear portion of the bar, said holder comprising an elongated trough shaped bottle receiving pocket member having a bottle supporting abutment on one end, a supporting frame extending upwardly from and attached to the opposite sides of said member, said frame being disposed in acute angle relationship to said member, said frame having elongated vertical slots provided therein, and a display sign having supports adjustably attached to said frame by fastening means entered in said slots and adjustable vertically relative to said pocket member, said sign including a lower substantially vertical portion carrying identification means on the back thereof, and an upper rearwardly inclined portion carrying identification means on the front thereof.

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