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ATTACHMENT FOR BUNGS OF FAUCETS.

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Fig. 1.

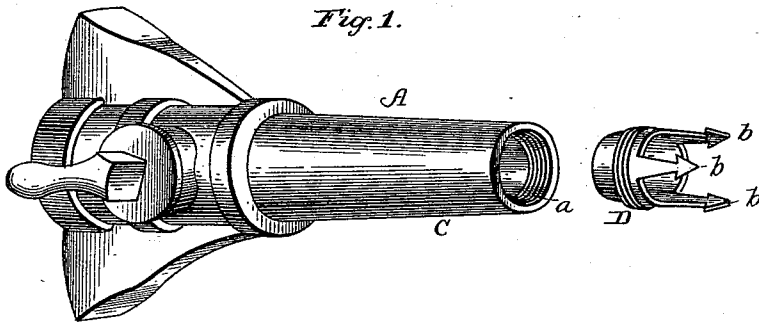


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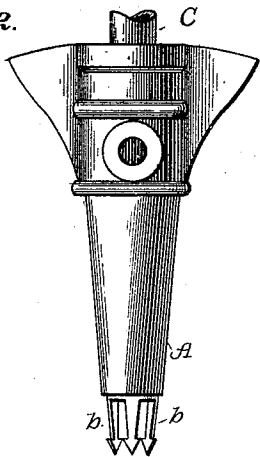


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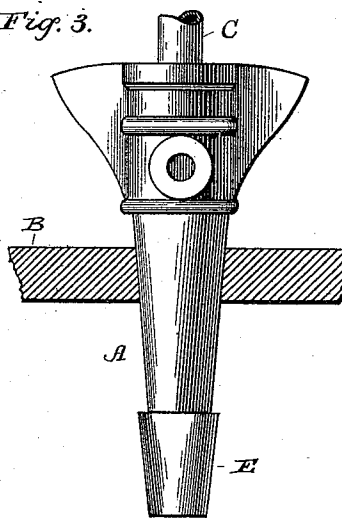


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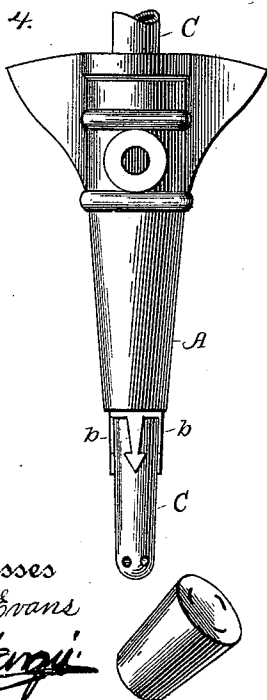
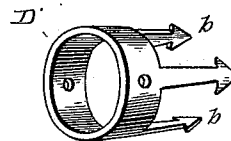
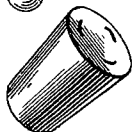


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. GRIFFIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Red House, in the county of Cattaraugus and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for the Bungs of Faucets; 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.

This invention relates, generally, to faucets for drawing liquids from barrels, cocks, or other vessels, and particularly to an attachment for the bungs used in connection with the faucets of pumps for drawing beer and other effervescent liquids, and has for its object to provide such bungs with a simple, durable, and inexpensive device for preventing the liquid escaping around the bung when tapping the cask or barrel to the great annoyance of the person tapping the barrel and causing a waste of the liquid, and it consists of a thimble having two or more prongs adapted to enter the cork or stopper and to retain the same thereon while the bung is being driven into the hole of the cask or barrel and after said bung is driven fully in the cork or stopper may be easily and readily detached from the prongs and dropped into the barrel by the tube or plunger of the faucet of the pump, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention and the bung, in position to be joined; Fig. 2, a side elevation showing the thimble in operative position on the bung; Fig. 3, a side elevation of the bung driven into a cask or barrel head with plunger of faucet inserted therein; Fig. 4, a similar view showing plunger fully driven into bung and the cork detached thereby, and Fig. 5 a perspective view of a modified form of securing my invention to the bung.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout all the views.

A represents the bung of the type usually employed in connection with the faucet of pumps for drawing effervescent liquids, said bung being driven into the cask or barrel B through the hole therein and driving the cork

or stopper E into the barrel before it, the plunger or tube C of the faucet through which the liquid passes being inserted into the bung and there held or secured in the usual or any desired manner. At its lower end or mouth the bung, A, is formed with interior screw-threads, a, into which the exteriorly screw-threaded thimble, D, is screwed into position thereon. The thimble, D, is formed with two or more sharpened prongs, b, preferably arrow-headed, which project from the edge of the socket, D, and conform to the circumference of the thimble. I may, if found desirable or more convenient, attach the thimble to the bung by means of rivets, as shown in Fig. 5, passing through the bung and into the thimble, but the screw-threaded socket is preferred for the reason that it is more easily attached to and detached from the bung. While I have shown three prongs on the thimble, I do not desire to be restricted thereto as two will answer the purpose of the invention, or four or more may be used if desired.

When tapping a barrel with a bung provided with my invention the ends of the prongs are placed against the cork or stopper E and forced into the same until the end of the bung is in close contact with the cork or stopper, E, when the bung is driven into the hole of the cask, driving the cork before it, until said bung is fully driven into the barrel, the cork being held by the prongs and preventing the liquid escaping about or around the bung, which, as is usual, is tapering in shape, during the entrance of the bung, and holding the said cork on the end of the bung, thus closing the same, until the plunger or tube C of the faucet is forced through the bung and against the cork or stopper, which it forces off the prongs and into the barrel.

From the above description it is evident that no liquid can escape through or around the bung until the same is fully driven into the barrel and not then until the tube of the faucet is placed in position and forces the cork off the prongs; and also that the thimble after detachment of cork therefrom offers no impediment to the free flow of liquid through the tube.

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

1. A bung for the faucet of beer or other pumps having prongs secured at its end adapted to enter the cork or stopper of the cask or barrel holes, substantially as described.
- 5 2. The combination with a bung for the faucets of beer or other pumps having interior screw-threads at its end, of a screw-threaded thimble having prongs projecting therefrom, adapted to engage said screw threaded end
10 of the bung, substantially as described.
3. The combination with a bung, for the faucets of beer and other pumps, having prongs

secured at one end adapted to be driven into and retain the cork or stopper of a barrel or cask hole, of a plunger or tube for detaching 15 the cork or stopper after the bung has been driven into position, substantially as described.

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

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