No. 740,834. PATENTED OCT. 6, 1903.

G. FANTONI.

SOUVENIR.

APPLICATION FILED APR. 2, 1903.

NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

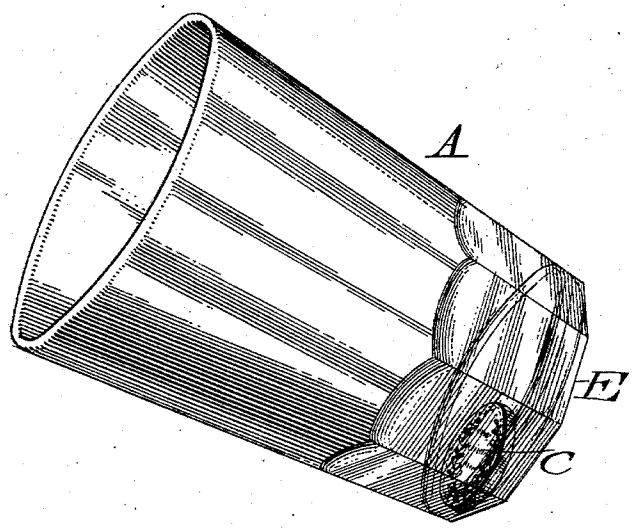
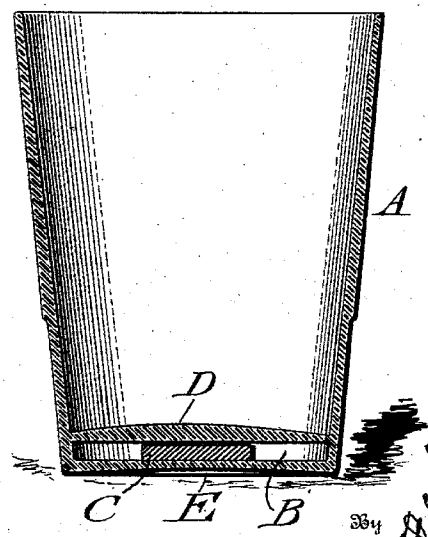


Fig. 2.



Witnesses

P. H. Nagle.

L. Bouville.

Inventor

Giovanni Fantoni.

By Wedderburn & Fairbanks.

Attorneys

THE NORRIS PETERS CO., PHOTO-LITHO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

No 740,834. Patented October 6, 1903.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

GIOVANNI FANTONI, OF ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY.

SOUVENIR.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 740,834, dated October 6, 1903.

Application filed April 2, 1903. Serial No. 150,709. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GIOVANNI FANTONI, a subject of the King of Italy, residing in Atlantic City, county of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Souvenirs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a souvenir of the form of a drinking-glass or other vessel having a transparent chamber within which is inclosed a coin, medal, or other object, the same being visible but inaccessible, forming a device serviceable as a memento of an exposition, fair, celebration, tour, visit, &c.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a souvenir embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a central vertical section thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a vessel of the form of a drinking-glass in the bottom portion of which is the chamber B, within which is the coin C or in lieu thereof a medal or other object, said vessel having a side wall and an open mouth for drinking purposes, it being noticed that said vessel has a false bottom D, which is elevated above the bottom proper, E, said bottoms D and E forming the upper and lower walls of said chamber B, the sides of the latter being the side wall of said vessel, said bottoms being integral with the body of said vessel. The upper side of the flat bottom D is convex, forming in a measure a lens which will magnify the coin or other object C within the chamber B. It will also be noticed that the object C is inaccessible and cannot be removed, and so it remains a fixture of the vessel and forms an interesting subject or souvenir, especially as matter may be engraved or otherwise inscribed on said object having reference to an exposition, fair, celebration, tour, visit, &c., and thus the device serves as a memento thereof and for other purposes. Furthermore, the object C is sufficiently loose in the chamber B so that it may be moved from side to side thereof, the shifting of the position of such object directing attention to the same. Again, said bottom may be made to strike the sides of the vessel and serve in a measure as a rattle.

In practice the parts, excepting the object C, are formed integral of glass or other transparent material, it being evident that it is essential that either of the bottoms D and E should be formed of transparent material, so that the object C may be seen therethrough.

When both bottoms are transparent, as shown, it is evident that both the obverse and reverse of a coin, medal, &c., may be observed.

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

1. In a vessel such as a drinking-tumbler, having a side wall and open mouth, a bottom of transparent material and a false bottom also of transparent material at a distance from the first-named bottom, the two bottoms with the adjacent portions of the side wall forming an entirely-closed chamber and an object permanently inclosed by said chamber.

2. In a vessel such as a drinking-tumbler, having a side wall and open mouth, a bottom of transparent material and a false bottom also of transparent material at a distance from the first-named bottom, the two bottoms with the adjacent portions of the side wall forming an entirely-closed chamber and an object permanently and movably inclosed by said chamber.

GIOVANNI FANTONI.

Witnesses:
S. R. CARR,
C. D. MCVAY.