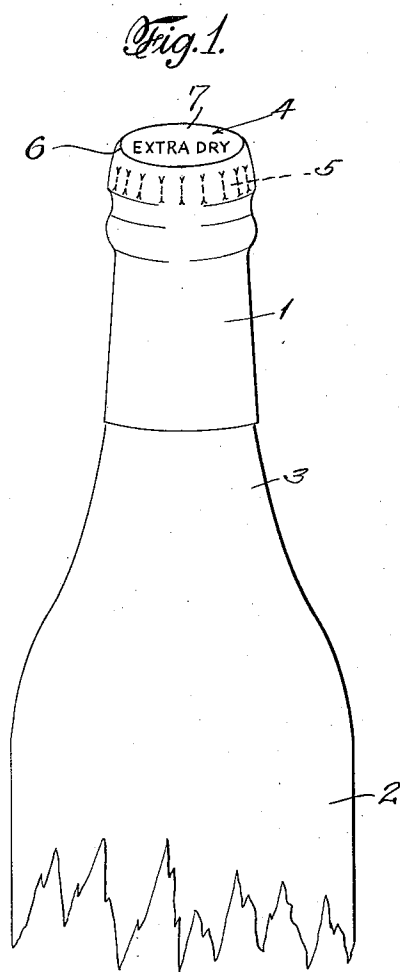
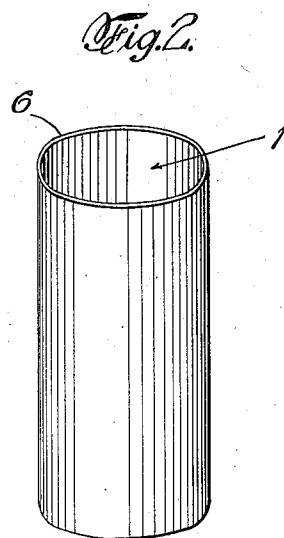


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Bottles containing soft drinks, such as ginger ale, sodas and the like, are usually closed with a tin cap known as a crown. These caps are usually made of tin and are held on to the neck of the bottle by the engagement of the crimped edge of the crown with a bead on the bottle. The necks of most containers of this sort taper very materially. The long tapered necks of these containers are oftentimes, in the cases of more expensive preparations, covered with tin foil either silver or gold colored. This foil is generally secured to the neck of the bottle by means of some adhesive. Since the strip of foil usually used is rectangular and, since the neck of the bottle is tapered, the foil is put on in a more or less haphazard manner. It is very difficult to affix this foil so as to cover the lower or crimped edge of the crown. It is desirable to cover this edge, because beverages of this type are usually cooled by packing in ice or by placing them in cold water, and, in so doing, the raw tin edge oftentimes becomes rusty and presents an unsightly appearance. In most instances the crowns used are decorated with the name of the company or with the name of the beverage. If the decorative top of the cap is covered, the purpose of decorating the cap would be frustrated. It is very difficult, however, to apply the tin foil covering in such a manner as to cover the lower or crimped edge of the crown and not to cover the decorative top portion of the crown so as to make the legend illegible.

It is well-known that a film made of viscose in its hydrated form shrinks very materially on drying. It is also well-known that cylindrical tubes of viscose material may be extruded into long endless cylinders by permitting the viscose solution to flow through a suitable nozzle into any of the well-known coagulating solutions.

By my invention I remove all the difficulties experienced in the use of tin foil, at the same time enabling the cover to be applied very rapidly and very neatly. By my invention the cover can be applied so as to cover the crimped edge of the cap, at the same time leaving the top decorative portion of the cap exposed so that it can be read.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 shows my covering as applied to a bottle with the top of the cap exposed.

Figure 2 shows my covering in cylindrical form before it has been applied to the neck of the bottle.

In the practice of my invention I take long cylindrical tubes of viscose in its hydrated form and cut them into appropriate lengths, the length being determined by the shape of the bottle and the amount of the neck to be covered. The cylindrical tubes of hydrated cellulose are somewhat larger than the neck of the bottle. In applying these they are slipped over the neck of the bottle and pushed down on the neck sufficiently so that, when the cellulose cylinder shrinks, it will tightly engage the neck of the bottle and the edge of the cap but will not cover the top or decorative portion of the cap.

In the drawing I have shown one of the tubes 1 which forms a length cut from a long cylindrical tube as stated above. This tube is placed upon a container, herein shown as a bottle 2 provided with a neck 3, the top of which is provided with a closure 4. This closure is illustrated as the usual cap having the crimped flange or skirt 5 extending down on the neck of the bottle. It will be seen that the tube 1 surrounds the neck and the crimped flange, the top edge of the tube being indicated at 6. This arrangement leaves the top portion 7 of the closure uncovered so that the matter contained thereon may be readily seen.

It will be observed that the tube covers the upper part of the container and overlies the edge of the closure. While I have shown my invention as applied to the neck of a bottle it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that it may be applied in a like manner to the top of any other container.

My covering, made in accordance with my invention, may be colored any desirable color and may be made to imitate the gold or silver foil heretofore used. The advantage of my invention is that the covering will lie close and smoothly on the neck of the bottle giving a very pleasing appearance to the bottle.

I claim:

1. In combination, a container having an open top with a closure thereon provided

with a skirt, and an open tube of hydrated cellulose disposed on the container and having its edge overlying the edge of the skirt but leaving uncovered the top portion of the closure.

5 2. In combination, a container having an open top with a closure thereon provided with a skirt, and an open tube of hydrated

cellulose disposed on the container and having its edge overlying the edge of the skirt but leaving uncovered the top portion of the closure, said tube being shrunk on said neck and closure. 10

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature to this specification.

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