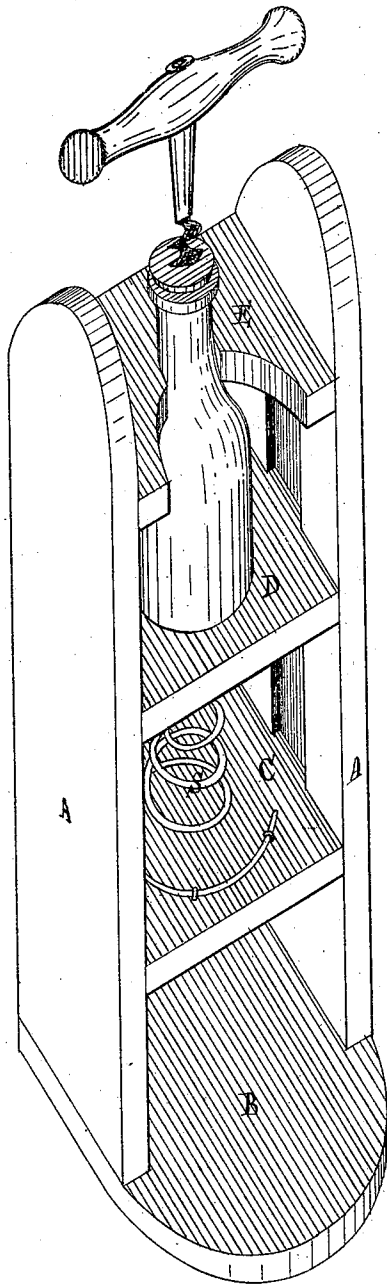


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOTTLE-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, EDWARD F. MEANY, of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements upon the Methods of Drawing Corks from Bottles, which improvements are fully set forth in the accompanying specification and drawings.

The object of my invention is to hold a bottle securely and safely while the cork is being drawn, in order to prevent accidents which frequently happen to persons who, in extracting corks, hold the bottle in one hand and pull the cork with the other. Many have had their hands or legs severely cut, and sometimes maimed, by the breaking of the neck of the bottle. These accidents it is my object to guard against, and I have, therefore, contrived the holder shown in the accompanying drawing, which will grasp and retain the bottle, while the person drawing the cork has nothing to do but to pull, without the least danger of being injured.

I have shown my holder as having two side pieces, A A, a bottom piece, B, three shelves, C, D, and E, and a spring, S. The spring S rests upon the shelf C, and bears the

shelf D, which shelf slides in grooves in the side pieces A A. This apparatus may be permanently secured in the place where it is to be used, or it may be made portable for use in families.

After inserting the corkscrew in the cork, I place the bottom of the bottle upon the shelf D, and press down the spring sufficiently to allow the neck of the bottle to enter the collar in the shelf E, where it is held securely, and the operator only needs to grasp the handle of the corkscrew and pull out the cork. In a portable machine he would put his foot on the bottom piece B; but where the machine was a fixture, of course that piece would be dispensed with.

I claim as my invention—

The above-described apparatus for holding bottles, consisting of the fixed shelf C, spring S, movable shelf D, and collared shelf E, in combination with a suitable frame-work, as described.

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