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screw threads 3 and a tapered spout 4 extending from the neck. The tapered spout 4 has a base or inner end of substantially less diameter than the outer end of the neck (to which it is joined) thereby providing an annular shoulder. A cap 5 is provided, which cap is internally screw threaded at 6 for connection with the threads 3 of the bottle neck, the cap having a closed outer end 7 and the space within the cap between the closed end 7 and the threads 6 provided with a liquid absorbent member 8 having a central hole extending therethrough, as shown at 9. The cap end 7 is provided with a blind or closed end hole 10 in axial alignment with the hole 9 of the absorbent member 8 when the member is received within the cap. The hole in the absorbent material may be of uniform diameter and of a diameter which will receive the spout and as the cap is screw threaded on the threads 3 of the neck of the bottle, the tapered spout will compress the absorbent member between the spout and the inner wall of the cap and cause tight fit engagement between the periphery of the spout and the absorbent member, as shown in FIGURE 2. The cap will move upon the threads 3 so as to position the end of the spout within the closed end hole 10. The end of the spout seals against the closed end of hole 10 and closes the spout bore. However, any other flow or drip from the spout will contact the absorbent member and prevent said overflow from moving downwardly from the spout and perhaps around the screw threaded neck of the bottle and onto the bottle.

The operation, uses and advantages of the invention are as follows. Any absorbent material may be utilized for making member 8, such as felt, a chemically treated cotton, fibrous material or the equivalent. The bottle 1 may contain a light oil such as a non-evaporative oil as used for sewing machines or the bottle may contain ink. After use of the bottle to discharge the content thereof through the spout 4, the cap, upon replacement on the neck of the bottle, passes the tapered spout 4 through the hole in the absorbent material such as felt which is positioned between the ends of the screw threads and the closed end 7 with the end of the spout received within the blind bore 10 to close the end of the spout which seals the opening of the spout against passage of liquid. However, any drip of liquid from the end of the spout and around the spout will be absorbed by the absorbent material 8 and thus prevent said drip material from flowing down around the interior of the cap and the neck of the bottle and onto the bottle. Thus, one's fingers are prevented from becoming contaminated with oil, ink, or other liquid material and the bottle body is maintained clean. The bottle may be made of any suitable material, and although a plastic is contemplated, the bottle may be formed of metal or glass and the cap of like material and provided with the absorbent material within the same.

I claim:
1. In a device of the character disclosed, a bottle for holding liquids and provided with a neck, a tapered spout extending from the outer end of the neck, said tapered spout having a base end of lesser diameter than the outer end of the neck to provide an annular shoulder and the neck provided with external screw threads; a cap having a closed end and an open end and provided with a threaded interior inward from the open end thereof for
engagement with the threads of the neck, an absorbent material within the cap between the closed end of the cap and the threads thereof and having a central hole therethrough for receiving the tapered spout and holding the spout in compressive engagement therewith substantially throughout its length, the closed cap end provided with a central blind hole for receiving and sealing the tip of the spout, said absorbent material when the cap is screwed on the neck of the bottle being compressively held between the closed end of the cap, the tapered spout and the annular shoulder of the neck.