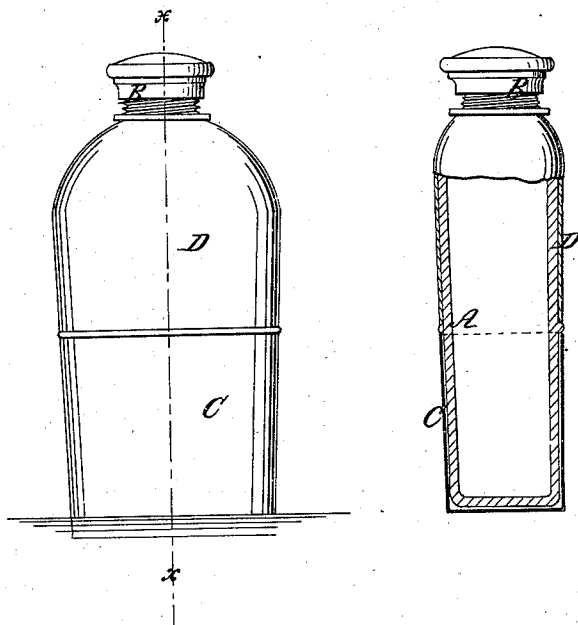


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IMPROVED FLASK OR BOTTLE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. FRY, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Dram-Flask; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in dram-flasks, and has for its object the substitution of some cheaper material than leather, but equally as durable, to the exterior of the glass bottle.

Dram-flasks, commonly so termed, as they were originally designed for sportsmen to carry a supply of liquor in their pockets, are now largely used for various purposes, and almost all druggists have them for sale.

The most durable and expensive kinds have a pig-skin covering; cheaper kinds having sheep-skin, morocco, and other thin leather coverings, and some have a covering of wicker-work.

My invention consists in applying a cover of papier-mache, or other equivalent material, or textile or felted fabric, and covering the same with japan or other water-proof varnish, whereby a very neat and durable dram-flask is obtained, and one which may be manufactured much cheaper than the leather-covered ones, and have equally as neat and finished an appearance.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a side view of a dram-flask constructed according to my invention.

Figure 2, a vertical section of the same, taken in the line *x x*, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the glass bottle of the flask, B the screw-cap or stopper, and C the cup, which fits on the lower part of the bottle, the portion of which above the cup is covered.

For this covering I use papier-mache, D, or other similar or analogous substance, which may be moulded of the proper size and shape to fit the upper part of the bottle, or a textile or felted fabric may be used for a covering, fitted on the bottle like the felted covers. This papier-mache or other covering, I coat with japan varnish, which thoroughly protects it from moisture or liquor, (alcohol,) and is more durable for the purpose than pig-skin or other leather covering, for in event of the latter becoming wet, a contingency of frequent occurrence, owing to the overflowing of the flask in filling it, the leather will shrink, and very frequently open at the seam.

My improvement fully obviates this difficulty, as japan and other copal varnishes, coach-varnish for instance, effectually resist the action of water and alcohol.

My improvement is applicable to those flasks which are not provided with a cup, and have the glass bottle entirely covered.

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

A covering for dram-flasks, or other glass bottles, composed of papier-mache, or an analogous substance, or a textile or felted fabric, fitted on the flask or bottle, and coated with japan or other water-proof varnish, substantially as shown and described.

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