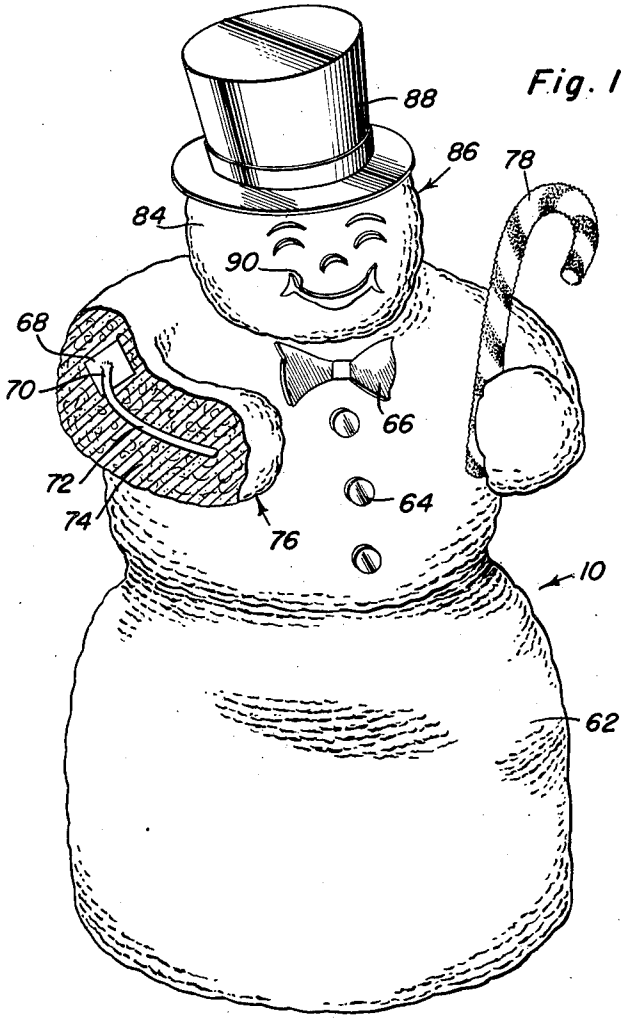
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Fig. 1.



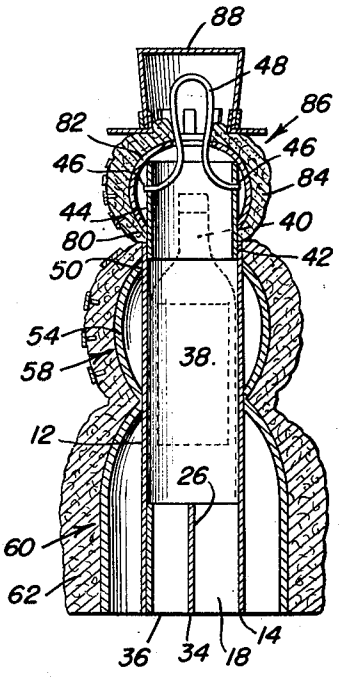
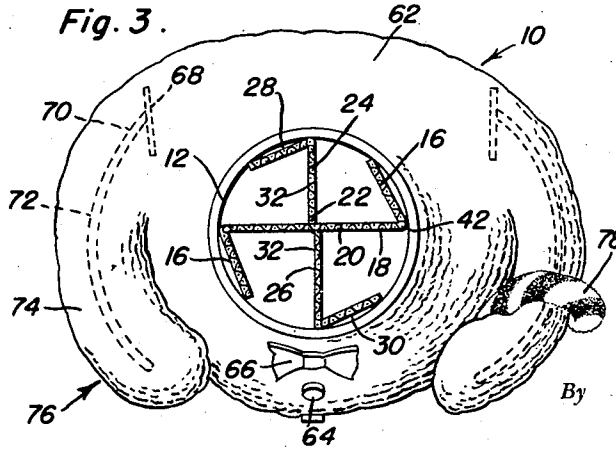


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders and the primary object of the present invention is to provide an imitation snow man so designed as to enclose and support a bottle or other type of article in a convenient package form.

Another important object of the present invention is to provide an ornamental article holder that is extremely neat and attractive in appearance and including novel and improved closure means which is quickly and readily removable, facilitating the convenient entrance into the holder.

A further object of the present invention is to provide an ornamental holder for articles such as bottles or the like, resembling a snow man, that is small and compact in construction.

A still further aim of the present invention is to provide an ornamental bottle holder that is simple and practical in construction, strong and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture, and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the present invention, and with parts broken away and shown in section;

Figure 2 is a reduced longitudinal vertical sectional view taken substantially through the center of the present ornamental bottle holder; and

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the present ornamental bottle holder and showing the head portion removed therefrom.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration, there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the numeral 10 represents the body portion of the present ornamental bottle holder generally comprising a tubular or sleeve-like receptacle 12. Fixed within the receptacle 12, adjacent the lower end 14 of said receptacle, are the oppositely turned longitudinal edges 16 of a preferably screen plate 18 having an inner supporting edge 20. Rigidly secured to opposite faces of the plate 18 are the inner longitudinal edges 22 of a further pair of screen plates 24 and 26 having outwardly turned longitudinal ends 28 and 30 which are fixedly secured to the inner periphery of receptacle 12. The inner transverse edges 32 of these plates 24 and 26 terminate co-

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planar with the edge 20 of the plate 18, and the outer transverse edges 34 of the plates 24 and 26 terminate co-planar with the outer edge 36 of the plate 18 and the lower end 14 of the receptacle 12 so that the receptacle will be supported in a substantially vertical position when placed on a supporting surface such as a table or the like, and a bottle 38 will be disposed in an elevated position within the receptacle 12 with the neck portion 40 of the bottle 38 projecting outwardly from the open upper end 42 of the receptacle 12.

Frictionally retained in the upper end 42 of the receptacle 12 is the lower end of an upper sleeve 44. Extending outwardly through suitable apertures in the upper sleeve 44 are the free end portions 46 of a finger receiving loop 48 that project outwardly from the upper end of the sleeve 44.

Rigidly secured to the outer periphery of the receptacle 12, adjacent the upper end 42 of the receptacle 12, is the upper edge 40 of a depending annular sheet of bendable material such as cardboard or the like 54 that loosely embraces the receptacle 12. At substantially the longitudinal center of the receptacle 12 the material 54 is turned inwardly and fixed as at 56 thereto to provide an upper barrel-like portion designated generally by the numeral 58 and a lower barrel-like portion or shirt designated generally by the numeral 60.

Glued or suitably secured to the outer face of the material 54 is a cotton material forming the exterior 62 of the body portion 10 and which conforms to the curvature of the upper barrel-like portion 58 and the lower barrel-like portion 60 to simulate chest and base portion of a snow man. Suitable disks 64 and a necktie 66, preferably of a bow type is fixed to the material forming the exterior 62 of the present ornamental bottle holder to further add to the attractiveness of the same in simulating a snow man.

Anchored to plates 68 that are suitably fixed to the exterior 62 are the inner ends 70 of a pair of bendable cores or wire 72 having preferably cotton material 74 suitably secured thereon to provide arms that are designated generally by the numeral 76 and which are bendable to a desired form. It is preferred that a cane 78 also of preferably cotton material be fixed at one end of one of the arms to simulate a "candy stick."

Fixed at its lower edge 80 adjacent the lower end of the upper sleeve 44 is a cup-like element 82 of preferably cardboard material having a suit-

able slot through which the loop 48 extends. Cotton material 84 is also fixed to the outer face of the element 82 to provide a head portion designated generally by the numeral 86 which is also provided with an opening through which the loop 48 extends. A suitable hat 88 preferably of the high hat variety, is frictionally positioned on the head portion 86 and encloses the loop 48 and the opening provided in the cotton material 84 and the element 82.

To insert a bottle in the receptacle 12 it is merely necessary to remove the hat 88 and to pull outwardly upon the loop 48 whereby the entire head portion 82 will be removed from the open upper end 42 of the receptacle.

Fixed to the head portion 86 are suitable strips of material 90 that form the desired facial features of the present ornamental bottle holder.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings it is believed that a clear understanding of the construction, operation and advantages of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claims.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. An ornamental bottle holder comprising a body having a sleeve-like receptacle fixed therein, support means fixed in said receptacle for supporting a bottle therein, a head portion frictionally carried by said receptacle, hand gripping means carried by said head portion for removing the latter from said receptacle, and a closure frictionally fitted to said head portion and embracing and concealing said hand gripping means.

2. An ornamental bottle holder comprising a sleeve-like receptacle, a support fixed within said receptacle for retaining a bottle disposed in an elevated position within said receptacle, a covering loosely embracing said receptacle, said covering including a central portion fixed to said receptacle, a removable closure for one end of said

receptacle, said covering being of fibrous material and having a lower bearing edge coplanar with one end of said receptacle to prevent overtipping of said receptacle, said closure including an upper sleeve frictionally engaging said receptacle at one end, hand gripping means carried by said upper sleeve and projecting outwardly from the latter, a further covering embracing said upper sleeve, and means carried by said further covering for encasing said hand gripping means.

3. An ornamental bottle holder comprising a body having a sleeve-like receptacle fixed therein, support means fixed in said receptacle for supporting a bottle therein, a head portion frictionally carried by said receptacle, hand gripping means carried by said head portion, a closure carried by said head portion embracing said hand gripping means, and a plurality of arms fixed on said body and providing additional weight for the body.

4. An ornamental bottle holder comprising a cylindrical receptacle having upper and lower open ends, a support fixed in the open end of said receptacle for supporting a bottle, a covering embracing said receptacle and including a central portion fixed to the outer periphery of said receptacle intermediate the ends thereof, the lower edge of said covering being coplanar with the open lower end of said receptacle to prevent overtipping of said receptacle, a sleeve having one end frictionally fitted in the open upper end of said receptacle, a covering for said sleeve and having an opening registering with said sleeve, a finger grip carried by said sleeve having a portion projecting outwardly through the opening in said last mentioned covering, and a closure carried by said last mentioned covering embracing and shielding said finger grip.

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