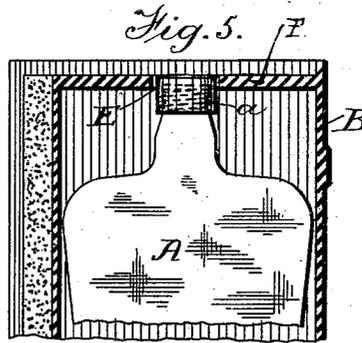
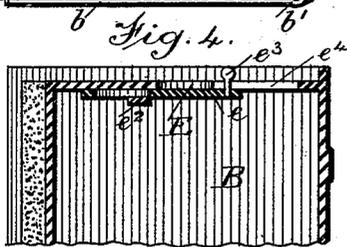
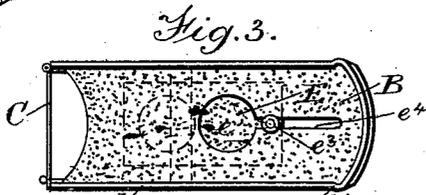
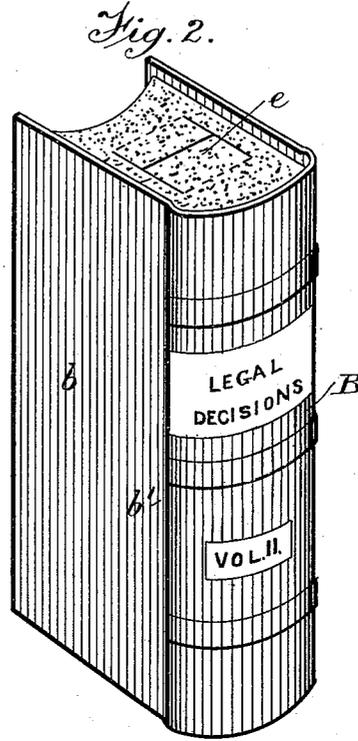
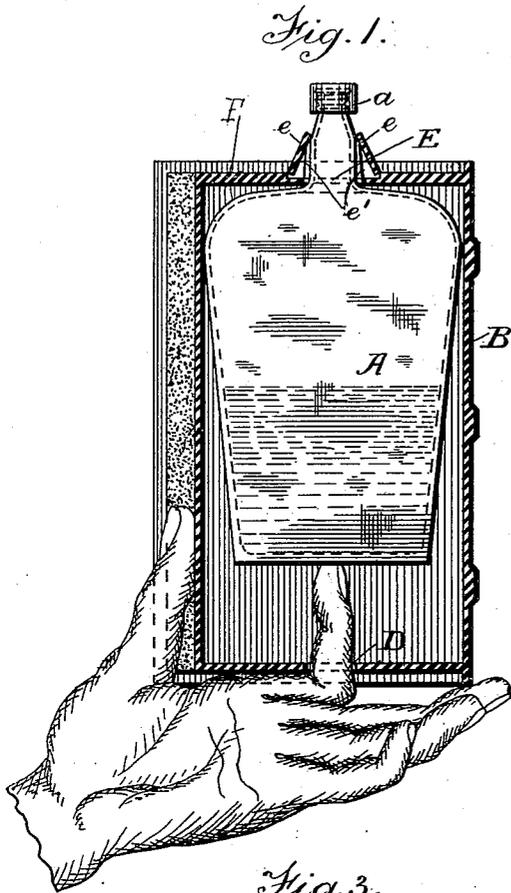


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT W. T. JENNER, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Liquor-Flasks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to liquor-flasks; and it consists in making the outer covering of the flask in the form of a book or other similar article large enough to entirely cover the whole of the flask, including the neck and stopper, and having a hole in the said covering beneath the bottom of the flask, so that it can be pushed upward and the neck made to project through an opening in the covering.

This invention further consists in the detailed construction of the outer covering of the flask, so that the top of the flask-stopper may be concealed from observation, and so that the flask may be easily removed for the purpose of filling or cleaning it.

Prior to my invention flasks for liquor have been made with coverings of leather and other material, which coverings have been made to take various ornamental forms, and in many cases a portion of the covering has been made removable and used as a drinking-cup when separated from the flask; but in no case has the ornamental covering been made so as to entirely cover and conceal the flask from observation, and at the same time admit of ready access to its contents.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of the flask, showing the covering in section and with the neck of the flask protruding therefrom. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the flask-covering when the flask is not in use. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the top of the flask-covering, showing a modification of the device for concealing the stopper. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the same. Fig. 5 is a vertical section through the top of the flask-covering, showing the flask-stopper and a simple way of concealing it.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A is the flask, made of glass, with flat sides, as ordinarily used for liquor, and provided with the stopper *a*, preferably made to screw over the neck of the flask, and provided with a small piece of cork or rubber in the top to keep the contents from leaking out.

B is the covering for the flask, made in the form of a book of pasteboard covered with cloth and leather or of other similar material to give the appearance of a neatly-bound volume. That portion of the covering representing the edges of the leaves of the book is covered with marbled paper or otherwise treated, so as to give a natural appearance. A label is affixed to the back where the name of a book is usually placed, which label may have printed thereon any suitable title more or less suggestive of the contents behind it. The cover B is made of the full height of the flask or a trifle longer, and one side of it, *b*, is made with a hinge at *b'*, so that it may be opened after the manner of a book-cover and the flask removed for the purpose of filling or cleaning it. The hinged side *b* is secured to the cover by means of the clasp C or any other simple catch which will hold it in position. Instead of a catch or clasp, the hinged side may be secured by the outer paper covering, which can be pasted over the joint and renewed when required.

D is a hole in the covering A beneath the bottom of the flask, so that it may be pushed up by the finger.

E is a hole corresponding with the stopper and neck of the flask, and through which they protrude when the flask is pushed up.

The top of the stopper may be concealed from observation by covering it with marbled paper corresponding to that surrounding the hole E, and may be made to come level with the top of the covering, as shown in Fig. 5; or it may be concealed by the cover *e*, made in one or more pieces, and hinged as shown in Fig. 1, in which *e'* is an elastic spring, which causes the cover *e* to lie flat over the top of the stopper when the flask is not in use.

Figs. 3 and 4 show a modification of the cover for the top of the stopper. In this case the cover *e* is made to slide back and forth underneath the hole E. *e''* is a guide to keep it from

falling inward, and e^2 is a button projecting upward through the slot e^4 for moving the sliding cover.

I do not confine myself to the use of a flask for liquor, as flasks and bottles of various kinds may be used and may contain drugs, chemicals, perfumery, or any other substance or liquid.

The flask-covering hereinbefore described is very cheaply constructed, and admits of the flasks being packed for shipment in large quantities without danger of breakage.

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

1. The combination of a flask with a covering which conceals it from observation, provided with a hole at the lower end of it beneath the bottom of the flask, and with a hole in the top registering with the flask-stopper, so that the said stopper and the neck of the flask may be made to protrude through the said hole while the body of the flask is retained within by the top of the said covering, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of a flask, a covering concealing the said flask and having the hole D in the bottom and the hole E in the top of it, and a movable cover-plate for hiding the

top of the flask-stopper, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination of a liquor-flask, the book-shaped covering B, provided with the hinged side b , and having the holes D and E in it, a catch for holding the hinged side, and the movable cover e , substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination of a liquor-flask, the book-shaped covering B, having the holes D and E therein, a movable cover, and an elastic spring for holding the said cover over the top of the flask-stopper, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

5. As an article of manufacture, a flask-covering having a hole in the top of it through which the stopper and neck of the flask may protrude when raised, while the body of the flask is retained within by the top of the covering, a movable cover for the said hole, and means for permitting the flask to be raised, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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