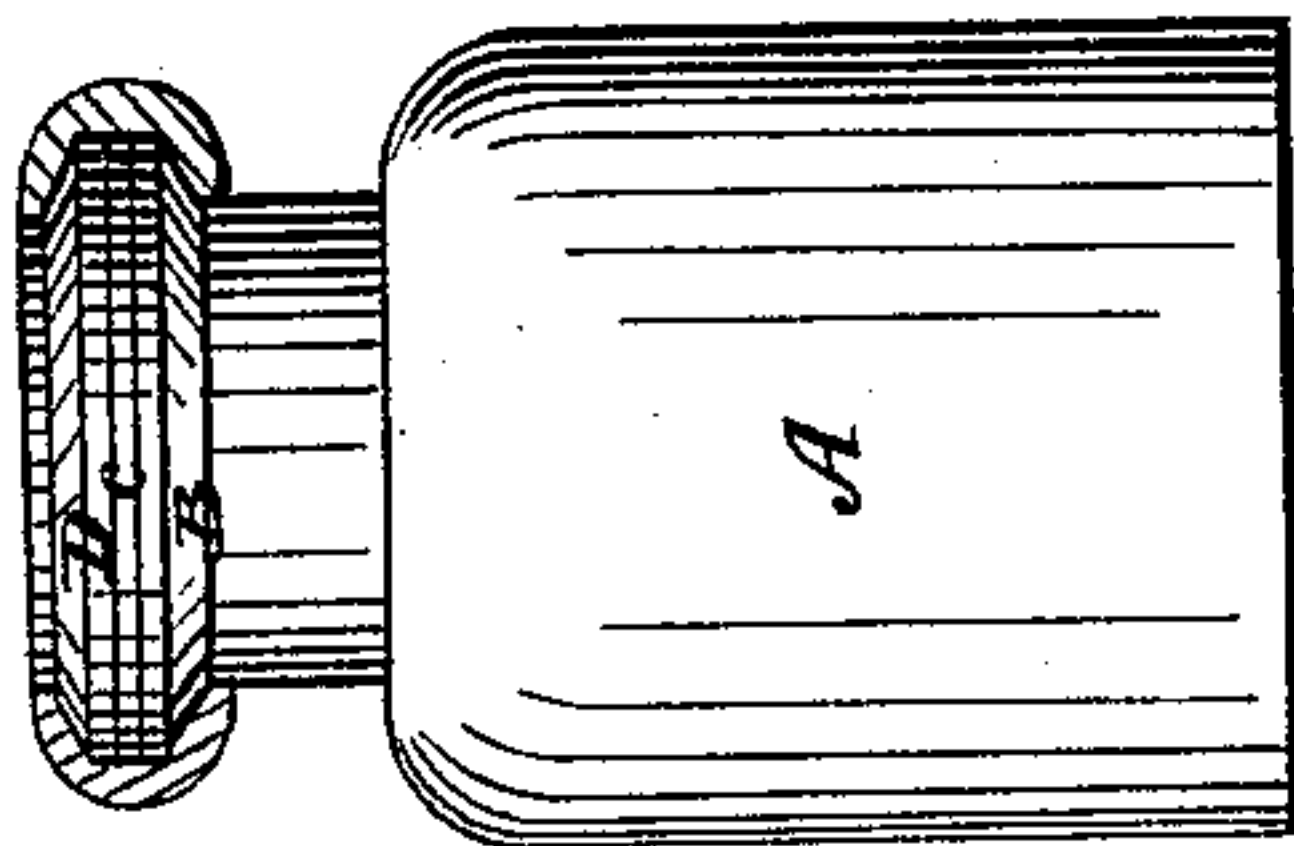
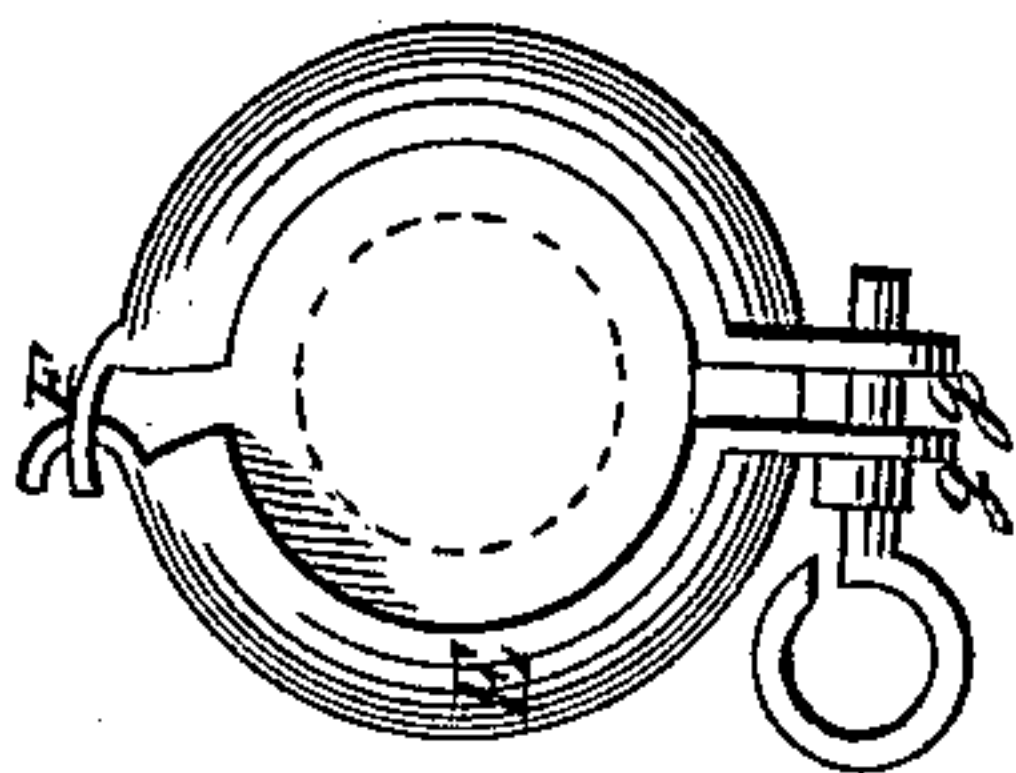


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IMPROVED FRUIT-CAN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, O. F. FITCH, of Morristown, in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stoppers for Fruit-Jars; and I hereby declare that the following is a true and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The letter A in the drawing represents an ordinary fruit-jar. At the top of the neck of the jar is the flange B, beveled on the lower side. On this is laid the narrow circle or strip of india-rubber C.

The letter D is the stopper of the jar, which, in place of penetrating downward in the mouth of the jar, consists of a glass plate or disk laid on the strip of rubber C.

E is a clamp formed of two parts, and hinged at the point F with flanges at *g g*, through which a screw is made to pass. The clamp is adapted to the circular shape of the disk, and, being concave on the inner side, when tightly screwed at *g g* presses the stopper down, and thus effectually excludes the air.

What I claim as my invention, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The clamp E, in combination with the stopper D and india-rubber strip C, in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth and described.

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