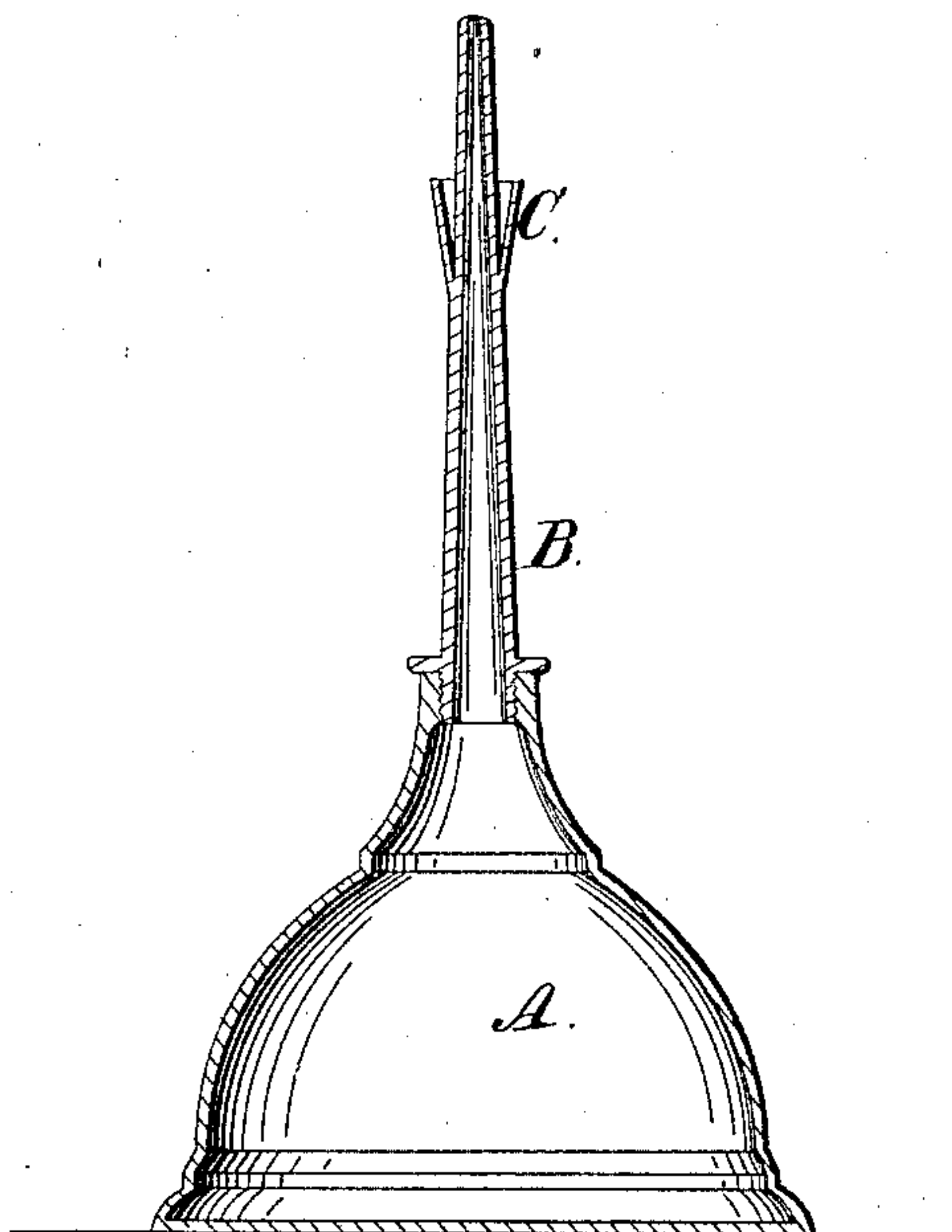


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## IMPROVEMENT IN OIL CANS.

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, J. A. WHITMAN, of Auburn, in the county of Androscoggin, and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Oil Cans; 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 drawing, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a simple method of saving oil which is to be used for lubricating purposes from being wasted, and it consists in forming a funnel-shaped collar or cup around the tube of the oil-can, which catches and holds the oil which would otherwise drop from the tube and be wasted.

The drawing represents a vertical central section of the oil can with the collar attached.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A represents the body of the oil can; B is the tube, and C represents the collar or cup. In the construction of the oil can there is nothing particularly novel. The tube B is screwed into the body of the can in the usual manner, and it may or may not have a spring bottom. The improvement is in placing around the tube the collar C for the purpose of receiving the oil which would otherwise run down on the outside of the can from the discharging end of the tube. In using the can a drop or a portion of the oil will be left on the outside of the point of the tube, and will run down into the collar or cup. When the cup becomes full, the distance of the edge of the cup from the tube is so small that the oil contained in it will obey the law of attraction and follow the tube instead of dropping from the edge; consequently all the oil goes where it is designed to go, and none is wasted by dripping from the can.

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

The collar C forming a cup upon the tube B, at such a point near its upper end that the oil contained in said cup shall, when the oil can A is reversed, flow down the said tube and off its point without overflowing the said cup, as herein set forth.

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