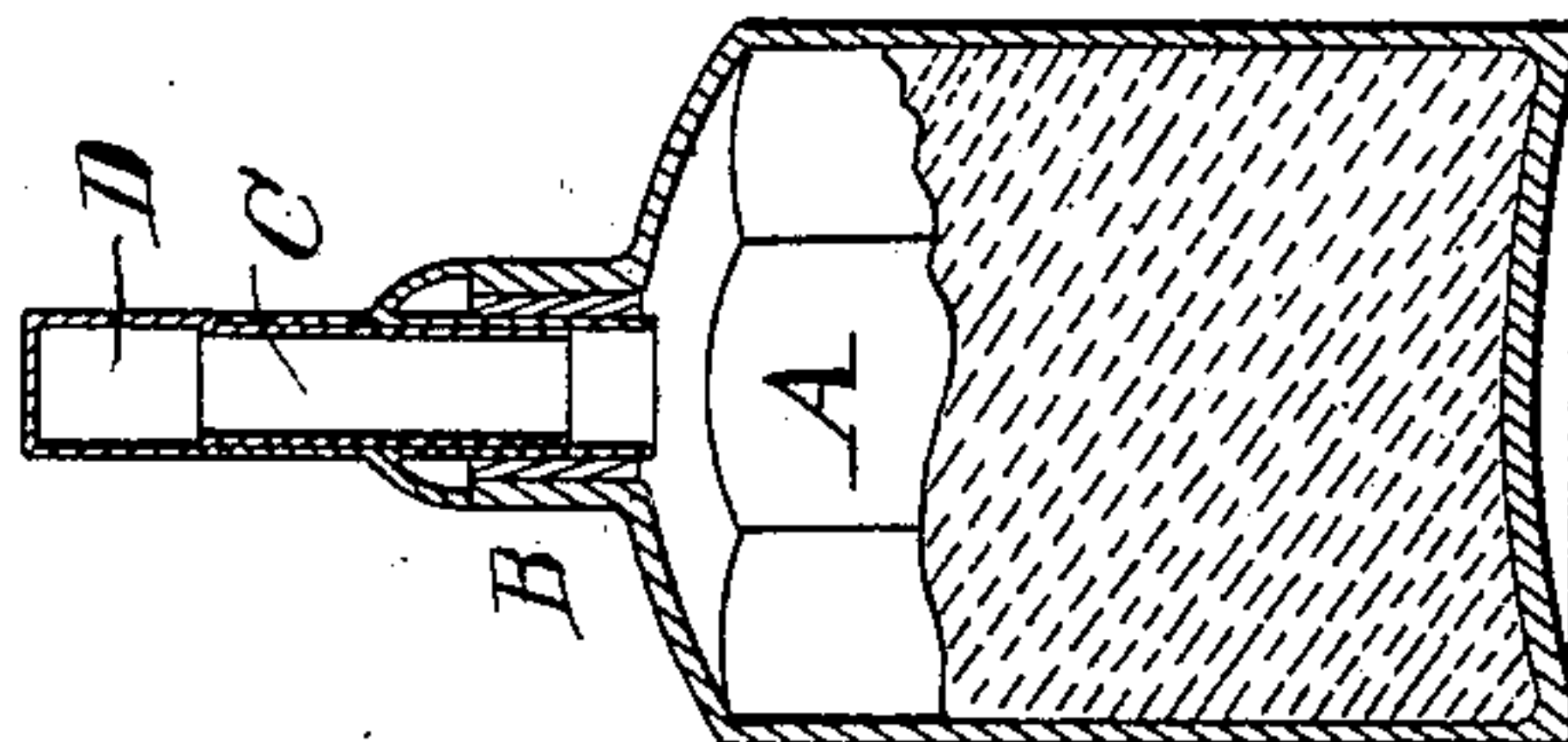
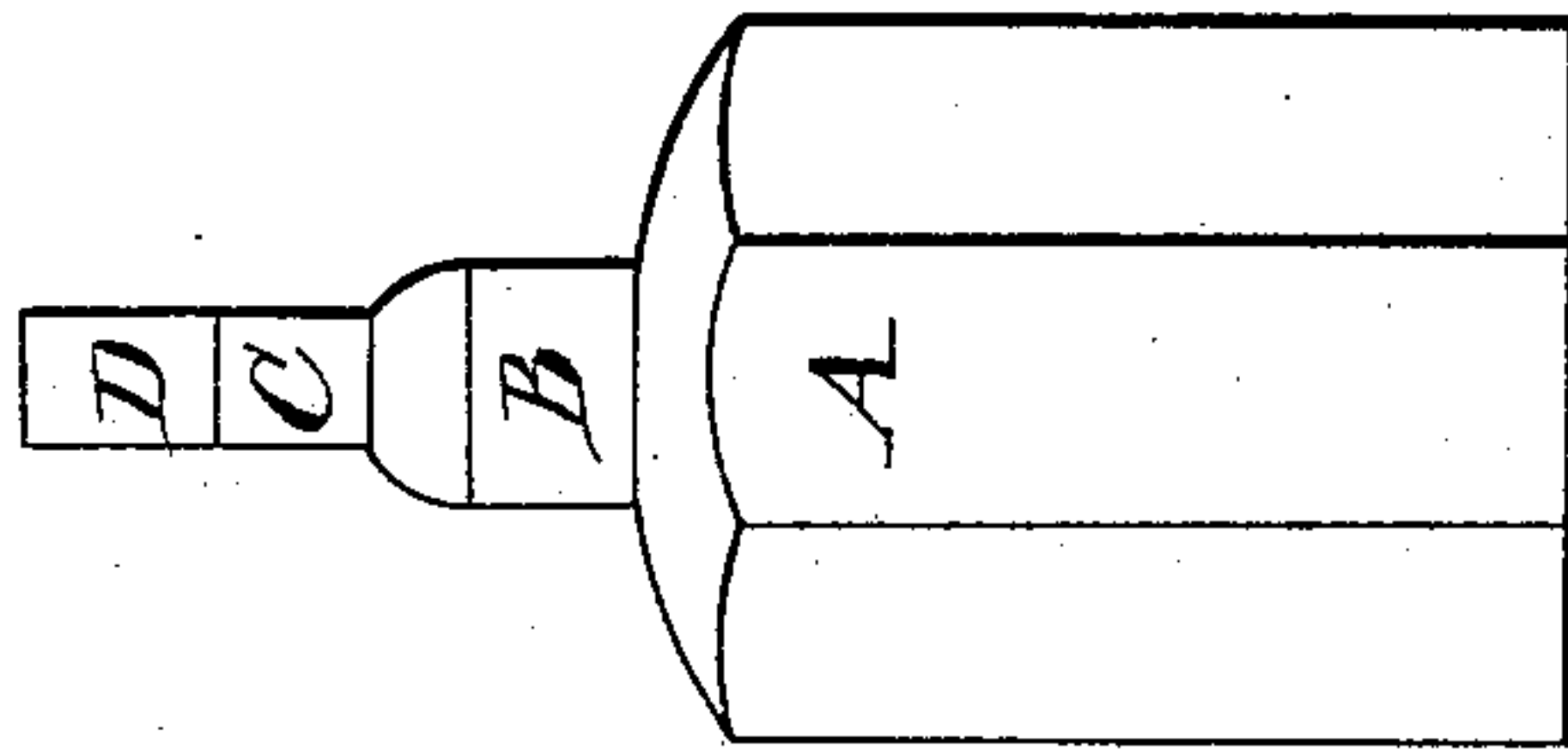


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## IMPROVED TOOTH-POWDER BOTTLE.

*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, J. B. DA CAMARA, Jr., of Newark, in the county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented an improved Method of Using Tooth Powder from a Bottle; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists in attaching to the neck of a bottle a tube of such a size and in such a manner as to allow just sufficient powder to fall on the brush when the bottle is inverted to cleanse the teeth once. The tube may be variously attached and variously arranged.

In my drawing, A is the bottle; B the neck, to which the tube C is attached; D is the cap, made to slide inside of the tube, for the purpose of clearing it after use, rendering it immediately ready for use on another occasion. But it may be fitted to the outside of the tube, and fitted either inside or outside by a screw as well as a slide.

The end of the tube may be divided, and form several apertures instead of one, still retaining the principle of using the powder from a tube.

The advantages of this invention are apparent at a glance. It saves great waste. In dipping the brush into the powder, a large quantity clings to the sides of the brush, which is wasted. If the box is full, more or less will be forced out over the side of the box, keeping it constantly in a filthy condition. The moisture in the brush is absorbed to a great extent by the powder in the box, causing it to become mouldy and worthless. But one person can use from one box without a sacrifice of delicacy. In travelling, it is almost impossible to carry the powder in boxes without spilling and wasting.

Starting with the fact that a powder—a properly-constructed powder—is the only thing proper with which to cleanse the teeth; also the other fact that the inconvenient manner in which it has heretofore been prepared has induced many to resort to the more convenient washes, soaps, and pastes—the former useless, and the two latter injurious, from the many ingredients which are required to make these soaps and pastes. With these facts, the advantages will further appear when I further state that with the use of this invention, first, there can be no waste, as the dimensions of the tube are such as to allow just sufficient to escape for one cleansing and then clog; second, the bottle is always clean, as no powder falls on the outside; third, the powder is always kept perfectly dry and in good condition to the last; fourth, several may use out of the same bottle with no impropriety; fifth, in travelling, the bottle may be placed in the pocket or travelling-bag without the slightest danger of spilling; sixth, besides the above, it is an ornament for the toilet-table.

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

The tube C, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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