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IMPROVED DEVICE FOR CUTTING WIRE OR CORD FROM BOTTLE-STOPPERS.

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, JUSTUS A. TRAUT, of New Britain, county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Implement for Removing the Fastening-Cord or Wire from the End of Bottle-Stoppers; and to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe, referring to the drawing, in which the same letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

The nature of this invention consists of a swinging cutter or hook-blade, attached to a handle-lever, so that, while one end or portion of said lever is placed or rests against the neck of the bottle, the cutter or hook-portion takes hold of the fastening-wire, and, by a gentle pressure of the hand upon the extended portion of the lever, the cord or wire will be cut or displaced from the stopper.

The object of this invention is to remove the irksomeness of removing or displacing the binder by the fingers, whereby the fingers are often cut, and oftener rendered very painful.

In the accompanying drawing—

a represents a bottle, having its stopper confined by a cord or wire in the common way.

b is a lever-handle, which may be made of desirable dimensions or shape.

The end *c* is curved out, so as to nearly fit the roundness of the neck of the bottle, and is provided with a cutter or hook-blade, *d*, one end of which is secured in the body of the lever, a short distance from the curved end of the lever, by a pin, *e*, so that, by placing the cutter or hook *f* under, the cord or wire *g* can be easily and quickly displaced from the end of the stopper *h* by a gentle pressure of the hand upon the outer portion of said lever.

I believe I have thus shown the nature, construction, and advantage of this invention, so as to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same therefrom.

What I claim, therefore, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A new article of manufacture, a device for removing the fastening-cord or wire from a bottle-stopper, constructed as shown and set forth.

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