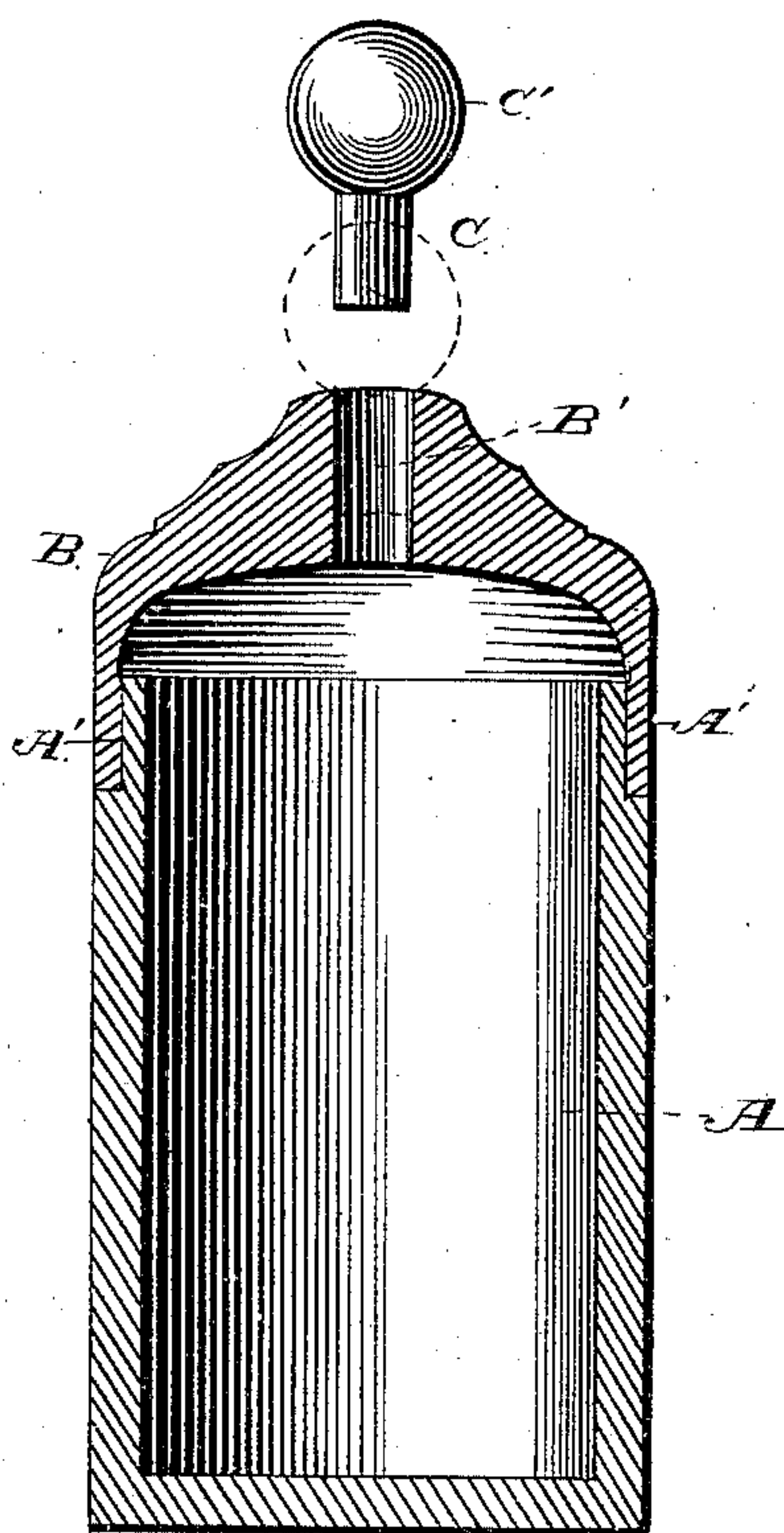


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## SPRINKLING-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CLARENCE A. FONERDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sprinkling-Boxes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to boxes or receptacles for tooth-powder, cachou, catarrh-snuff, and like preparations. It has for an object to provide a box in which the articles may be conveniently stored for packing and in suitable form for sale, and from which the preparations may be sifted in desired quantities for use.

The invention consists in certain details of construction, which will be described and claimed.

In the drawing I have represented my improved box in vertical section.

The article is formed of the box or receptacle A, the cover B, and the removable plug C, the box and cover being wrapped by the label in the manner hereinafter described.

The box A may be of any desired shape, and has its upper end or edge grooved at A' to receive the cover B, which turns down on the upper end of the box, as shown. It is manifest that it would involve no departure from my invention to screw-thread the cover on the box, instead of fitting it snugly, as shown. The outer sides of the box and cover are flush with each other. The inner side of the cover is dished, or made concave, so that no matter how little powder there may be it will readily pass to and out of the aperture. This aperture B' is formed through the cover, and is made of a suitable size to permit the passage of a single cachou, or of a small quantity of powder when the box is inverted.

The plug C is fitted to the aperture B', and provided with a knob or head, C', by which it may be easily manipulated. This head also forms an ornament to the box, as will be seen. In the drawing the plug is shown in dotted lines in, and in full lines out of, the box. When the plug is in place, the contents of the

box are protected from the influence of the atmosphere, the plug fitting tightly in the opening and rendering the box practically air-tight.

In practice the box will be filled with the desired preparation, the cover applied, and the label pasted on the box and over the joint between box and cover, closing said joint and serving as an efficient and simple means of retaining the cover in place.

The box, it will be understood, can be made of wood, glass, or other suitable material, and when the plug is removed the contents may be sifted or dusted out in any desired quantities onto a brush, cloth, or into the palm of the hand much more conveniently than by dipping into the powder-box, as now practiced.

The top of the lid through which the opening B' is formed is very materially thickened, as shown, so that the opening B' is deep, and the engagement between it and the plug C will in consequence be more secure and less liable to be accidentally removed; and the same construction also prevents the powder from falling out of the opening B' when the box is upset on its side when the plug is out.

I am aware that powder-boxes have been made having a removable cover with one or more punctures or openings in it, and I do not claim such, broadly; but

What I do claim is—

The herein-described powder-box, consisting of the body A, having the shoulder A', the lid B, fitting upon the shoulder A' and provided with a thickened center, as shown, with the opening B' cut through it, and the plug C to fit in the opening B', whereby greater security is given to the plug, and the liability to spill when upset with the plug out is obviated, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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