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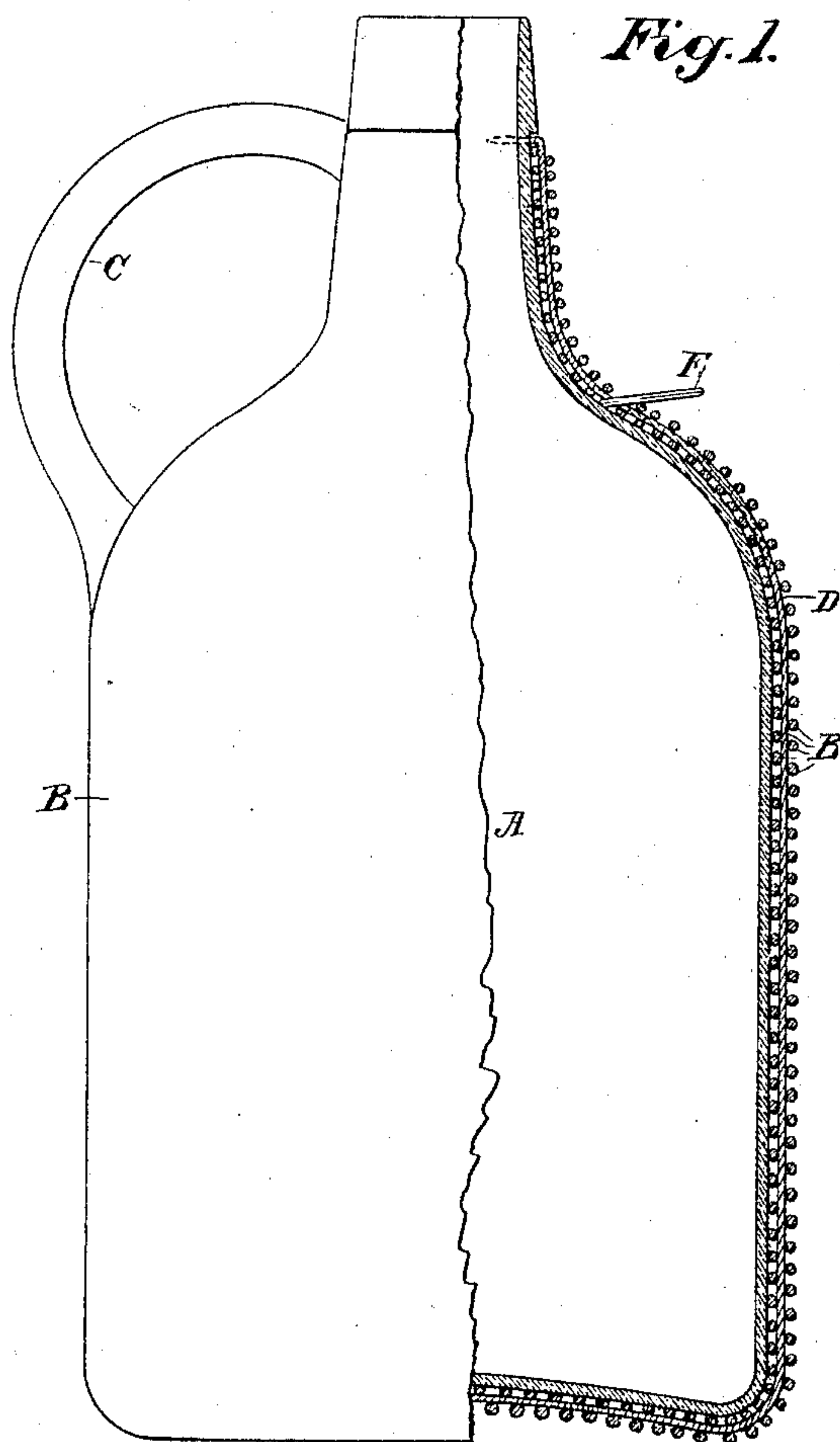
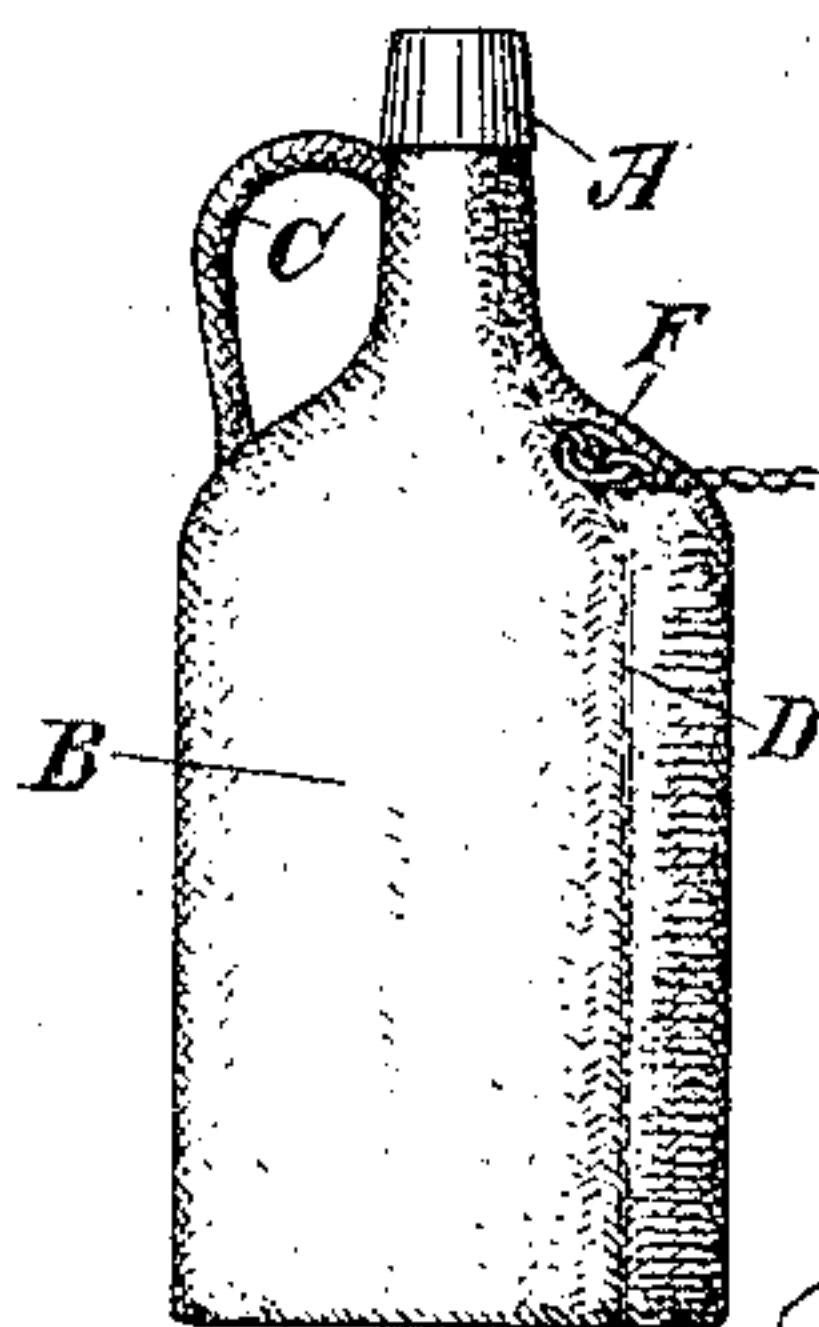


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH LENORMAND, a citizen of France, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Safety Attachments for Demijohns; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to an attachment for demijohns and like articles to prevent their being unlawfully removed.

It consists, essentially, of a metal-wire rod or bar secured within the wicker covering of the demijohn and a ring connected with said bar and projecting outwardly through the wicker covering in such a position that it may be engaged and locked to some fixed object.

It also consists in details of construction, which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a partial section of a demijohn, showing the location of the additional wire. Fig. 2 is a general view of the same.

Demijohns are usually made of glass or similar material of all sizes from half a gallon up, and they are ordinarily covered with a protective fibrous wicker or network to prevent their being easily broken, this outer wicker covering having a handle of the same character, by which the demijohn is easily carried. Wines, liquors, and various other goods are delivered in such demijohns, and the dealer usually places them in a wagon and drives from point to point. While the driver is delivering a part of his load it frequently occurs that ill-disposed persons will steal some of the demijohns, especially if they contain liquors, and make away with them, and this has been carried to such an extent that more than half a wagon-load has been stolen in spite of the efforts of the driver, as he is obliged to leave his load unprotected at times.

The object of my invention is to prevent such unlawful appropriation of the demijohns.

As here illustrated, A is a demijohn having an outer covering of woven fiber or wicker-work of any usual or suitable description. This covering is usually made of thin strips of tough woody willow or osier fiber, which are interwoven in a sort of basket-work, so as to cover the whole demijohn and as shown at B, and it is provided with a handle C, by which the article can be carried.

In my invention I secure to the body A of

the demijohn a stout wire or rod D, which may be fastened across or around the bottom, and thence extending up close against the sides of the demijohn and following the curvature of the neck it is again secured around the small part of the neck. This rod or wire may also be secured in any other suitable or desirable way, the object being to fix it permanently to the demijohn. The wicker-work is then woven over this wire, inclosing and covering it, so that it forms a part of the whole structure. At some point, preferably near the top and in the inward curvature of the upward part of the demijohn, a ring F is formed in or fixed around the rod or wire before it has been secured to the demijohn, and the wicker-work is woven about it, so as to leave it projecting through the interstices of the wicker-work at the point where it is desired to have the ring appear. The ring, if loose, will ordinarily lie flat against the outside of the wicker-work and present no obstacle or bad appearance; but when the demijohn is to be secured it is only necessary to pass a rod, chain, lock, or other fastening through the ring and secure it to the side of the wagon or to any other suitable or desired point, when it will be impossible to remove the demijohn from its place. The driver or carrier, having a key or keys, can unlock the fastening and disengage any demijohn that he desires, leaving the others secured. In this manner any one or number of articles of this sort may be secured, so that they cannot be removed without first unlocking them.

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

As an article of manufacture, a demijohn having an exterior covering of woven or wicker work, a wire or rod contained within said covering and extending across the bottom of the demijohn and up along the sides and following the curvature of the neck, and secured around said neck, and a loose ring secured to the wire and extending through the wicker-work covering, and serving as a means for attaching the demijohn to a fixed object.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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