

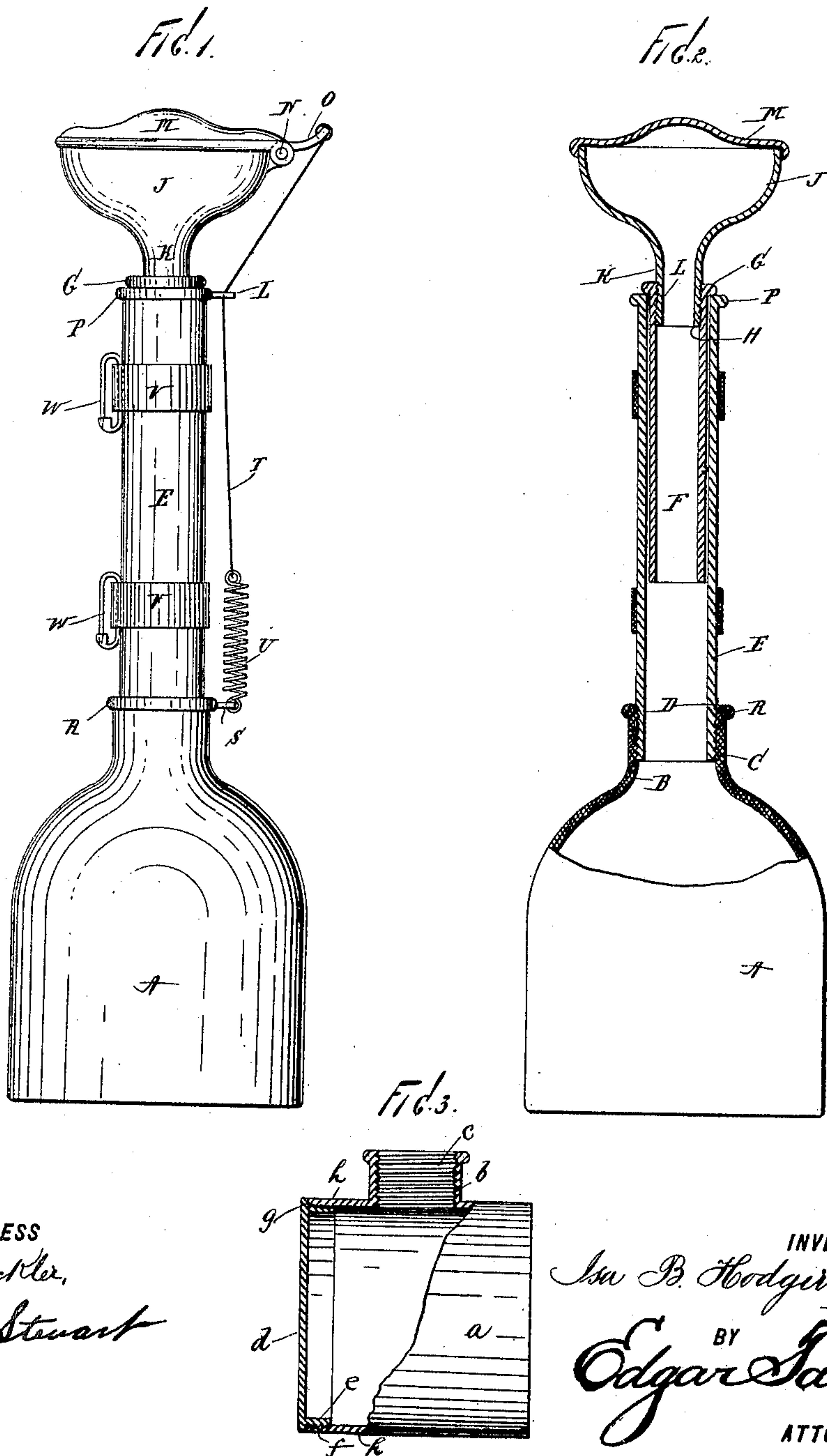
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## POCKET-CUSPIDOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISA BELLE HODGERNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lebanon, in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Cuspidors, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to cuspidors, and has for its object to provide a device of the class described which may be concealed in a person's wearing-apparel and is adapted to receive saliva, tobacco-juice, and kindred obnoxious substances, the deposit of which on public floors, streets, and similar places the proper sanitary measures strive to restrain, a further object being to provide such a device as may be used without detection and with the same visible movements as required by the use of a handkerchief.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in the several views of which like letters refer to like parts, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my device; Fig. 2, a vertical section thereof, showing the flexible receptacle partly in full lines; and Fig. 3, a vertical section, partly in full lines, of a substitute metal receptacle.

Referring to the drawings more in detail, A represents a receptacle for the saliva, tobacco-juice, or other discharged substance, and is preferably formed of flexible rubber, which may be compressed within an article of apparel, preferably in the pocket thereof, and is preferably cylindrical in shape and tapering at the top to form a mouth portion B, which is screw-threaded interiorly, as at C in Fig. 2, to fit the correspondingly-threaded lower end D of an upright main tube E, into which is fitted the supplemental telescoping tube F, which is provided with a flange G at its upper or outer end and adapted to limit the downward and inward movement of said tube F. The upper or outer end of said tube F is interiorly screw-threaded, as at H, and provided with a mouthpiece J of bulbous form and tapering at its lower portion K, which is exteriorly screw-threaded, as

at L, to fit the screw-threaded portion H of the tube F. A cover M is pivoted to the mouthpiece J, as at N, and bears a projection O, preferably in the same vertical plane as said pivotal point N. A collar P, preferably formed integrally with the tube F on the outside surface thereof at the upper or outer end thereof, bears a ring or eyelet Q, and a collar R, preferably formed integrally with the mouth portion B on the outside surface thereof, bears an eyelet S, and a cord T engages said projection O and passes through said eyelet Q and engages a coil-spring U at the upper end thereof, and the lower end of said coil-spring U engages the eyelet S.

Bands V, preferably of rubber or other elastic material, surround the tube F and are easily removable therefrom, and the bands V bear pins W, preferably of the "safety" type, by which the device may be secured to the inside of an article of wearing-apparel.

In Fig. 3 is illustrated a substitute metal receptacle *a*, preferably cylindrical in form, and which has the mouth portion *b* formed in the periphery thereof and provided with the screw-threads *c*, adapted to fit the screw-thread D of the main tube E. A screw-cap *d* is suitably threaded, as at *e*, to fit interior threads *f* in the end portion of the said receptacle *a* and is provided with a flange *g*, which makes an efficient closure with the peripheral wall *h* of said receptacle *a*.

The operation of my device will be clear from the foregoing description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the following statement thereof.

The receptacle A is slipped inside the coat or vest, preferably into the inside coat-pocket, and being compressible is normally flat and of small bulk. The tube E extends to the top of the pocket of the coat, and when it is desired to use the device the mouthpiece J is grasped and raised, lifting the telescoping tube F to the desired height. When the mouthpiece J is raised, tension is put upon the cord T, due to its connection with the projection O of the cover M, having pivoted connection with the mouthpiece J and its connection with the stationary collar R by means of the coil-spring U, and this tension gradually raises the cover M, its movement being capable of regulation by means of the spring U.



It is obvious that the spring U may be dispensed with and the opening movement of the cover M be exactly and unvaryingly proportionate to the upward movement of the tube F and mouthpiece J.

A handkerchief may be used to conceal the application of the lips of the user to the mouthpiece J and the saliva, tobacco-juice, and kindred substances be expelled into the tubes F and E and receptacle A with slight danger of detection. When the mouthpiece is depressed, the cover M will automatically close.

It is evident that many changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts of my device without departing from the scope of this invention or sacrificing the advantages thereof.

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

1. In a cuspidor, a receptacle, a receiving-tube telescoping therein and provided with a pivoted cover and devices connected with said receptacle and with said cover for moving said cover to open said receiving-tube upon the outward movement of said receiving-tube, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a cuspidor, a receptacle, a receiving-tube telescoping therein and provided at its outer end with a mouthpiece, a cover pivoted to said mouthpiece and devices connected with said receptacle and with said cover for moving said cover to open said mouthpiece upon

the outward movement of said receiving-tube, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a cuspidor, a receptacle, a main tube secured thereto, a supplemental tube telescoping therein, a mouthpiece secured to said supplemental tube, a cover pivoted to said mouthpiece, a projection rigidly secured to said cover and devices secured to said projection and to said receptacle whereby said cover is automatically operated to open said mouthpiece upon the outward movement of said supplemental tube, substantially as shown and described.

4. In a cuspidor, a receptacle, a main tube removably secured thereto, a supplemental tube telescoping therein and provided with a mouthpiece removably secured thereto, a cover pivoted to said mouthpiece, a projection rigidly secured to said cover, a cord secured to said projection at one end and a spring to which the other end is connected, said spring being connected to said receptacle, devices for retaining said cord in proximity to said main tube, and devices for securing said cuspidor to an article of wearing- apparel, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 12th day of December, 1898.

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