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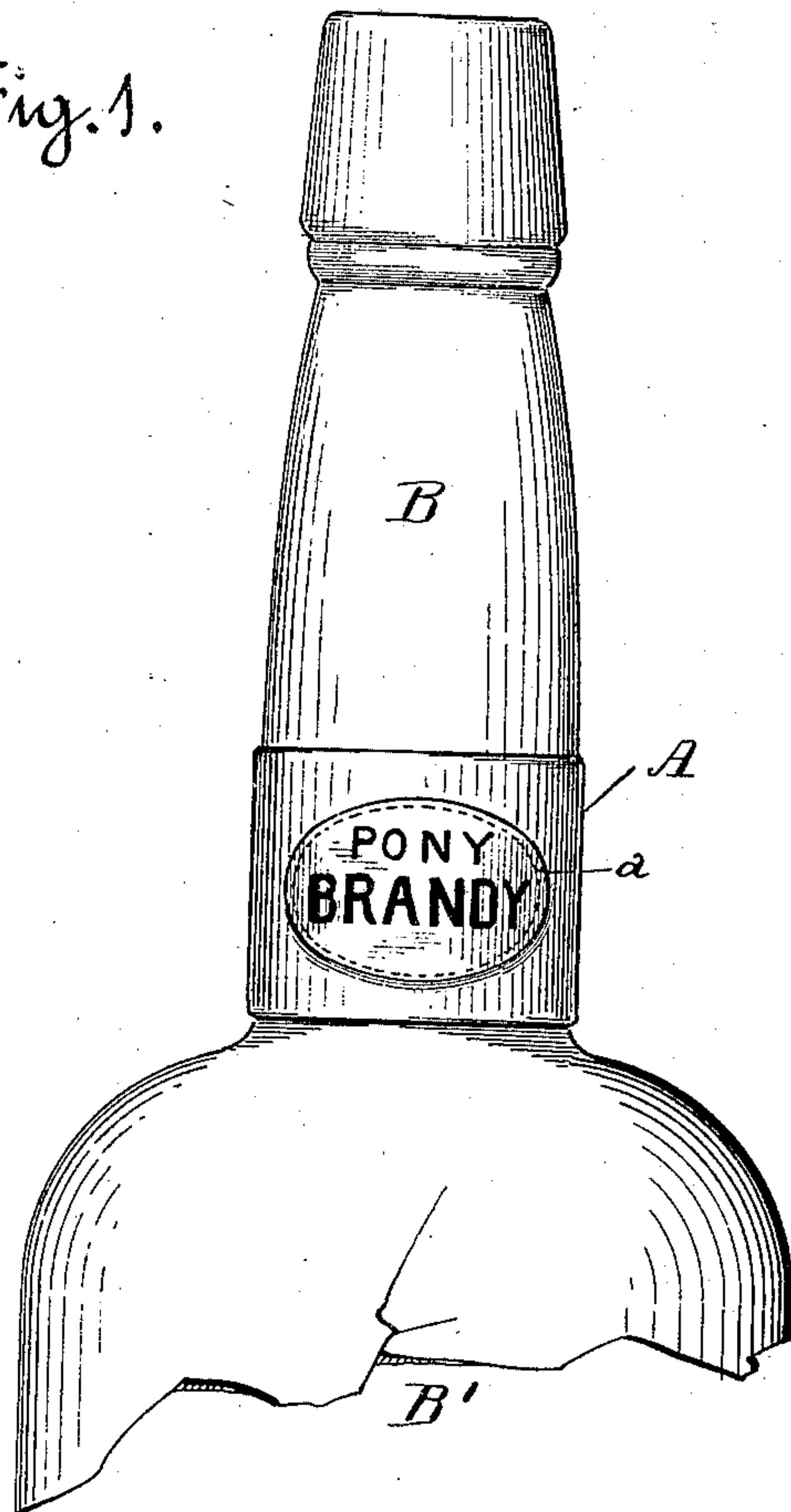


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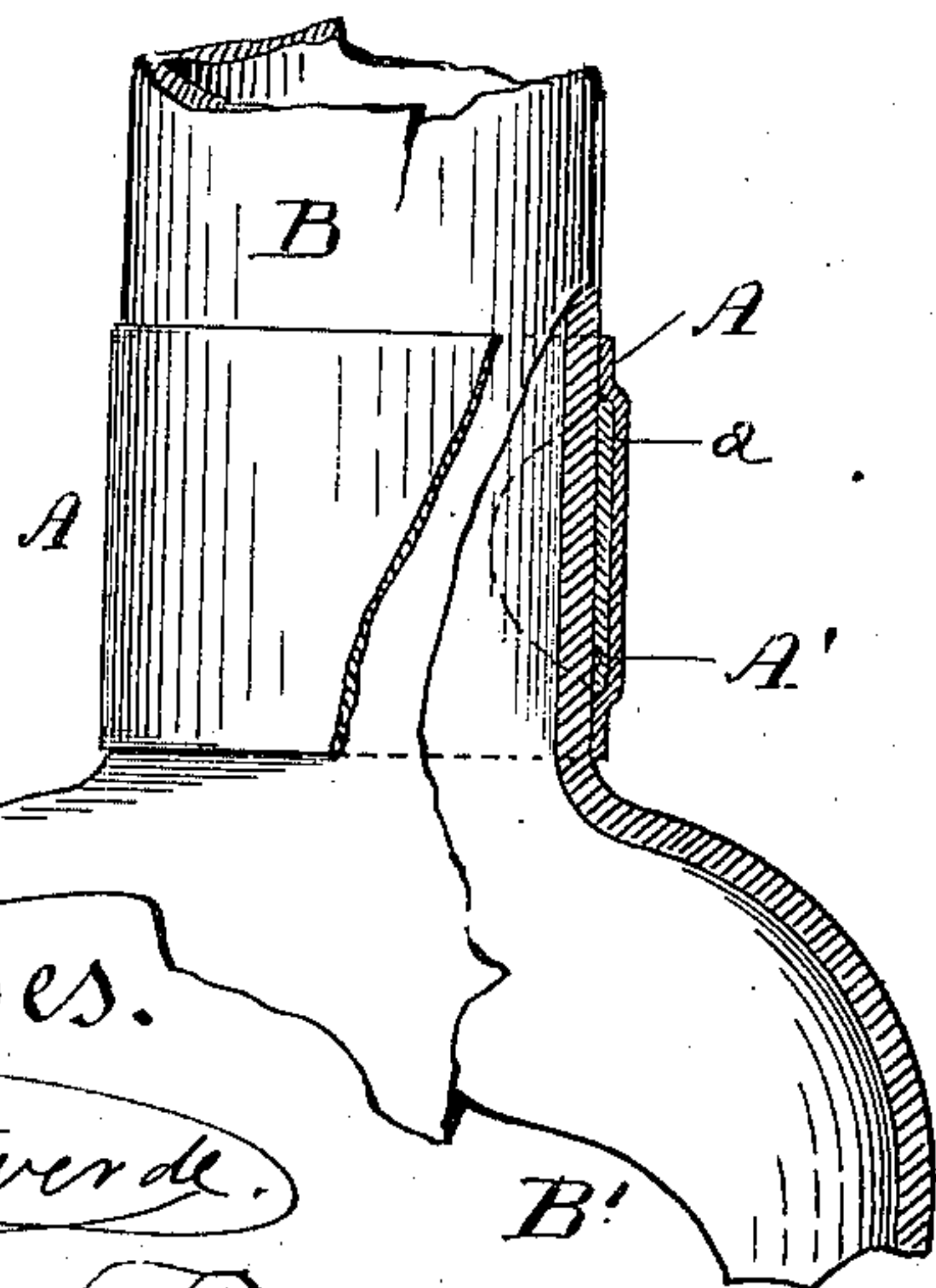
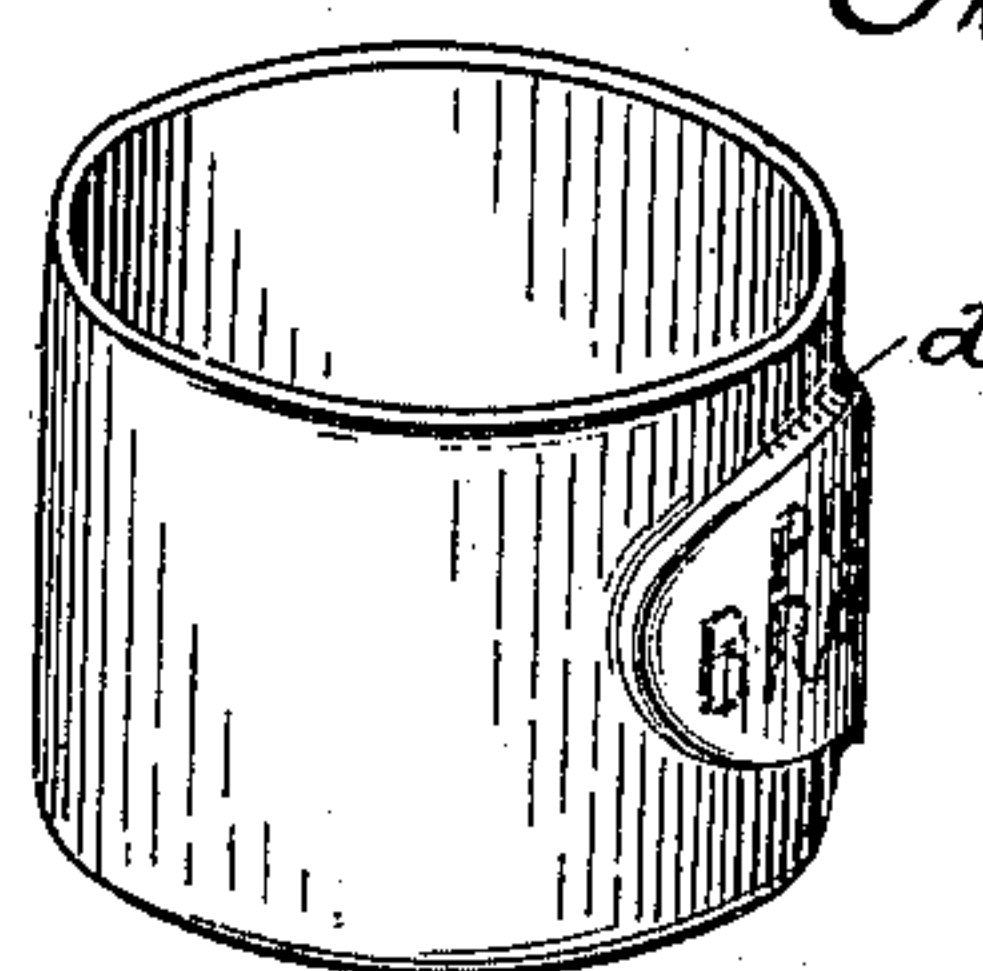


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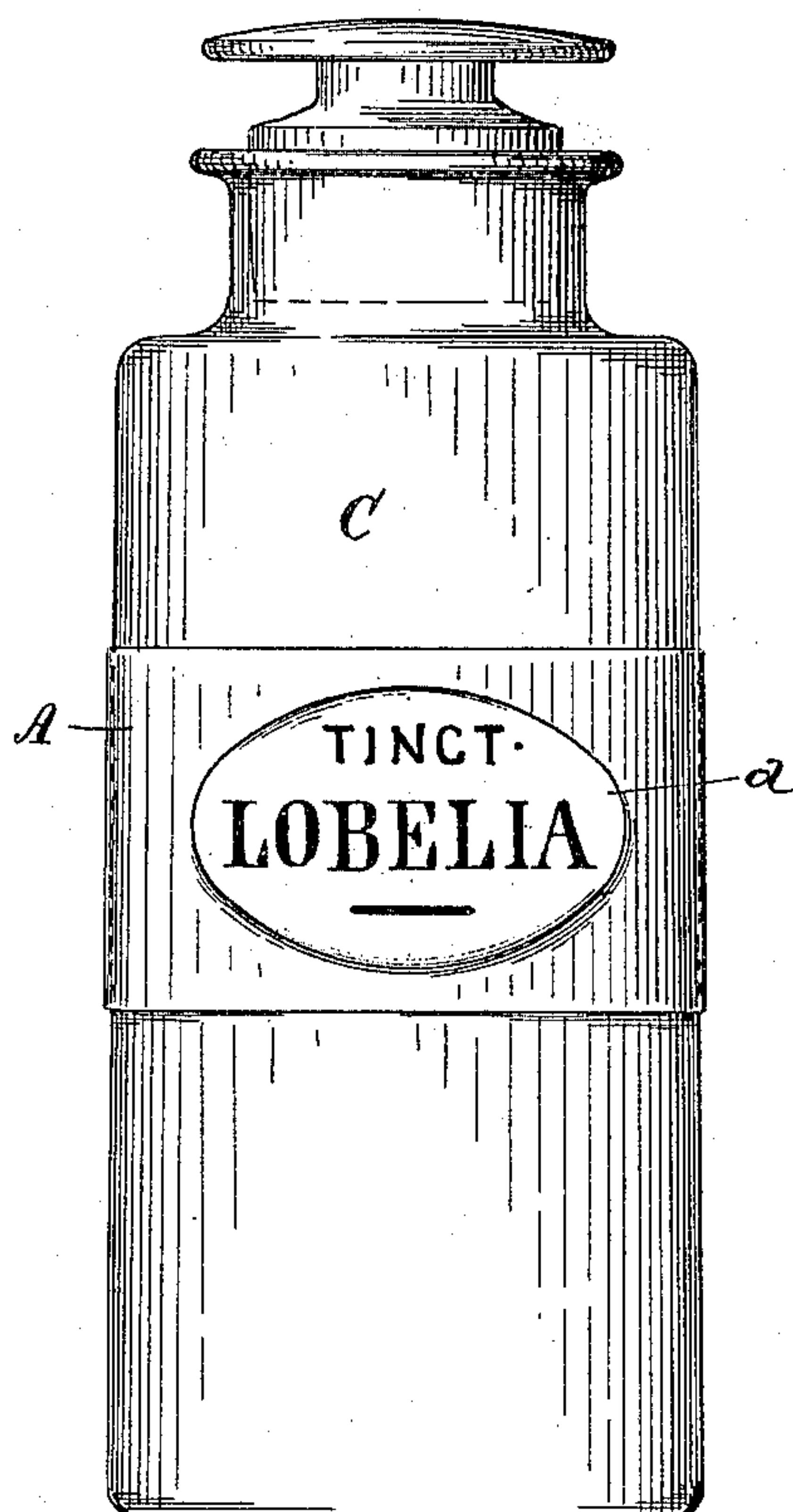
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD L. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city and in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Label-Holders for Bottles or Packages; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

10 The present invention relates to a certain new and useful device for securing labels to bottles or similar articles; and the same consists in the arrangement of parts and details of construction, as will be hereinafter fully
15 set forth in the drawings and described and pointed out in the specification.

The object of the invention is to provide a label holder or fastener which may be readily secured to the neck or body of a bottle or pack-
20 age and by means of which the label indicative of the contents of the package may be securely held in place and protected from injury during the handling of the bottle or cleaning thereof.

25 In order to comprehend the invention, reference must be had to the accompanying sheets of drawings, forming a part of this application, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front view of a bottle, partly
30 broken away, showing the label-holder applied to the neck of a bottle. Fig. 2 is a side view partly broken away. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the label-holder, and Fig. 4 is a view illustrating the holder applied to an
35 ordinary drug-bottle.

In carrying out my invention I first construct a holder A in the form of a continuous band, composed of such material as will readily conform to the surface or shape of the
40 package over which it is forced. Preferably the holder is made of transparent or semi-transparent material, so that the label, which is located thereunder, may be clearly exposed to view. In the present case the holder A is
45 provided on its under face with a stamped or pressed socket or label-recess *a*, within which is fitted the label *A'* prior to placing the holder over the bottle or package. This socket or recess *a*, while serving to maintain the
50 label in proper position, also gives an embossed appearance to the face of the holder, thus enhancing the looks of the bottle or pack-

age and making it appear as though the label was in relief.

Preferably the holder is formed of thin cel- 55
luloid, although any other material may be made use of possessing sufficient pliability to give to the surface over which it is fitted, and adhesion to firmly maintain its position.

In Figs. 1 and 2 the holder is illustrated as 60
being applied to the neck B of the bottle B', which is the position desired for liquor-holding bottles, while in Fig. 4 the same is shown as being secured to the body C of an ordinary drug-bottle. It will be readily under- 65
stood that it is only necessary to increase the size of the holder to adapt the same to bottles of varying diameter.

Practice has demonstrated that the holder will maintain its position by adhesion after 70
being properly placed upon the bottle. However, should it prove otherwise it will only be necessary to apply a small amount of cement in order to unite the same firmly to the bottle.

Inasmuch as the label is located beneath 75
the holder, the same is protected against injury resulting thereto during the handling, washing, or cleaning of the bottle.

Where the holder is applied to drug-bottles or to the body of the package, I prefer to 80
slightly taper or incline the walls thereof, as shown in Fig. 4, and to likewise incline or taper the holder in order that the same may fit snugly thereon without buckling.

In applying the holder the label is first fit- 85
ted therein and the holder then slipped or forced over the bottle or package until it comes to a rest. A firm pressure should then be applied in order to force the holder firmly to its seat. Owing to the thinness of the material 90
out of which the holder is made—say about one twenty-fourth of an inch ($\frac{1}{24}$)—only that portion covering the label will stand out, the remaining or body portion appearing as a part of the bottle or package, and more espe- 95
cially so if so colored as to harmonize with the color thereof.

By the use of the present invention I am enabled to dispense with the use of enamel labels now used, thus creating the saving of 100
considerable expense.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a self-retaining label-holder for bottles and the like, adapted to embrace a part of the bottle and having a transparent or semitransparent portion adapted to overlies and protect a label, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a self-retaining label-holder for bottles and the like, comprising a ring or cincture adapted to encircle and embrace a part of the bottle, and having a transparent portion adapted to overlies and protect a label, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a self-retaining label-holder for bottles and the like, comprising a ring or cincture adapted to encircle and embrace a part of the bottle, and

having a transparent or semitransparent seat portion adapted to retain and protect a label, substantially as described.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a self-retaining label-holder for bottles and the like, comprising a celluloid ring or cincture adapted to encircle and embrace a part of the bottle, and having a transparent or semitransparent seat portion adapted to retain and protect a label, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 6th day of March, 1899.

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