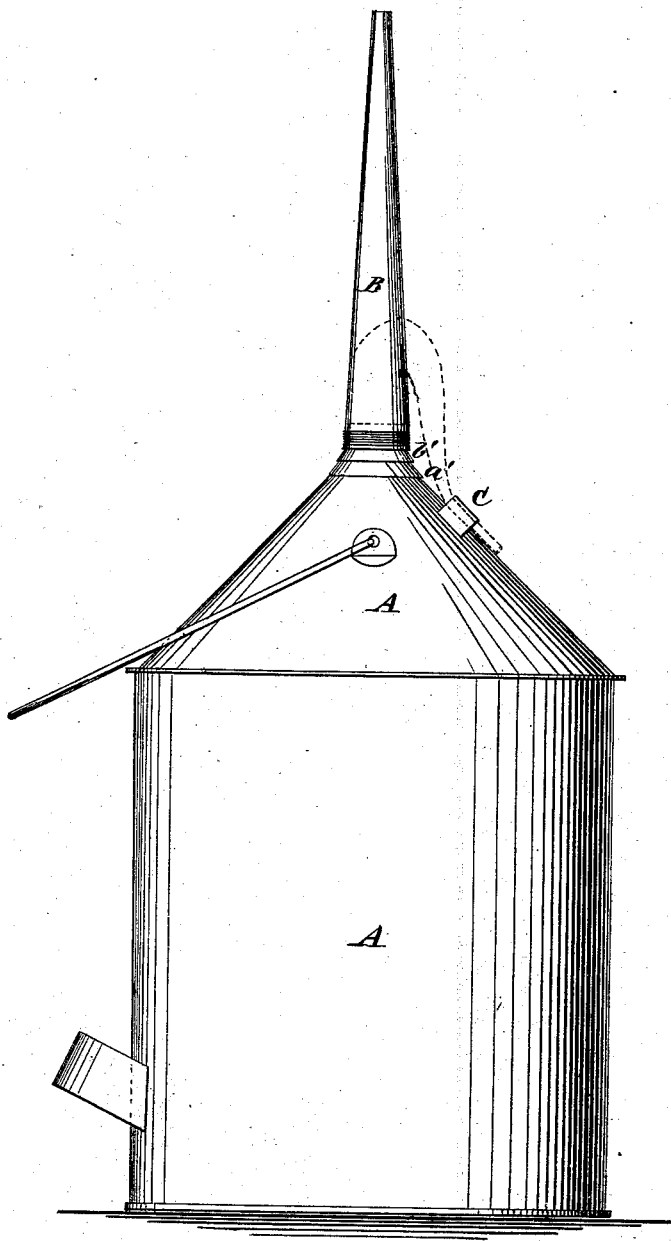


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FLEXIBLE CAN-SPOUTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. RIGHTOR, of Helena, in the county of Phillips and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Flexible Can-Spout, of which the following is a specification:

The figure is a side view of a can provided with my improvement.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved can-spout which shall be so constructed as to serve as a stopper, and which shall avoid the necessity of having a spout upon the side of the can, as has heretofore been necessary.

The invention consists in the combination of a flexible spout and a keeper with the top of a can, to adapt said spout to serve as a spout and as a stopper, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents a can, which is made with a conical top, in the usual way. B is a spout, the lower end of which is secured to a screw-collar, *b'*, by wire, a screw-band, or other suitable means. The screw-collar *b'* is screwed upon or otherwise secured to the collar *a'* or mouth of the can A. The spout B may be made of leather, rubber, cloth, or other suitable

material, and may be made tapering or straight, as may be desired.

I prefer to make the spout B of rubber, from the facility with which it may be molded into the desired form. By bending the spout B over, inserting its end beneath the keeper C, attached to the breast of the can A, and drawing it tight, the said spout serves as a stopper to prevent the contents of the can from spilling out.

This invention prevents any necessity for a spout at the side of the can, which is always in the way, and liable to be bent and broken by an accidental blow.

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

The combination of a flexible spout, B, and a keeper, C, with the top of a can, A, to adapt said spout to serve as a spout and as a stopper, substantially as herein shown and described.

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