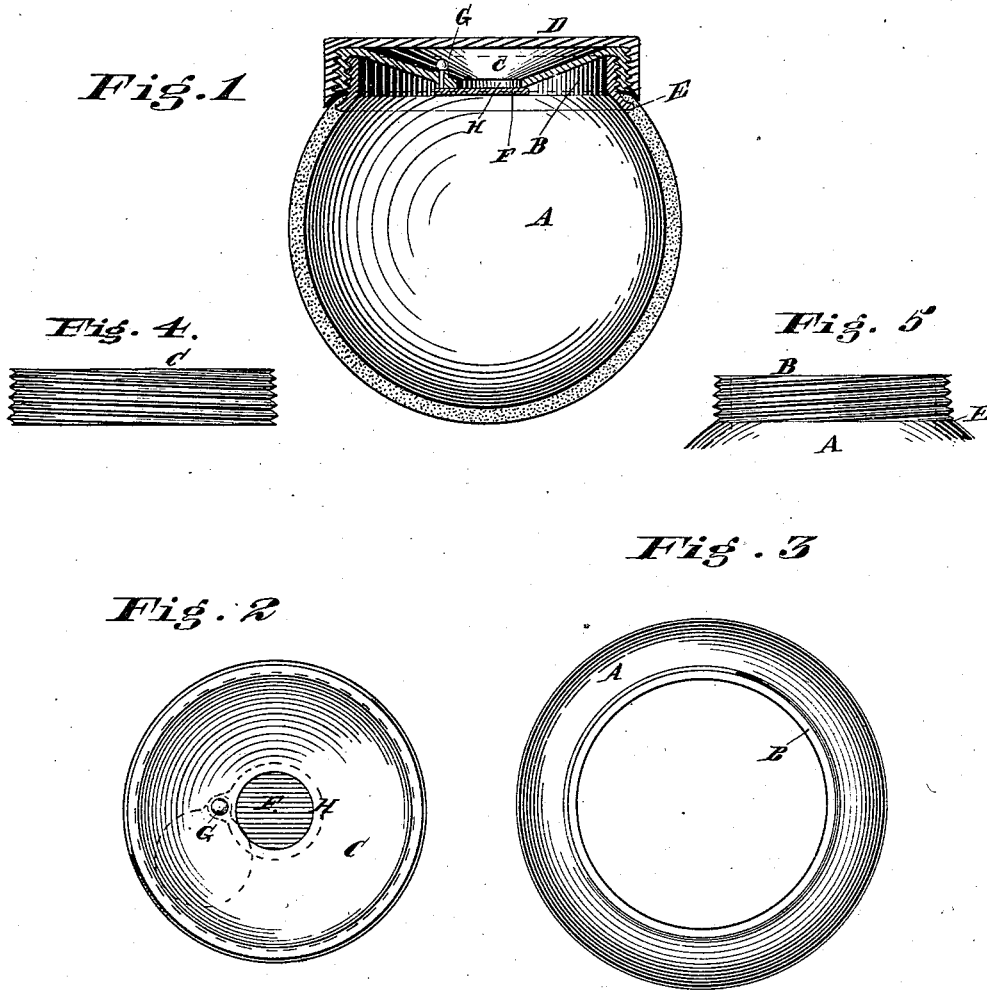


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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-SPITTOONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAGDALENE HOLDEN, of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Spittoons, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in the construction of a spittoon in such a manner that the same may be carried in the pocket without the least inconvenience to the party carrying it; also, it may be made in such a manner and of such material that it can be laid conveniently upon a stand or table beside the bed of the sick. It is mainly for those who cannot leave their beds, and for those who are troubled by any disease or affection of the throat or nasal passages which requires them to spit continually to find relief. The arrangements of the parts are such that the contents cannot find egress until the metallic cap is taken off or opened, as the case may be, thereby obtaining cleanliness.

In construction, the spittoon consists of either two or three parts. Three parts are advisable—first, the body, which may be made of various substances; secondly, the perforated cap; and, thirdly, the cover, which may be arranged in any manner, so long as it performs its function.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a complete section of the article embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan of the concave cap C, showing the hole H closed by slide F, and also the slide, in dotted lines, when the hole is opened. Fig. 3 represents a plan of the body A. Fig. 4 represents a side elevation of the concave cap C, showing left-hand thread. Fig. 5 represents a side elevation of the top of the body, showing right-hand thread.

A is the body of the spittoon. It would in general be made of rubber or other flexible material, but may be made of metal. The top or neck of the body should be made of metal or other solid substance, and is cemented to the body, or otherwise secured when the latter is of a different material. Upon the top or neck of the body A, I have a right-hand screw-thread cut. Upon this body-neck the con-

cave cap C is screwed. Upon the outer side of the cap C, I have a left-hand screw-thread cut. Upon the cap C the cover D is screwed. The cap C is made concave, for the reason that if the cover is off and the spittoon should become inverted the saliva will not run out.

The opening H in the cap C may or may not be covered by the slide F. It is not necessary to make the spittoon complete. The slide F is turned by the spindle G, which works tightly in its bearing.

The use of the right and left hand threads, as arranged, is to facilitate the opening of the spittoon, and to take the three parts of the article apart. The tendency of unscrewing the cover is to tighten the part C upon the body. If the screw-threads were both left-hand threads, in general, both the cover and cap C would come off together, when only the cover was desired to be taken off.

I do not limit myself to this method of fastening the cap C and the cover. The cover may be upon a hinge, and the cap screwed upon the body; or both may be upon hinges.

Furthermore, I do not claim that the cap C is necessary to my invention, yet I consider it desirable. Those spittoons which are made to carry in the pocket ought to be made of flexible material, so far as the body A is concerned. The joining of the body A with its upper part or head should be made perfectly water-tight. This is necessary to cleanliness.

I claim—

1. The concave cap C, provided with the slide F and spindle G, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of the concave cap C and the cover D, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. The body A, in combination with the cap C and cover D, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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