

Just for openers



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This is the last issue of "Just for Openers" for 1982. JFO's fifth year begins in January, 1983 with issue No. 17. Renewal forms for 1983 are enclosed and an early response would be appreciated and will ensure listing of your name in the 1983 Directory. Remember - subscriptions are by calendar year - all subscribers must renew now!

The January issue will feature a number of new discoveries. I will be photographing openers in November and early December for this issue. If you have a previously unreported beer advertising opener/corkscrew, share it with your fellow collectors. Let's get a type assigned to it. As stated in previous issues, here's how we handle it:

1. Send the opener on loan for photographing.
2. Send a black and white photo of the opener in actual size with complete description - words and marks on both sides.
- or 3. Send a black and white negative of the opener with a tracing and complete description including exact dimensions.

Continue to submit additions to the catalog of openers (previously unlisted wording for existing types) to Ed Kaye at 1840 Major Drive, Golden Valley, MN 55422. Ed has now cataloged over 1200 additions since the January, 1982 issue.

William Ennis has found another B-18 numbered Olympia opener. Bill has No. 2079. A letter to the brewery brought him this reply: "According to the old ledgers, Opener 2079 was sent to our Seattle sales office on November 30, 1908. While the personnel at that office were to keep a record of to whom the individual openers were given, unfortunately, we have never been able to locate their books, and for this reason, we are unable to give you a specific name. Similarly, we have never run across the notation as to what was offered as a reward for the return of the item."

In Joe Cardone's 6th mail consignment auction a total of 152 beer advertising openers out of 170 offered were sold for \$840.51...An average of \$5.53 each. 21 other openers were sold for \$68.61 or an average of \$3.27.

A new Anheuser-Busch catalog is out which, among other novelties, features the Type M-71 cap lifter (JFO No. 14). The brass cap lifter is now \$7.00 plus 1.75 postage. It is available from: The Anheuser-Busch Brandwagon, Promotional Products Group, P.O. Box 27839, St. Louis, MO 63141.

Joe Balaban has laid some groundwork for the 1983 opener convention. Once again it will be held at the Holiday Inn SE at Emerson and Highway 465, Indianapolis, Indiana. Convention date is April 23. Mark your calendars now. Further details and registration forms will be mailed with the January issue.

Deadline for the January issue is December 1, 1982. Submit all news, discoveries, classifieds, etc. to:

Donald Bull
P.O. Box 106 (for UPS: 63 October Lane)
Trumbull, CT 06611

Additions to 1982 Directory of Opener Collectors

LUTZ, Thomas Ralph, P.O. Box 44, Broomfield, CO 80020 (303) 466 6523
RICE, Amy, P.O. Box 242, Rifton, NY 12471 (914) 658 9849
YEAGER, M.A., 541 East Overlook, Eastlake, OH 44094 (216) 951 8143

Address Changes

HIX, Perry M., 7431 S. Ave., Middleton, WI 53562
OSBORN, Jim, 207 S. Durkin #1, Springfield, IL 62704
PRESLEY, Steven. 825 Minarca Drive, Des Peres, MO 63131

BUY - SELL - TRADE

10¢ per word - deadline for January, 1983 issue is December 1, 1982.

SELL - Wooden Opener - Iron City Lager - Steinie L-4-13, \$27.50, Jantos, 7025 Kevin, Bethel Park, PA 15102

WANTED - Corkscrews - any type - will buy or trade from my collection of 800 Canadian and American bottle openers. Henry Bodnar, 7154 Freeman St., Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada L2E 5V5

WANTED - Cigar box openers and beer advertising openers with cigar box openers and/or cigar cutter attachments. Will trade for openers and corkscrews from my collection. Glen Enloe, 10530 E. 9th Street, Independence, MO 64053

SELL - Large list of openers and coasters for sale. SASE for list. Richard Leon, 220 S. Atlantic Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033

AUCTION- #6 is coming soon and we can assure it will be well worth the wait. Your patience is appreciated. Send \$5.00 for your copy of Auction #6, Herb Ashendorf, 21 Montclair Road, Yonkers, NY 10710

WANTED - Bar and wall mounted beer advertising corkscrews ... and any other c/s with beer advertising. Don Bull, P.O. Box 106, Trumbull, CT 06611

WANTED - All types of corkscrews - send those with beer advertising to Bull and tell me about the rest of them. Joe Balaban, 8305 Christiana Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256

CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST

.....submitted by Mary E. Garatti.....

How much attention do you pay to minor details? You could win 5 openers - each one different- if you can solve this "mystery":

"The Dukes of Hazard" is a popular weekly television series on the CBS network. Uncle Jesse Duke has what appears to be a combination cap lifter/can piercer (Type I) attached to his bib-overalls. To win 5 openers, first - determine if the object is in fact an opener, and second - tell me the manufacturer's or beer's name which must be documented. Documentation can be in the form of a blow-up photo of the object, a letter from the actor or producer, or in any other from deemed as proof.

First acceptable entry wins. Send your entries to: Mary E. Garatti
P.O. Box 2712
Contest void where taxed or prohibited by law. Petaluma, CA 94953

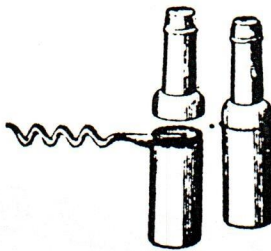
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POWER CORKSCREW

Self pulling corkscrew with cap remover. Nickel plated. Red, green or clear lacquered wood tube. Overall length 4 1/4". One dozen in box. Weight 3 lbs. per doz.

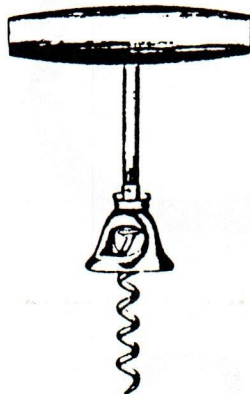
- No. 42 —Corkscrew, forged worm. \$7.20 doz.
- No. 424--Corkscrew, wire worm. 3.60 doz.



CONCEALED CORKSCREW

Hardened and tempered Corkscrew concealed in brass tube. Highly nickel plated. Overall length 3". 2 lbs. per dozen. 1 dozen in box.

- No. 56 —Bottle form. \$8.00 doz.
- No. 80 —Cartridge form. 8.00 doz.
- No. 270—Barrel form. 8.00 doz.



POPULAR POWER CORKSCREW

Hardened and tempered steel wire worm. Nickel plated. Red, green or clear lacquered wood handle. One dozen in box. Length overall 5 1/2". 3 lbs. per dozen.

- No. 101—Power corkscrew. \$3.60 doz.

Bob Nugent, a member of the International Correspondence of Corkscrews Addicts (ICCA), recently found himself in the right place at the right time. The Williamson Co. of Newark, New Jersey was closing its doors and cleaning house and Bob came away with some Williamson catalog material. The corkscrews shown on this page were from a 1946 Williamson catalog. The corkscrews pictured were not changed much from the production at the turn of the century. It is doubtful that any of these were sold in the forties with beer advertising.

The openers and corkscrews shown on pages 4 & 5 were printed from advertising wood-cuts which Bob also found at Williamson.

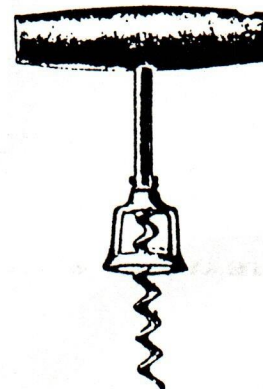
In addition to the adv. wood-cut for the "Walker's Self-Pulling Corkscrew" box (page 5 - top left), Bob's treasure included a number of cuts for Walker corkscrews. Why were they at Williamson's?...Obviously, a number of the corkscrews featured in the Williamson catalog were not produced by them, rather they were supplied by Walker.



FORGED CORKSCREW

Nickel plated. Green, red or clear lacquered wood handle. Length 5" overall. One dozen in box. 2 lbs. per dozen.

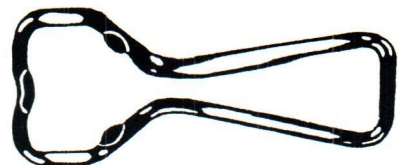
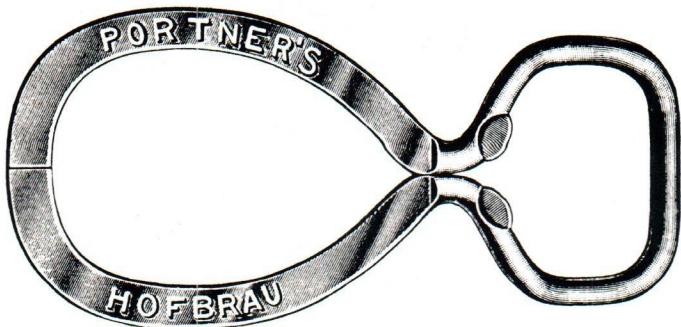
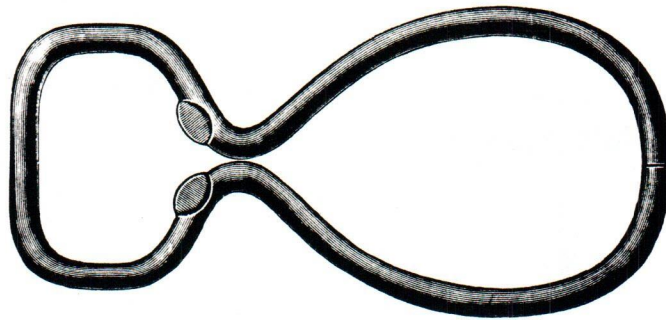
- No. 97 —Machine finished. \$2.40 doz.
- No. 6146—Hand finished. 3.60 doz.

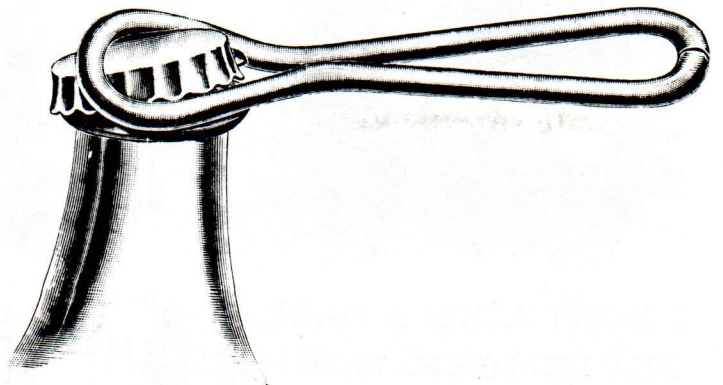
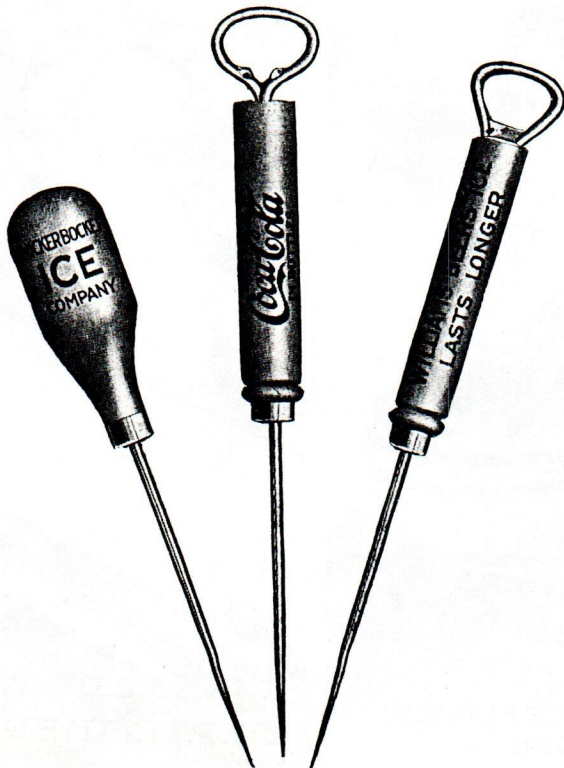
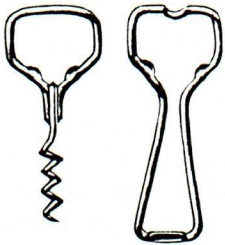
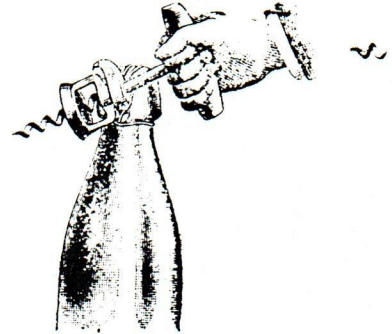
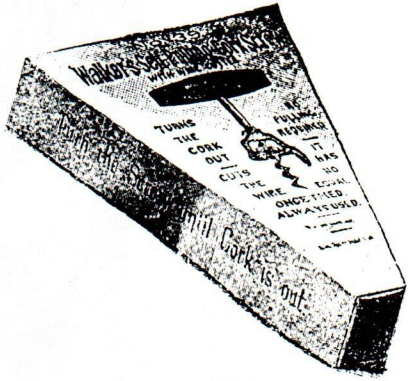


FORGED POWER CORKSCREW

Nickel plated. Green, red or clear lacquered wood handle. One dozen in a box. Weight per dozen 3 lbs.

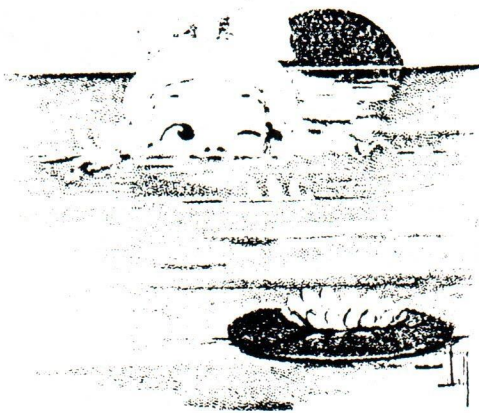
- No. 8042—Hand finished. 6" overall. \$6.00 doz.
- No. 99 —Machine finished. 5 1/4" overall. 4.00 doz.







"Go 'long, white man. I ain't no
'SEPTEMBER MORN."



You needn't
wait for
SEPTEMBER MORN
to show up.



GO ON
I AIN'T
SEPTEMBER MORN

The July issue of JFO contained the "September Morn" story and how it related to the Type A-1 and Type A-40 openers. Not only were "September Morn" openers made but a rash of other things were produced at the time showing the figure. This included candy boxes, cigars, cufflinks, stickpins, suspenders, and post-cards. A good bit of the postcard art was a play on the subject as seen in the postcard art reproduced on this page.



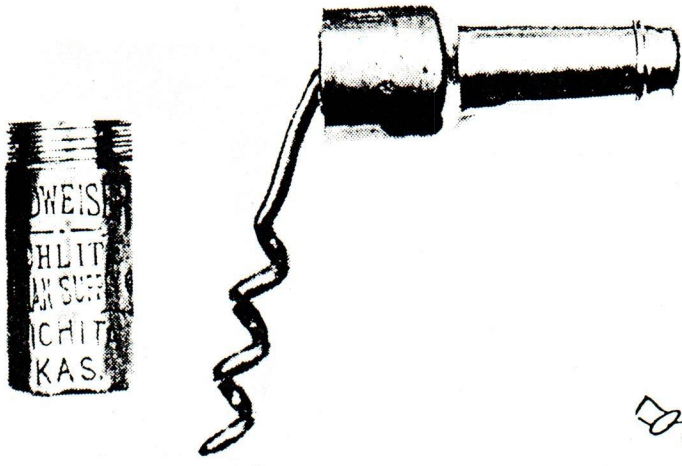
I DONT LIKE A DARK
SEPTEMBER MORN



EVE,
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SEPTEMBER
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I jes can't wait till
SEPTEMBER MORN

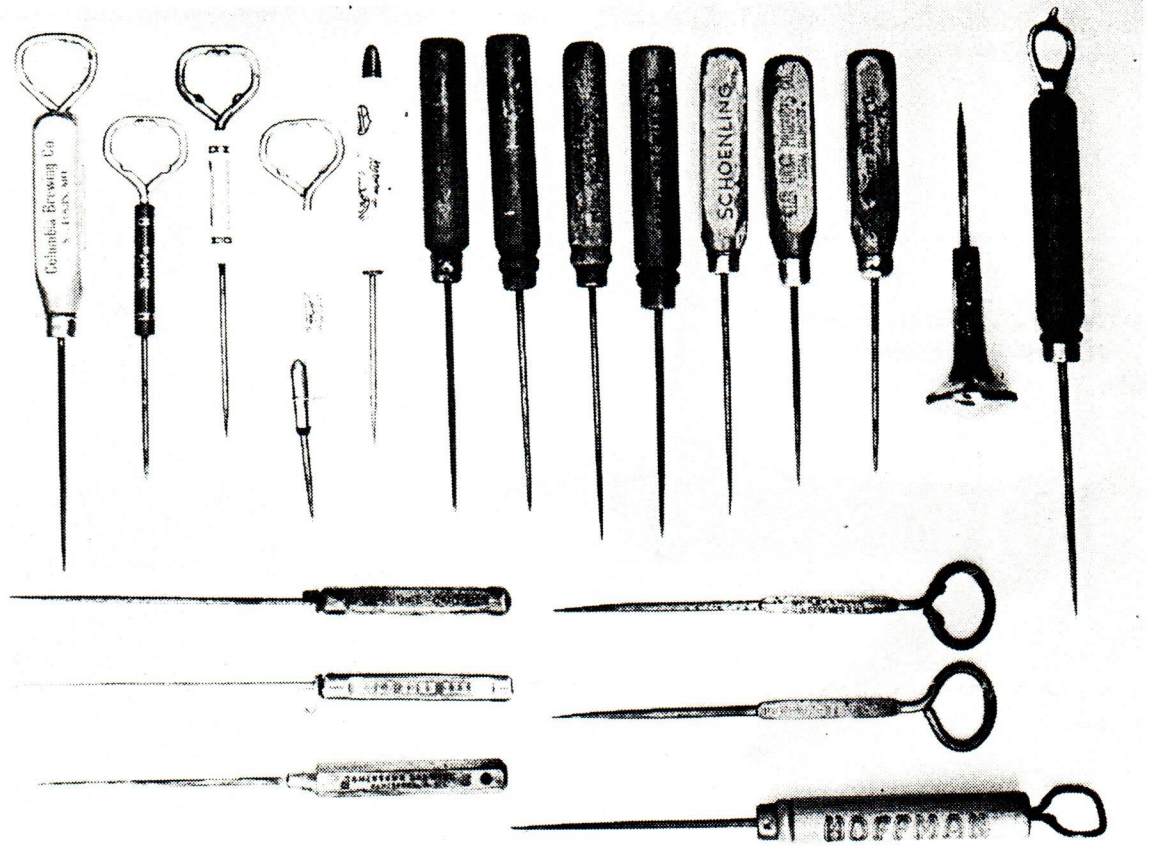


Notice anything different about this L-2 type corkscrew?

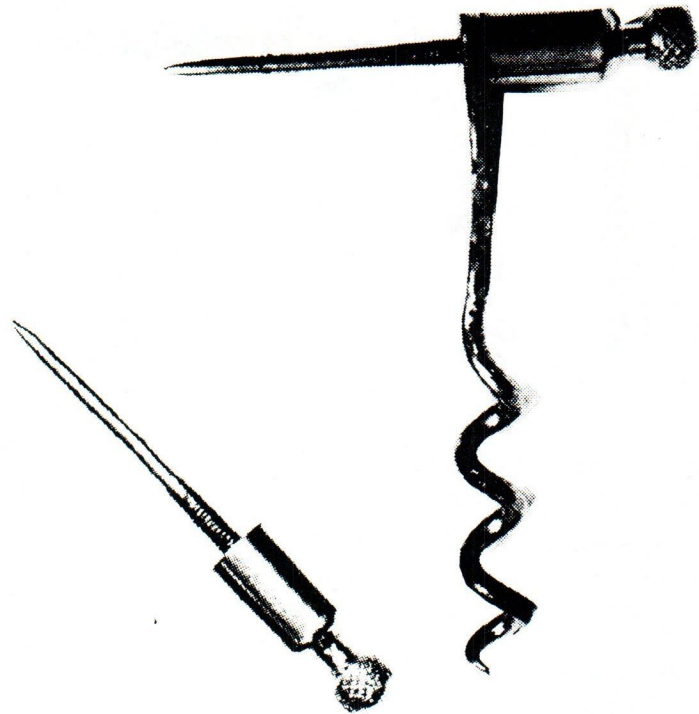
The corkscrew is attached to the bottle top instead of the bottle base.

It is an advertisement for both Budweiser and Schlitz courtesy of Mahan Supply Co., a Wichita, Kansas distributor.

...submitted by Henry Bodnar

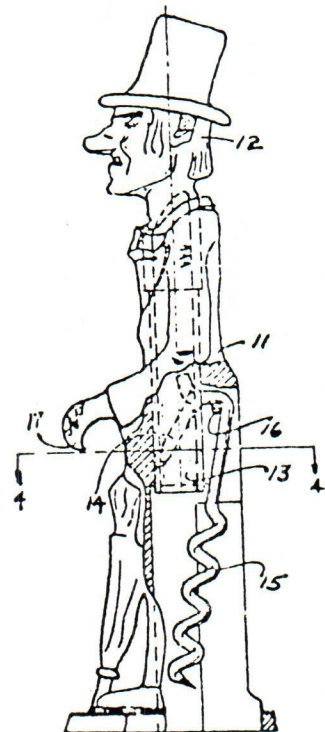


A collection of beer advertising ice-picks and combination ice-pick/openers.



A "Peg and Worm" corkscrew from a Canadian brewery. This ingeniously designed pocket corkscrew consist of two pieces: The screw and the handle in the form of a pin which stores within the screw when not in use. The corkscrew shown here was manufactured by Williamson Co. of Newark, New Jersey. Note: It is a left-handed corkscrew!

Combination knife/corkscrew/
cap lifter from a Mexican
brewery.



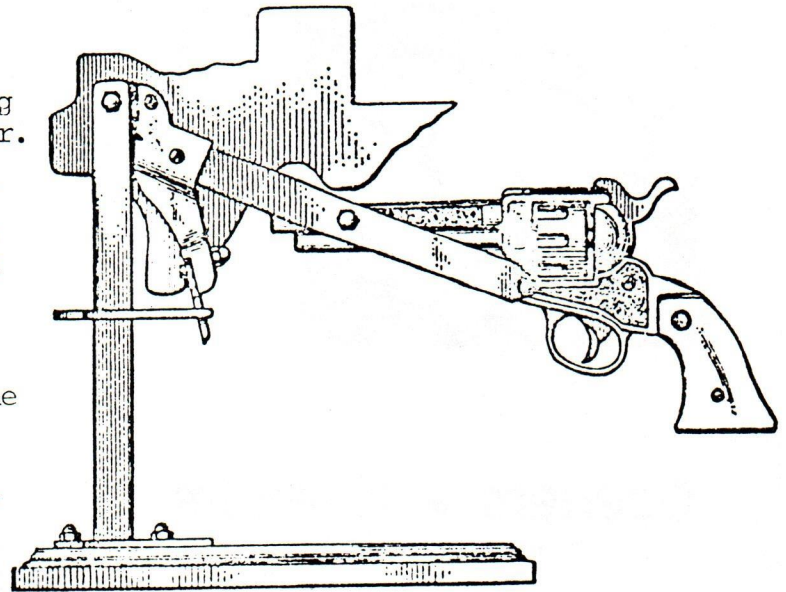
Aug. 6, 1935.

J. R. SCHUCHARDT

2,010,326

Joe Young has turned up another "Volstead opener/corkscrew" patent. John Schuchardt of New York applied for this one on August 24, 1934.

Eric Johnson was a manufacturer of crop dusting equipment in Thrall, Texas. While sitting in his office one day during the slow season, he had an idea which he explains: "I was sitting in the office looking at the map of the U.S. - Texas in particular. It occurred to me that I could use El Paso for a handle and Brownsville for a cutter." Out of that thought came the "Opener" shown at the right. Mr. Johnson claims: "I sold several thousand of these openers to Lone Star distributors and dealers. Lone Star furnished the fast Cal's on the face of Texas." Production ceased shortly after the pull tab was introduced.



Mr. Johnson was able to locate one non-adv. opener like the patent drawing which he generously forwarded to JFO. Has anyone seen one with Lone Star advertising?

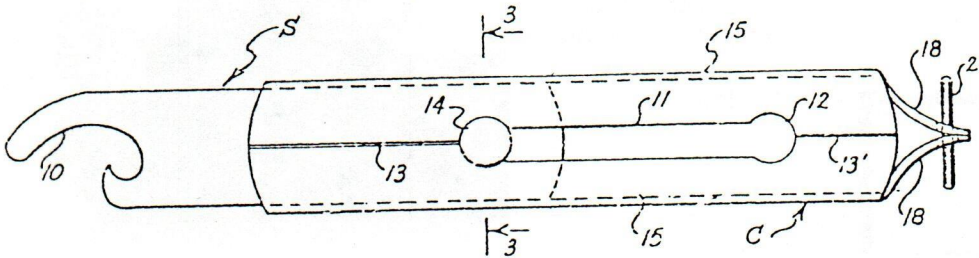
Sept. 2, 1952

A. ANDREWS

2,608,890

RESILIENT CASING WITH SLIDABLE TOOL

Filed June 10, 1948



In JFO No. 12 (Oct., 1981) a 1936 ad for the type M-3 opener is reproduced. How did Albert Andrews of Fort Collins, Colorado manage to secure the patent shown here 16 years later? The only thing different in his patent is the key ring (figures 18 & 21) which is merely described as an option and not as an integral part of the patent claim.

May 1, 1951

J. A. TALEOT

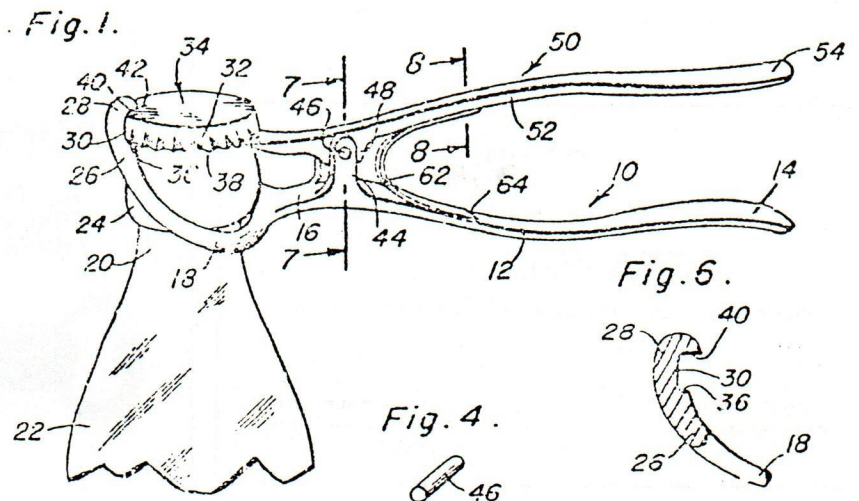
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PIVOTED LEVER BOTTLE CAP REMOVER

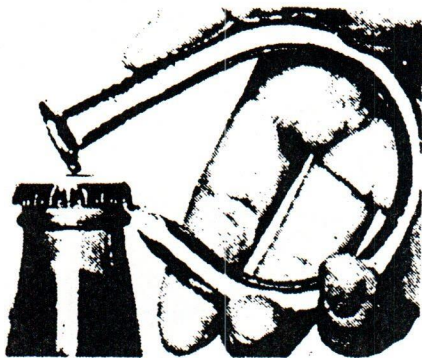
Filed Oct. 16, 1947

MYSTERY SOLVED!

The box containing type Z-1 is marked with the Patent No. 780,149 which is actually the Patent No. issued for a Bob Sled Runner in 1905. (See page 11 of JFO No. 9). The actual Patent No. is 2,651,511 as shown here. Joseph A. Talbot of New Britain, Connecticut applied for the patent October, 16, 1947. The Patent application No. was 780,149!



NEW PRODUCTS FOR THE BEER DRINKER



The "Beer Nail" is described by Helle's of Livemore, California as "the world's most unusual bottle opener is an enormous spike which not only removes bottle caps like gangbusters but also provides the conversation for the evening as well. The Beer Nail is made of a quarter-pound of solid steel and is lustrously electroplated with a tough finish for durability."

The "Beer Nail" is available for \$2.98 postpaid (or 2 for \$4.98) from Helle's, Box 2465, Livemore, CA 94550.

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As the interest in openers and corkscrews grows, so does the business card trade for the collectors. Here are some submitted to JFO of late.

Send your card for publication in a future issue of JFO.



Don Fehr is a walking advertisement for openers. He showed up at the Indianapolis convention in his T-shirt marked "Wanted Beer Can-Bottle Openers."



John E. Horn

COLLECTOR

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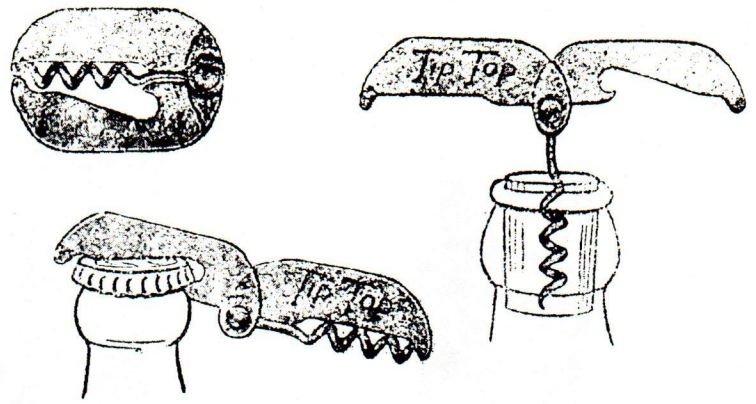
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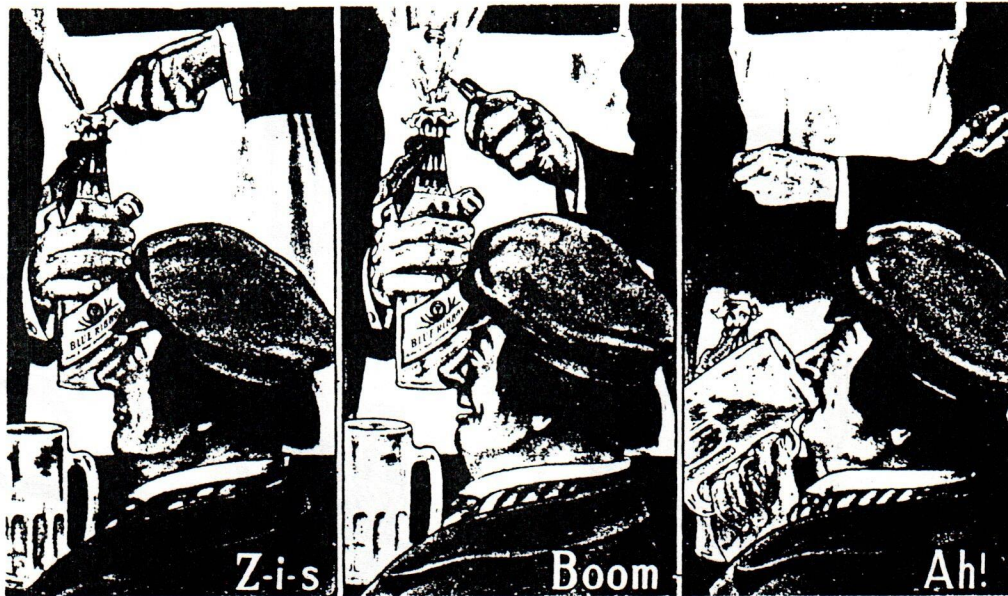
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WHO SAYS there are no more bargains? At The Home Plate in Oakland, you can get three plays on the jukebox for a dime. Ice cream cones are 15 cents for a single, 30 for a double and 40 for a triple at Thrifty Drugs in Felton (they haven't heard about inflation in the Santa Cruz Mountains?). And the Rolling Pin doughnut shops on the Peninsula still observes the "baker's dozen" — buy 12 sinkers and they throw in the 13th. Free road maps, free "church key" beer can openers and free soup bones may be gone forever, but one nicety remains.

...submitted by Mary Garatti



Williamson advertising cut which shows uses of type P-11.



OVERLOOKED OPENERS ???

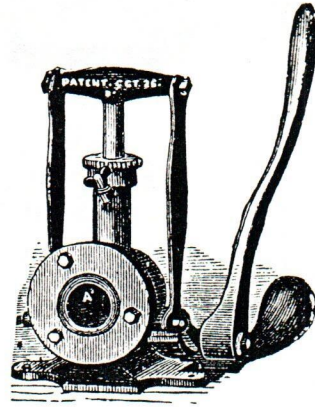
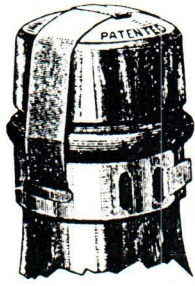
Are we overlooking some openers? The stoppered Pabst Blue Ribbon bottle in the pictures above is apparently being opened by some kind of pick. Were there just plain picks used for this purpose containing beer advertising?

Stoppers of a great many varieties were used to seal bottles prior to Crown Cork & Seal's introduction of the crown cap. By the time the crown cap patent was issued in 1892, over 1500 kinds of stoppers had been patented. Just in the period between 1882 and 1890, patents were issued for 333 bottle stoppers. Some of the stoppers and the machinery used to apply them as well as corks are shown on page 12.

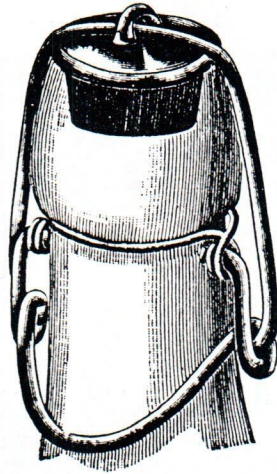
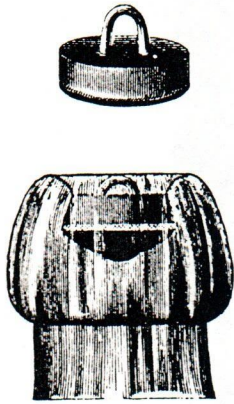
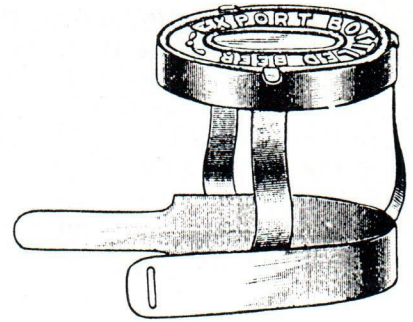
Who really invented the crown cap?

Crown, Cork and Seal Company claims that William Painter was the father of the crown cap.

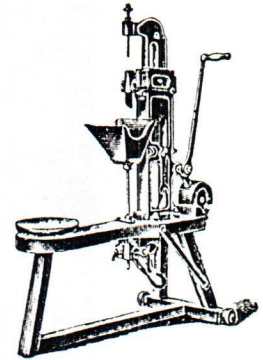
A letter to JFO from Alfred L. Bernardin of Evansville, Indiana contains the following statements: "The Bernardin Bottle Cap Company was founded in 1881 by A.L. Bernardin, Sr., my grandfather. Mr Bernardin claimed to be the inventor of the beer crown. When their factory superintendent disappeared for a month and turned up in Baltimore, Maryland, he had been hired by five men who, I am told, were the founders of Crown Cork and Seal Company. Patent applications were filed by both companies and a law suit resulted. Bernardin won the first appeal, which was reversed back and forth through several courts. The superintendent apparently claimed to have been instrumental in the development, which was the basis of the law suits.".....who invented the crown cap?



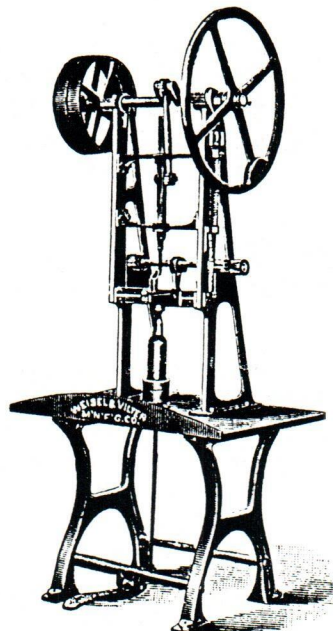
HYDRAULIC CAPPING MACHINE.



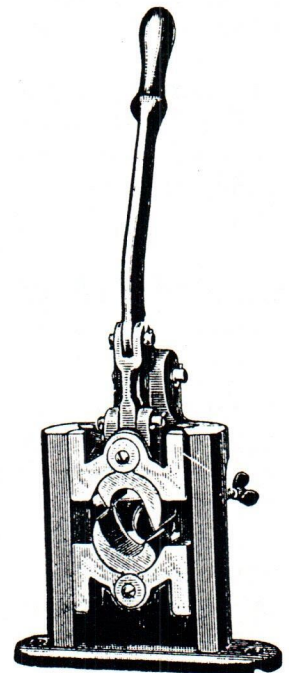
MACHINE CORK EXTRACTOR.



HAND AND FOOT POWER CAPPING MACHINE.



POWER CORKER.



SELF-ADJUSTING JAW CAPPING MACHINE.