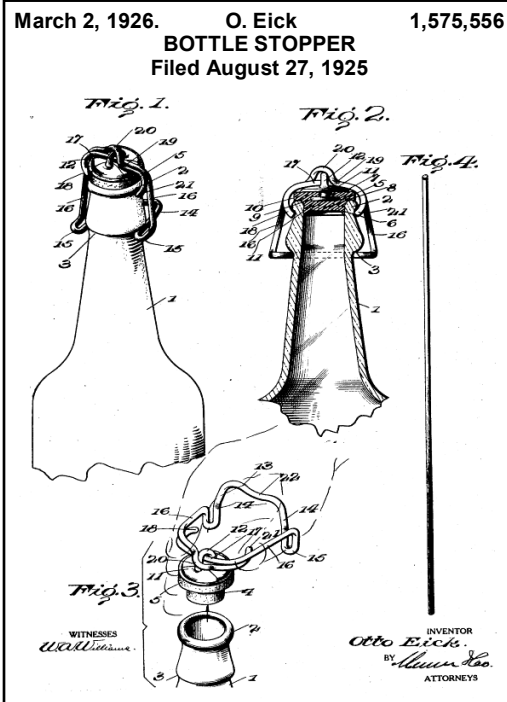


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## Otto Eick, King of Brewery Machines & One Cool Stopper By Don Thornton

Otto Eick was 71 years old when he was granted the last of his more than three dozen patents, all but one related to breweries. The German immigrant, who died at the age of 82 in 1935 in St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded Patent No. 1,575,556 dated March 2, 1925 for a bottle stopper which, he said, was “thoroughly sanitary, reliable in use, and practical commercially.”



It was an appropriately fitting final invention for the founder and president of a very successful brewery machine manufacturer. Eick's other patents included bottle washing and sterilizing machines, bottle roller conveyers, bottle holding racks, and rubber brushes for machines to clean bottles – all used in making beer.

The stopper, advertised as “millions in use” -- has a heavy wire locking bail with a rubber insert that is marked in tiny type: **EICK PAT. MARCH 2, '26.** It was manufactured by Otto Eick Inc., St. Louis. In his patent application, Eick said his device could “be quickly and easily applied to or removed from any bottle of the type that is adapted to have a crown or cap.”





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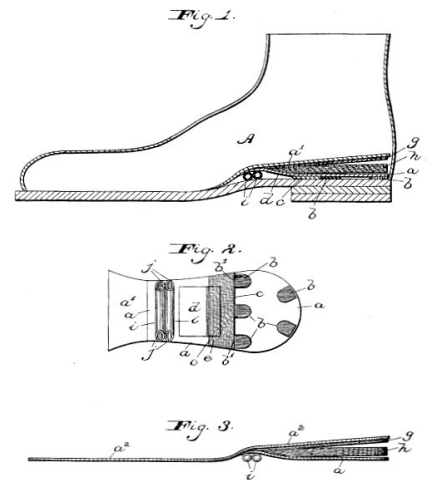
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Eick's one non-brewery patent is worth noting because it may have been for the benefit of brewery workers. Granted May 6, 1902 it was for a "heel-cushion," which Eick said would form a comfortable shoe or boot buffer "for person's heel avoiding any jar to the body of a person while walking and overcoming to a great extent the tiresome effects of standing for any length of time."

May 2, 1902. O. Eick  
HEEL CUSHION  
Filed March 18, 1901 699,297



Witnesses,  
H. S. ...  
J. S. Stitt.

Inventor,  
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By Chas. B. Munn  
Attorney.


104 The Western Brewer: and Journal of the Barley, Malt and Hop Trades. June, 1916.

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All Budweiser Bottles and all the Bottles of the following Breweries are cleaned with the Otto Eick Bottle Cleaning System, and the greatest number of all Bottles used are cleaned with the Otto Eick Rubber “Bottlekleen” Brushes

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