

CAP CATCHER the SILENT COMPANION of a STATIONARY BOTTLE OPENER by John Eblen

When the crown cap was invented in 1892 and the stationary bottle opener was invented in 1893 it probably wasn't realized, until a short time later this new way of preserving freshness created a new problem with the unsealing of bottles.

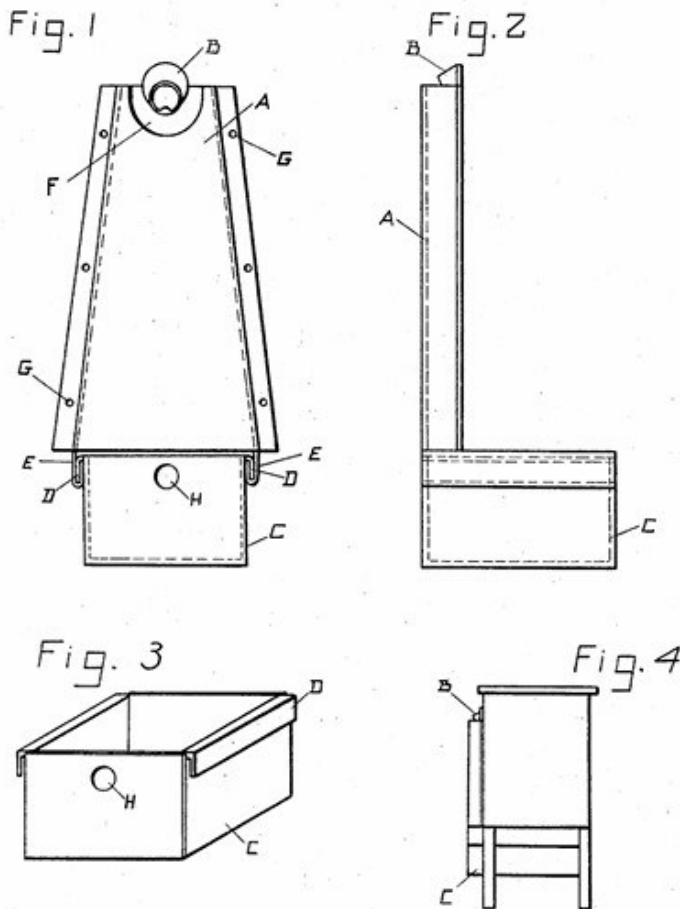
With hundreds of crown caps being removed daily they started to pile up littering

the floors of establishments getting stepped on and kicked around only to create both a foot hazard and a mess requiring constant sweeping and cleaning up for the store owner. Someone finally got the great idea to solve this by placing a can or container underneath the opener to catch them once they were removed to make this job a little more manageable and safe. A few inventors took a stab of patenting their own ideas of cap catching, but it appears no one person took sole credit for the original idea. It pretty much just became a standard practice whenever a stationary bottle opener was installed a cap catcher was mounted beneath it.

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BOTTLE OPENER AND CAP RECEIVER
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1,547,578



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Hence the silent companion was born. This practice of cap catching continue and expanded during the rise of customer beverage self-service that sprung up during the middle to late 1900's requiring stationary openers placed in every store or marketplace environment for customers to use. Thus it required a cap catcher to be added at these same locations to keep the floor somewhat tidy and patents continued to be issued. As the market evolved soda coolers were being introduced into the marketplace in the 1920's and with the development of electric refrigeration in the very early 1930's, all soda machines had a integrated cap catcher installed needing to be emptied when restocking the machines was required. Stationary bottle openers with cap catchers were marketed to be placed in homes, workplaces, restaurants, bars, ser-

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C. A. FRICK
CROWN PULLER

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Fig. 1.

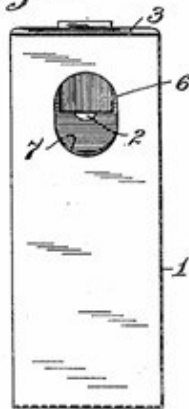


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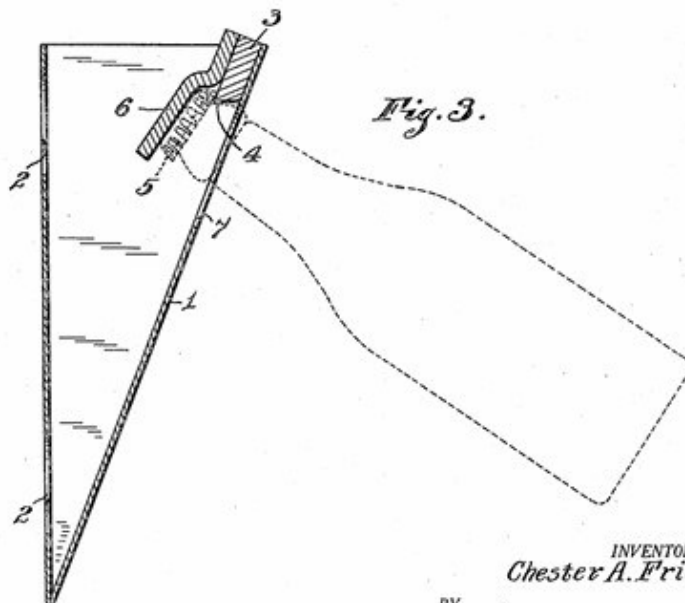
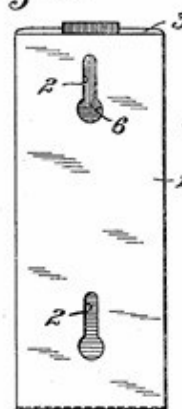


Fig. 3.

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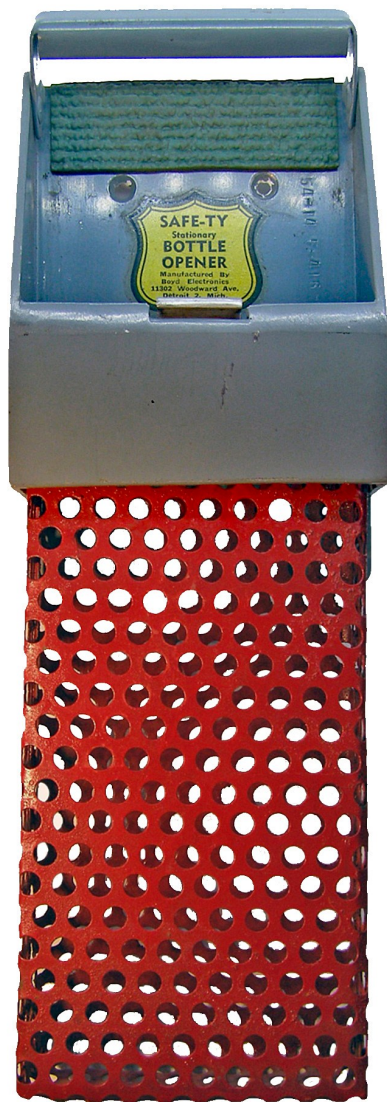
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A few unique early types of cap catchers that were manufactured to be placed at work or store locations. Some had advertising on them which is quit rare to find.



1920's



1940's



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