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Everlasting Decapper Universal Sales Company by Harold J. Eblen

In 2022 I purchase an opener that was new to me and not in my book "Wall Mounted Stationary Openers 1893-1970" I had recently published. It was named the Everlasting Decapper manufactured and sold under exclusive license by Universal Sales company, located in Quincy Illinois. I obtained most of this information off the original box which luckily came with it. I started researching on-line for any additional information I could learn about it. The box stated that the name was registered and there was a patent pending so that's where I began. After a few hours I came up empty on anything that related to this opener. No retired or abandoned trademark by that name or any patent was ever issued. I've learned over the years that manufactures sometime put patent pending on things so they can not get into trouble putting them on the market and selling them right away.



This is true with the wall mounted Zip Products combination corkscrew opener which carries all the same markings as this did, but no information can be found about it and was sold for quite a few years in the 1930's. After an exhausted search looking for Universal Sales company or anything relating to Everlasting Decapper, I put this one in the same bucket as the Zip product corkscrew, a ghost opener with no trail leading anywhere, and forgot about it.

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A year later a collector friend of mine wanted to do some trading and sent me a few pictures of the bottle openers he was offering up to me. One of them was a Everlasting Decapper but larger in size. I ended up making the trade after realizing these openers came in two different sizes. I re-checked the original box I had and saw No. 1 on it. This reminded me of the Vaughan Never-Chip wall bar openers which also came advertised in two different sizes referenced the same way. The Vaughan No. 1 being 2-1/2" and the No. 2 being 1-1/2" in length. Interesting similarities. Recently I came into possession of a Everlasting Decapper sales advertisement mailer, rare in itself, that pulled most of this information together I had since learned.



The Bottler's Insurance Against Bottle Losses and His Best Advertising

Will Not Chip The Bottle

The First Machined Tool For Removing Caps from Bottles with Dependable Precision

Retains Its Beautiful Appearance Indefinitely

Its Long Life Reduces Decapper Costs

Manufactured by
UNIVERSAL SALES COMPANY
QUINCY, ILL. U. S. A.



Place Edge of Crown Under Blade
Light Pressure of Hand Downward
Removes Cap



The Blade Removes Cap Before Touching Glass and
CANNOT CHIP BOTTLE



No. 1 Small Size
For Home and Auto Use
1 1/2" Wide



No. 2 Large Size
Dispenser Use
2 3/8" Wide

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Though it does not solve the mystery about the manufacture, or when it was made (my guess is during the 1940's) it does show a concerted effort went into promoting it and the distinctions between the two openers. I'm surprised more of them have not shown up in collectors hands or in the marketplace other than the two I now own. A couple of rare ghost openers that will remain a mystery that I hope will be solved hopefully one day to learn the rest of their story.

