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1. Long ago, people used a detached opener for soda cans.



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5. People sometimes injured themselves on the sharp edges of the opened can.
6. Ernie Frazee improved his design.
7. He added a removable tab to the top of the can.
8. Unfortunately, people littered the ground with the removable tabs.
9. In 1977, Mr. Frazee patented a tab that pushed in and folded back.
10. We still use this type of tab on our drink cans today.

## ANSWER KEY

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