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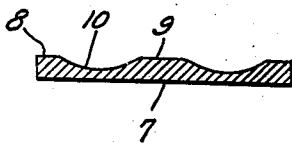
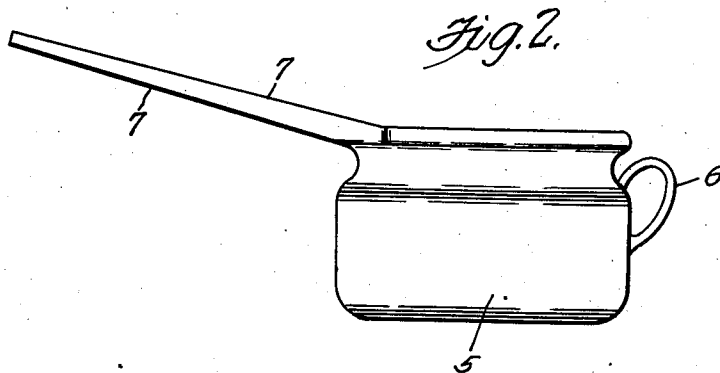
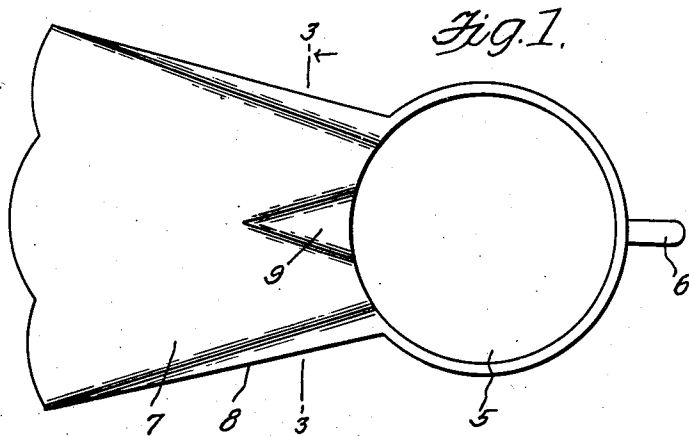


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1 Claim. (Cl. 4-141)

The present invention relates to commodes and is designed for use by infants, particularly girls, to assist in training them to have regular bowel movements and passage of urine, and comprises essentially a wedge-shaped portion adapted for positioning under the lumbar and buttock area of the infant, and is continuous with a bowl shaped receptacle within which excretions and fluids may be collected to prevent the same from being spilled.

The object of the improvement of my invention is to provide an article of this character of light and practical construction which is efficient, because the weight of the infant's body holds the article in place, and the attendant's one hand is left free to hold kicking legs while the other hand may hold a suppository or guide an enema tip into the anus of the infant.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout and in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view and

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 3-3 of Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawing in detail the numeral 5 designates a commode having a handle 6 at one side and provided at a diametrically opposite edge with a wedge-shaped part designated at 7 which projects laterally outwardly and

upwardly and is of substantially flat form with diverging side edges which are raised as shown at 8 and taper toward the outer edge of the part 7.

The upper surface of the part 7 adjacent its inner edge and at a point between its side edges is also provided with a raised portion 9, whereby to provide shallow channels 10 at each side of the centrally raised portion 9, which conform to the shape of the infant's buttocks.

In the use of the device, while the infant is lying on the lap of its mother or attendant the part 7 is placed under the back of the infant, the baby's weight holding the commode in position.

It is believed the details of construction and the manner of use of the article will be readily understood from the foregoing without further detailed explanation.

What is claimed is:

In a device of the class described a receptacle and a rigid substantially flat member projecting laterally outwardly and upwardly from one edge of the vessel, said member having raised outwardly diverging side edges and an intermediate raised portion on its surface extending longitudinally from its inner edge, the side edges of said raised portion converging outwardly and terminating short of the outer edge of the member and defining shallow channels at each side of said raised portion adapted to conformably receive the legs and buttocks of an infant lying on the member.

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