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Fig 1.

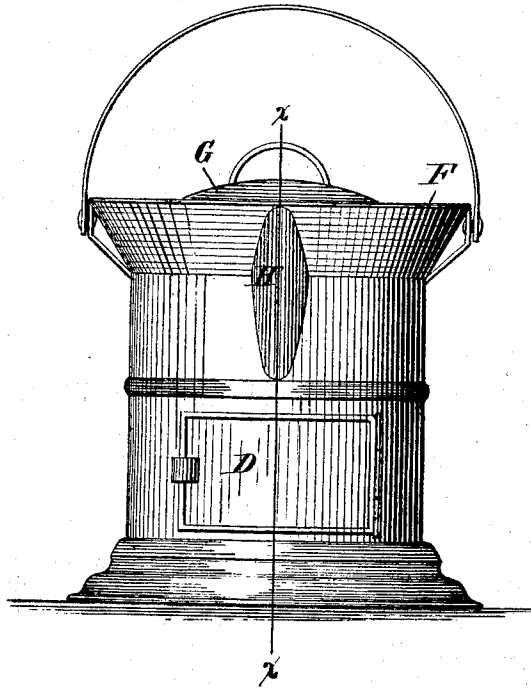
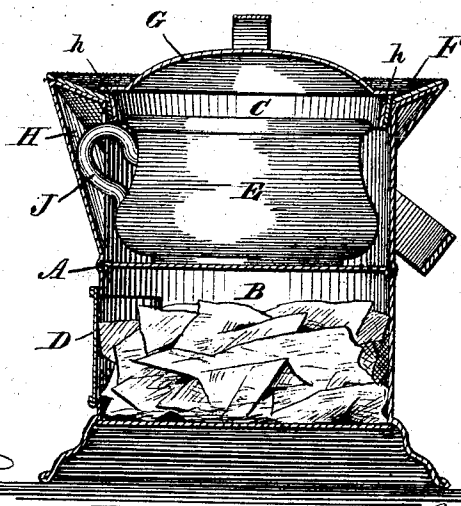


Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMMODOES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMEON MILLS, of Madison, Dane county, Wisconsin, have invented an Improved Chamber-Commode, which I denominate a "Toilet-Tabouret;" and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and correct description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, and Fig. 2 a central vertical section, of my tabouret.

The same letter indicates the same part in both figures.

My invention consists in the construction, in the manner hereinafter fully described, of a commode or tabouret, adapted for use in a hospital or sick-room, by which an ordinary chamber or night vessel may be more conveniently used by invalids, and be readily inclosed in an air-tight compartment, and thus rendered odorless; said tabouret being slightly, portable, and provided with a lower compartment, for the storage of waste paper or any other articles it may be found convenient to place in it.

My improved tabouret is fully represented in the drawings. It is made of sheet metal, ordinarily of tin, cylindrical in general form, and divided by a horizontal partition, A; into two compartments, B and C. The lower compartment, B, is intended for use as a receptacle for waste paper, and is closed by a door, D, at the side. The floor A of the upper compartment, C, is placed at such a height as to support a chamber-vessel, E, at a convenient height for use. The compartment C is open at top, and is provided with a conveniently-formed rim or seat, F, placed a little above the top of the

chamber, and sloping slightly downward and inward, as shown. The seat may be covered with velvet, plush, or cloth, and is provided with a lid, G, the hoop *h* of which is covered by a strip or band of felt or cloth, which makes it fit tightly against the upper edge of the compartment, to render the same air-tight. A recess, H, is made in the side of the compartment C to receive the handle J of the chamber, so that that vessel may be placed in the center of the compartment. The tabouret is provided with a handle or bail, attached to ears on each side, in the usual way, by which it can be conveniently carried.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a commode formed of sheet metal, and divided by a horizontal partition into two compartments, the upper one of which has a fixed dished-rim seat, a packed cover, and a recess, and supports, and allows to be centrally located at a convenient height for use, a chamber-vessel, the lower compartment being provided with a door, for introducing therein waste paper and other articles required for use in a sick-chamber, all in the manner and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my said invention signed and witnessed, at Madison, this 23d day of December, A. D. 1873.

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