To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Henry H. Schwartz, a subject of the Queen of Rumania, have declared my intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Sanitary Toilet-Seat Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in sanitary toilet seat protectors and the object of my invention is to provide a toilet seat protector made of a sheet of cheap flexible sanitary material as sterilized tissue paper that has an opening in its central portion and is otherwise shaped so that it may be placed on a toilet seat preparatory to use and will protect the body of the user from direct contact with the toilet seat, thereby affording an opportunity for greater cleanliness and eliminating much of the danger of infection from this source.

Another object is to provide a sanitary toilet seat protector in which the central portion is cut away in such a manner as to form a plurality of relatively long strips or ribbons that hang down into the toilet bowl and dip into the water in such bowl or rest against the sides of the bowl so that when the bowl is flushed the water flowing downwardly along the sides of the bowl from the flushing rim will exert a pull on the strips that will cause the seat protector to be drawn downwardly through the bowl and thus disposed of without necessitating any handling at all after said seat protector has been used.

Another object is to provide a sanitary toilet seat protector of this nature in which the strips around the edges of the central opening and other strips around the outer edges of the seat protector are all turned or folded downwardly so that they will serve to hold the seat protector in the correct position on the toilet seat.

Another object is to provide a seat protector of this nature which has an individual portion of toilet paper attached thereto, thus making it desirable for a person who is going to use the toilet to procure both the toilet paper and the seat protector before he sits down and in this way causing said person to use the sanitary seat protector when he might neglect to do so if he was not obliged to procure the seat protector at the same time he procures the toilet paper.

The combined seat protector and toilet paper also eliminate waste of toilet paper and tend to prevent littering up the floors of lavatories with sheets of toilet paper as is frequently done when users spread sheets of toilet paper on the toilet seats in an effort to protect themselves from direct contact with said toilet seats.

A further object is to provide a receptacle for dispensing seat protectors of this nature, said receptacle also serving as a package in which the seats may be packed and sold and being of cheap construction so that it may be thrown away when empty.

Other and more specific objects will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a plan view of my sanitary toilet seat protector having toilet paper attached thereto as the same may appear after it is cut out and before the several tabs and strips are bent or folded downwardly.

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the toilet paper removed and the several strips bent downwardly.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view showing the sanitary seat protector in place on a toilet seat.

Fig. 4 is a view in elevation showing the front side of a package of my sanitary toilet seat protectors.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view on broken line 5, 5 of Fig. 4.

Like reference numerals designate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, I have shown a sanitary toilet seat protector preferably formed of tissue or crêpe paper and comprising a seat protector portion 6 of suitable shape to fit a toilet seat 7 and having its central portion cut in such a manner as to leave an oval shaped opening 8 that registers with the opening in the toilet seat 7.

In cutting out the central portion to form the opening 8 the paper is not entirely removed but is cut in such a manner as to form a plurality of relatively long strips or ribbons 10 that are each connected at one end with the protector portion 6 and that are arranged to hang downwardly into a toilet bowl 11 and touch the sides thereof, as shown in Fig. 3, so that when the bowl is flushed water that flows down the sides
thereof from the flushing rim 12 will exert a pull on said strips and if the toilet seat is not occupied, will draw the seat protector down and thus dispose of it. In this way it is possible for a user to dispose of a used seat protector after the user arises from the toilet seat or, for a person that finds a used seat protector that has been left on a toilet seat to dispose of the same by flushing the toilet without obliging him to handle the used seat protector. In cutting out the central portion of the seat protector a tab 13 is preferably left at the front end of the opening 6 to safeguard the user from contact with the front portion of the toilet seat.

Tabs 14 may be provided on the outermost extremities of the seat protector 6 and bent downwardly as shown in Fig. 3, to prevent displacement of the seat protector from the toilet seat.

A strip of toilet paper 15 may be left attached to the rear end of the seat protector 6, and suitably perforated so that it may be torn off on the line 16 and the torn up into a plurality of smaller sheets. The seat protector may be of any desired shape to fit any type of toilet seat as for instance a seat protector that is intended for an open front toilet seat may have its front portion cut away to conform to the shape of the cut away portion of the toilet seat.

Toilet seat protectors as above described may be arranged in pads one upon another with the tabs 10, 13 and 14 bent rearwardly as shown in Fig. 5, and placed in a container 17 having a movable back member 18 that is urged outwardly by springs 20. The lower front side of the container 17 is provided with a retaining member 21 and said container is further provided at the location of the perforated line 16 where the toilet paper 15 is connected with the seat protector 6, with a transverse tear off cable or wire 22 that serves as a retaining means for the upper ends of the seat protectors and as a device for facilitating the tearing off of the toilet paper. An additional retaining member 24 may also be provided at the upper end of the container 17.

The container is preferably made of light cheap material as pasteboard and being of cheap construction, may be thrown away when it is empty. Suitable tabs 23 or other means are provided on the container to facilitate hanging the same on a wall or other support.

The seat protectors are assembled in pad form and placed in the containers 17 in the manner shown and described and the containers are hung in a convenient place in a lavatory. In procuring toilet paper and a seat protector the prospective user may grasp either the toilet paper or the seat protector and tear the same off on the line 16 thus permitting both to be removed from the container for use. As the seat protectors are removed the back member 18 will keep the pad of such seat protectors crowded forward against the wire 22 and retaining member 21.

The central portion of the movable back member 18 of the container is cut away to afford room for the rearwardly bent tabs 10 and 13, said tabs and the tabs 14 being turned downwardly by a relatively sharp bend in the process of forming the seat protector so that they will hang straight down and prevent displacement of the seat protector from the toilet seat.

The strips 10 are an important part of the invention and make it possible to dispose of a used seat protector without handling the same. The attached portion of toilet paper compels the prospective user to give attention to the seat protector in order to procure the toilet paper and also effects a saving in toilet paper over and above the ordinary methods of dispensing the same.

The foregoing description and accompanying drawings clearly disclose the plan of construction and method of operation of the invention, but, while I have shown and described what I now consider as the preferred form of the invention, it will be understood that the disclosure is merely illustrative and that such changes may be made as are within the scope of the following claims.

What I claim is;
1. Devices of the class described embodying a pad of toilet seat protectors each formed of a sheet of paper having its central portion removed and having a section of toilet paper detachably connected with the rear end thereof, and a container for said pad, said container comprising an outer box, a movable back member disposed in said box, resilient means for urging said back member toward the open front of said box, a retaining strip across the lower portion of said box and a tear off cable extending across said box on a line corresponding with the line on which said toilet paper section is adapted to be detached from said seat protector.
2. A container for combined toilet paper and sanitary toilet seat protectors embodying a receptacle, a movable back member disposed in said receptacle, springs for yieldingly urging said back member outwardly, a retaining member extending across the front side of said receptacle near the bottom end and a tear off and retaining cable extending across the front side of said receptacle near the top end thereof.

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