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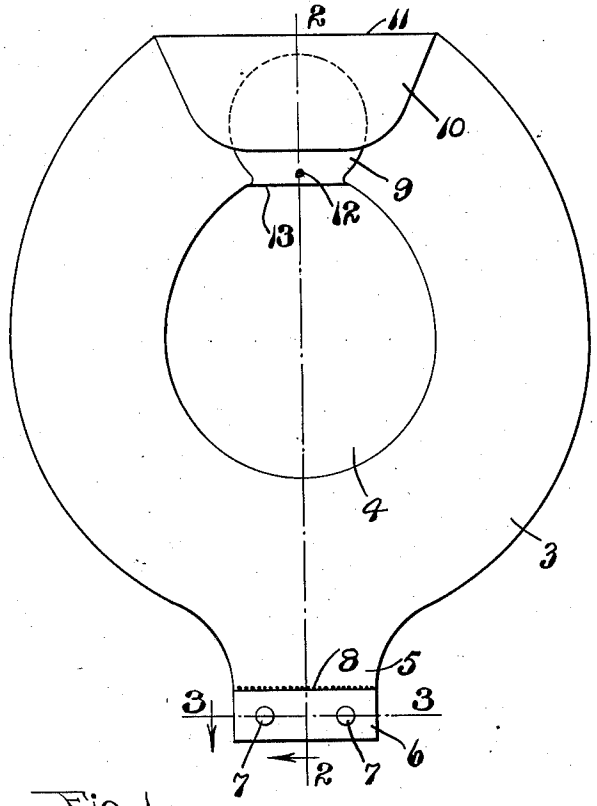


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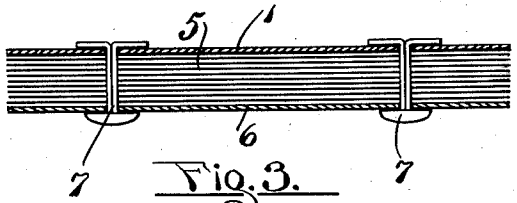


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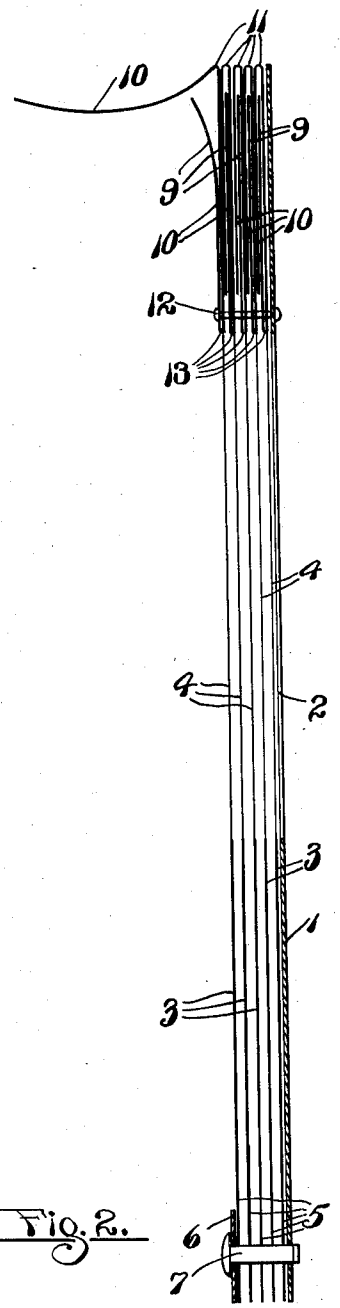


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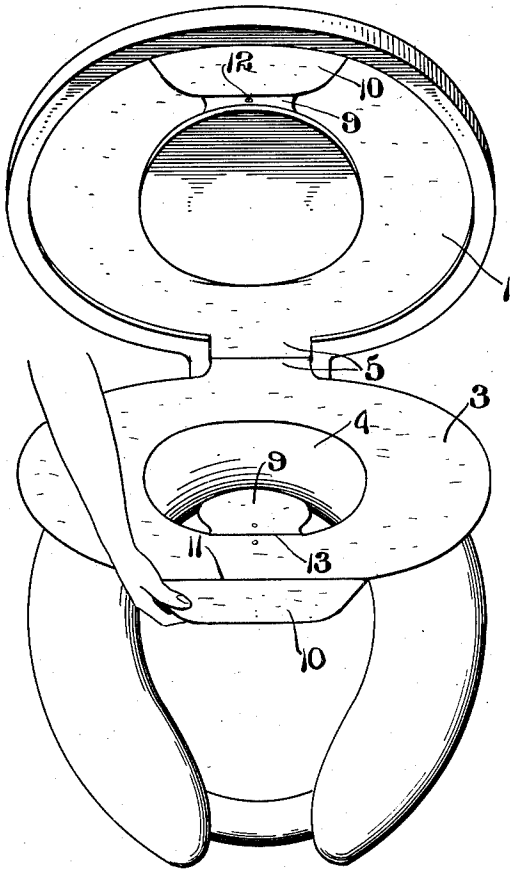


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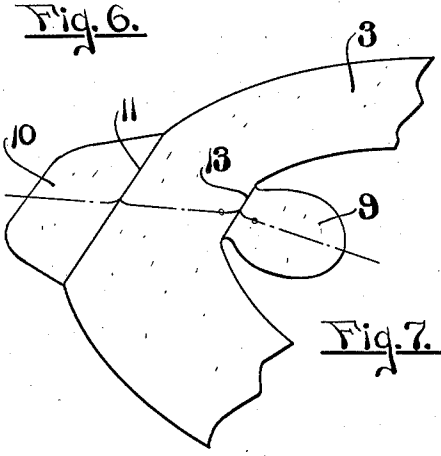


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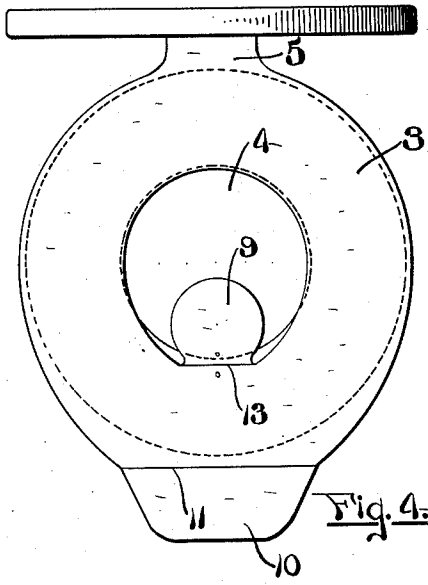


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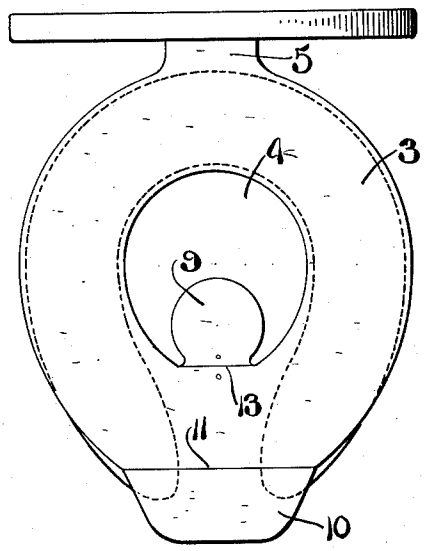


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This invention relates to a seat cover and package of covers, being particularly concerned with the construction of a novel seat cover for use on toilet seats, which may be held in a vertical holder and drawn and turned forward one at a time to cover the seat. It is a primary object and purpose of the present invention, which is a continuation in part of my application for Paper package, Serial No. 499,273, filed Dec. 1, 1930, to provide a seat cover of novel construction and a package thereof wherein access to the covers to withdraw the same may be had with respect only to the outer cover, this tending to eliminate waste in the use of the covers.

It is also the aim of this invention to produce a cover which can be utilized with either the open or closed type of seat, and, when used with the former, the tabs are so located as to stiffen the bridging portion of the cover and thus maintain it in the desired usable position.

The invention may be understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which,

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a package of said covers.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical section thereof on the plane of line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is an enlarged horizontal section on the plane of line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a plan view showing a cover applied to a closed type of seat, the outer and inner tabs being in horizontal positions.

Fig. 5 is a plan view showing a cover shielding an open type of seat, the tabs being horizontally positioned.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view disclosing the cover in an intermediate position.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged fragmentary view of the front end of a seat cover.

Like reference characters refer to like parts in the different figures of the drawings.

The package of seat covers includes a back 1 of paper or pasteboard which is much less flexible and of far greater rigidity than the individual seat covers. The back 1 has a substantially central opening 2 therethrough. Against the back 1 a plurality of the covers 3 are located, each of the covers having a substantially central opening 4 disclosed in direct conjunction with the opening 2 in the back member 1. The back 1 and the covers at their lower ends are narrowed and formed with downward projections 5, and over the front side and at the lower end of the narrow portions of the covers and back, a rectangular piece 6 of the same material as the back 1 is placed, fastening devices 7 extending through member 6, the lower ends of the covers 3 and the lower end of the back 1 to secure the same together. Each of the covers directly above the upper edge of the member 6 has a line 8 of spaced perforations therethrough permitting a cover to be readily torn from the package after use.

At the upper edge of the opening 4 in each cover 3 an integral tab 9 is located which is folded upwardly and back against the outer face of its cover as shown. At the upper end of each seat cover 3 is an integral tab 10 of substantially the shape shown. This tab is folded forwardly on a substantially horizontal line 11 against and over the tab 9.

A pin 12, see Figs. 1 and 2, extends through the tab 9 and body portion of each seat cover 3 and maintains the pack of covers in assembled position, such also permitting the folded joint 13 to be possessed of some resiliency whereby opening of the tabs is facilitated.

In practice, as shown in my copending application Serial No. 608,606, filed May 2, 1932, the package of seat covers is placed within a holder which comprises a receptacle having a back and sides shaped to receive the package and which is open at its front side except for a retaining open ring-like member which bears against the outermost or front seat cover adjacent its outer edges, while the central openings through the seat covers are filled with a forwardly extending filler which prevents any access to the edges of the covers at said openings 4, whereby the only means of access to a seat cover is the tab 10 on the outermost cover which extends downwardly far enough below the ring-like member described that it may be grasped and said cover alone pulled downwardly and forwardly.

The cover and the package thereof described are very practical and useful, insuring from the assemblage of covers with a holder therefor as described that one only of the same will be used at a time. The folding downwardly and forwardly of a tab, such as indicated at 10, from the upper edge of each cover, provides an extra length of the cover from its upper to its lower end, making the same available for the various sizes of seats.

Fig. 4 shows the cover as being applied to a closed and short type of seat, the tabs 9 and 10 still being in substantially horizontal planes. Immediately after the application of the cover 3, however, the tabs may both gravitate downwardly to substantially vertical planes, the tab 9

lying adjacent the inner front edge of the bowl and serving as a protecting and shielding means and the tab 10 similarly serving outwardly of the bowl. Both tabs aid in maintaining the cover in position.

Fig. 6 shows the cover during its application to an open type of seat, such being of greater length than that shown in Fig. 4. The tab 10 has been grasped, the cover pulled outwardly and downwardly, whereby the pin 12 is pulled through the cover and tab 9 and thus the resiliency of the fold 13, together with the air catching thereunder, causes full unfolding of the tab 9 whereupon it will first assume the position shown in Figs. 5 and 6, then that shown in Fig. 7, and finally fall to its depending vertical protecting position.

The tab or flap 10 is usually folded rather tightly against the body of the cover 3 and thus, when unfolded, causes a V-shaped crease 11 as is clearly shown in Fig. 7. This crease 11 serves as a reinforce to the front portion of the cover, see Fig. 5, and thus serves to bridge the gap in the open type of seat. The crease 13 also aids in this function.

This construction has proved exceptionally practical and satisfactory and has met with a wide commercial success. The invention is defined in the appended claims and is to be considered comprehensive of all forms of structure coming within their scope.

I claim:

1. A package comprising several seat covers of the type described, each cover having a central opening therethrough and having, at its upper end, an integral flap folded horizontally upward to bear directly against a side of the cover and provide a horizontal crease, a tab folded horizontally downward to bear against the said flap, and a pin extending through the several flaps and the several covers immediately adjacent the folds of the several flaps for the purpose described.

2. An article of manufacture adapted to be utilized either with a round close type of seat or an open type of seat, the open type of seat being appreciably longer than the first mentioned seat, a seat cover having a central opening therethrough, the seat cover proper being substantially coextensive with the closed type of seat and being of less length than the open type of seat, a flap integrally attached to the forward end of said seat cover, the flap and the cover having a crease therebetween whereby they tend to separate more or less when free to do so and thereby form a stiffened rib or portion conterminous with the crease whereby the crease and the portions of the seat cover adjacent thereto remain in the plane of the remainder of the seat cover when associated with the second mentioned seat.

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