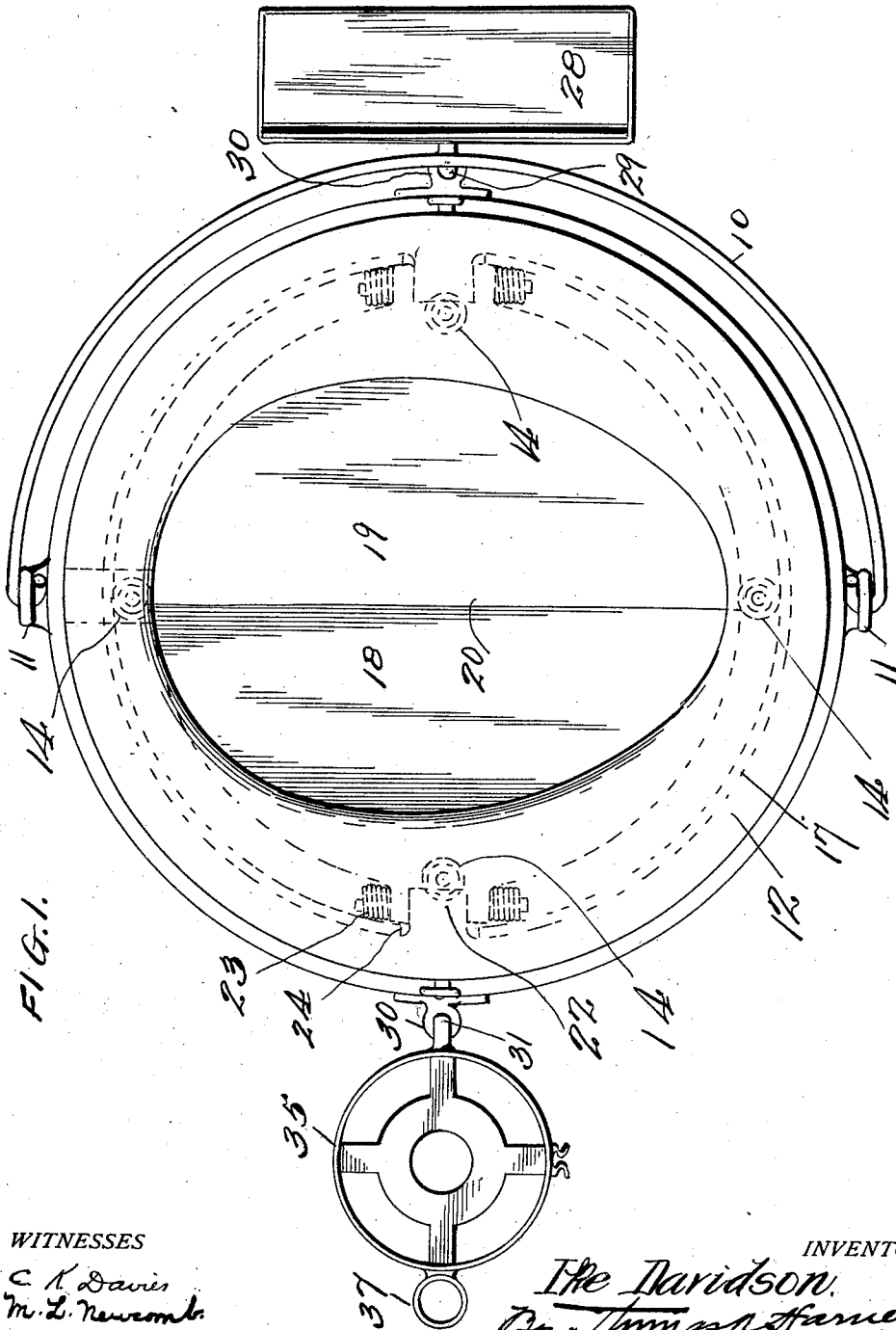


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IKE DAVIDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Paris, in the county of Lamar and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Commodes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in portable commodes and is designed to improve devices of this character in certain particulars, principally to provide a comfortable seat for the user; to retain within the commode odors arising therein; to provide convenient attachments for auxiliary articles, and further to improve the device and furnish desirable features to overcome many objectionable features attending the use of devices of this character.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention constructed according to the best mode I have so far devised for the practical application of the principles of the invention.

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a device embodying the features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of Fig. 1 showing some parts in elevation.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention I employ a jar or receptacle 1 having a large open mouth, and mounted on casters 2 so that it may be conveniently moved about the floor. An opening 3 in the bottom of the receptacle or commode jar is closed, from the inside, by a plug 4, which is attached to the interior of the receptacle by a chain 5. The plug 4 may be locked from the outside against displacement by means of a hook 6 pivoted on the under face of the receptacle bottom and adapted to hook over the knob 7 of the plug. A convenient tool 9 is illustrated in Fig. 2, by means of which this plug may be withdrawn from the hole 3, after the hook 6 has been disengaged. The plug is designed to close the clean out opening 3 through which the receptacle may be emptied.

A convenient handle or bail 10 (Fig. 1) is attached to the receptacle by means of the ears 11, 11, and with the aid of the handle the receptacle may be carried as desired.

At the upper open end of the receptacle a seat 12 is supported by means of posts 13 and springs 14. The posts are preferably provided with heads 15 which are embedded in the body of the seat from the underside,

and the springs which surround the posts bear upon an annular flange or ring 16 which extends around the open top of the receptacle, and by means of the springs supports the seat.

A downwardly projecting flange or ring 17 is located at the underside of the seat and projects into the receptacle at its open top. This flange in addition to closing the space under the seat, also provides means for guiding the movement of the seat.

Located just below the annular flange 16 are a pair of lids 18 and 19 each of which covers an area equal to one half the space in the open top of the receptacle, and the latter lid portion is provided with a lip 20 which overlaps the edge of the lid 18. These lid sections are hinged at 21 in the ears 22, and coiled springs 23 serve to hold the lid sections up to position shown in Fig. 2. It will be observed in Fig. 2 that the annular flange 17 is slotted at diametrically opposite points 24 in order to permit the downwardly moving flange to pass over these ears. It will further be observed in Fig. 2 that the ends of the posts 13, adjacent the hinged, bear upon the upper surface of the lid sections, holes 25 being provided for the passage of these posts. Thus, when weight is imposed upon the seat, the seat is pressed downwardly, the posts 13 bear down on the lid sections and the sections swing on their hinges as indicated in dotted lines Fig. 2. When the weight is removed from the seat, the springs 14 return the seat to proper position, and the springs 23 return the lid sections to closed position as in Fig. 2. If it is desired to hold the lid sections in open position, pressure may be imparted to the seat to open the lid sections and the seat may be locked and held in depressed position by means of the pair of hooks 26 and knobs 27, the former on the seat and the latter complementarily located on the receptacle.

A paper holding receptacle 28 may be attached by its hook 29 to the socket 30, at one side of the receptacle 1, and at the opposite side of the receptacle a second socket 31 is located in which the hook 32 of the supporting bracket 33 may be entered. A water receptacle 34 provided with a hanging eye-let 35 may be supported in the bracket or basket 33, and a pump 36 is adapted to be held in the ring 37 of the basket 33.

35' indicates a rubber hose.

From the above description taken in connection with the drawings it is believed my invention will be clearly understood and its uses and meritorious features will be apparent.

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

10 The combination with a receptacle having a perforated flange, of a bodily movable and depressible, apertured, seat having an annular flange projecting into the receptacle, a pair of spring pressed lid sections, and

a series of posts on said seat co-acting with the perforated flange, a spring surrounding each post and located between the seat and perforated flange, and one of a pair of said posts each adapted to bear upon a lid section to open the lid when the seat is depressed.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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