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Fig. 1.

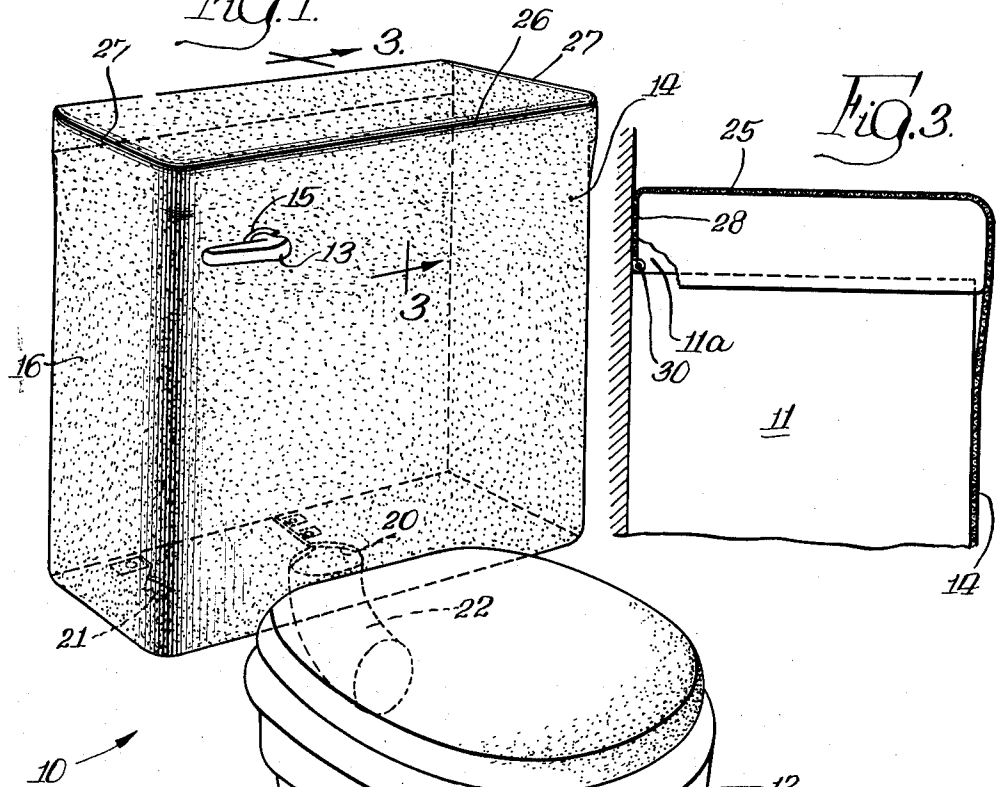


Fig. 3.

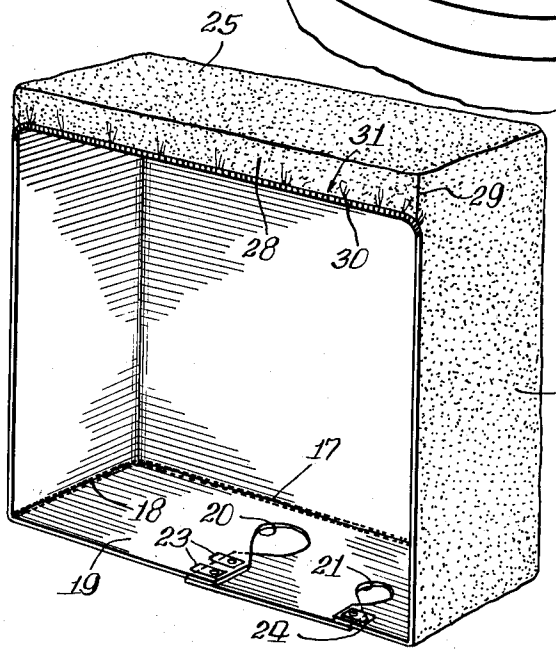


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a cover and more particularly to a cover for a toilet tank.

It is the general object of the present invention to produce a new and improved cover for a toilet tank.

It is a more specific object of the present invention to produce a unitary cover for a toilet tank including the lid thereof which is provided with means for fastening it in position and which, when so positioned, will present a neat and pleasing cover for the toilet tank and which may be constructed of a material to provide a utilitarian function as well as a decorative appearance.

Other and further objects and advantages of the present invention will be readily apparent from the following description and drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is an elevational view of a toilet tank to which the cover of the present invention has been secured;

FIG. 2 is a rear view of the cover; and

FIG. 3 is a vertical sectional view along the line 3—3 of FIG. 1.

While this invention is susceptible of embodiment in many different forms, there is shown in the drawings and will herein be described in detail one specific embodiment, with the understanding that the present disclosure is to be considered as an exemplification of the principles of the invention and is not intended to limit the invention to the embodiment illustrated. The scope of the invention will be pointed out in the appended claims.

The tank cover of the present invention may be considered an improvement over the toilet tank cover shown in the Armstrong Patent No. 2,652,874 and, like the cover shown in said patent, may be made of material capable of absorbing condensation moisture forming on the tank during periods of active use of the toilet and permitting the absorbed moisture to evaporate during periods of relative inactivity. Thus, if the cover is made of absorbent material such as chenille or the like, the undesired drip of condensed moisture onto the bathroom floor may effectively be prevented.

In the tank cover shown in the Armstrong patent, a separate cover is to be provided for the lid of the toilet tank which, while possessing certain advantages, also has the disadvantage of providing two items for the housewife to adjust, as well as providing a break in what otherwise would be a smooth contour of the cover, and sometimes causing difficulty in maintaining the cover in proper position on the tank.

It has now been discovered that a unitary toilet tank cover can be provided which includes as a part thereof a cover for the lid so that the entire cover can, in effect, be dependent from the lid and hence held in proper position on the tank and which, in addition to retaining all the advantages with regard to the elimination of condensation problems possessed by the tank cover shown in the Armstrong patent, possesses the additional features and advantages herein discussed.

Referring now to the drawings, there is shown a toilet **10** having a tank **11**, a toilet bowl **12** and a handle **13**.

Covering the toilet tank, including the lid **11***a* thereof, is a unitary cover having a front panel portion **14** provided with a slit **15** through which the handle may protrude. Side panel portions **16** are integrally secured to the front panel portion, and secured to the lower edges of the front panel portion by stitching **17** and to the lower edges of the side panel portion by stitching **18** is a bottom panel **19** constructed to cover substantially all of the bottom of the tank. Apertures **20** and **21** are provided for the water supply pipe and the pipe **22** connecting the tank with the bowl, with these being closable around such pipes by means of snaps **23** and **24**.

A top panel portion **25** covers the lid **11***a* of the toilet tank and is secured by stitching **26** to the upper edge of the front panel and by stitching **27** to the upper edge of the side panels. Integrally connected to the top panel portion is a back panel portion **28** shaped to extend down the back of the lid as shown in FIG. 2. The side edges of the back panel portion are secured to the upper side edges of the side panel portions by stitching at **29**.

Means are provided for fastening the cover on the tank including a strip of elastic **30** secured at its ends to the upper side edges of the side panel portions and between its ends to the free edge **31** of the back panel portion.

In applying the cover of the present invention to a toilet tank, the same is merely slipped over the top thereof and adjusted so that the handle **13** extends through the slit **25** and the fastening means **30** extends across the back of the tank. Snaps **23** and **24** may then be secured to close the apertures around the supply pipe leading to the tank and the discharge pipe **22** connecting the tank to the bowl.

By reason of the fact that the cover is unitary in construction and covers the top of the tank, slippage of the cover downwardly is prevented. Such slippage is sometimes caused where a good deal of condensation moisture has been absorbed by the cover and the weight thereof is increased appreciably.

It will be noted that in applying the toilet tank cover of the present invention, it is not necessary for the housewife to remove or lift off the lid of the toilet tank, normally a rather heavy ceramic article. Thus, it is not necessary that this heavy piece be handled by the housewife nor that the edges of the lid cover and the tank cover be tucked or otherwise folded under the edges of the lid and the free edges of the top of the tank. In fact, in installing the cover of the present invention, the lid need not be handled at all, the cover merely slipping down over the top of the tank.

In addition to providing a more secure support and fastening for the toilet tank cover, the unitary cover of the present inventions presents a neater appearance and is often less difficult to apply and remove.

I claim:

A cover for the tank of a toilet having a bowl connected to the tank by a pipe comprising:

(1) a unitary piece of material having

a. a front panel portion to cover the front of the tank,

a–1. said front panel portion having a slit therein to receive the handle of the toilet,

b. a pair of side panel portions to cover the sides of the tank,

c. a bottom panel portion secured to the lower

edges of the front and side panel portions to cover at least a portion of the bottom of the tank,

c–1. there being an aperture having a closable access in the bottom panel portion to surround a pipe connecting the toilet tank to the bowl,

d. a top panel portion secured to the upper edges of the front and side panel portions to cover the top lid of the tank and

e. a back panel portion secured to the rear edge

of the top panel portion and to the upper side edges of the side panel portions to cover at least the back of said lid, and

(2) a strip of elastic secured at its ends to said side edges and secured between its ends to the free edge of the back panel portion.

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