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Fig. 1.

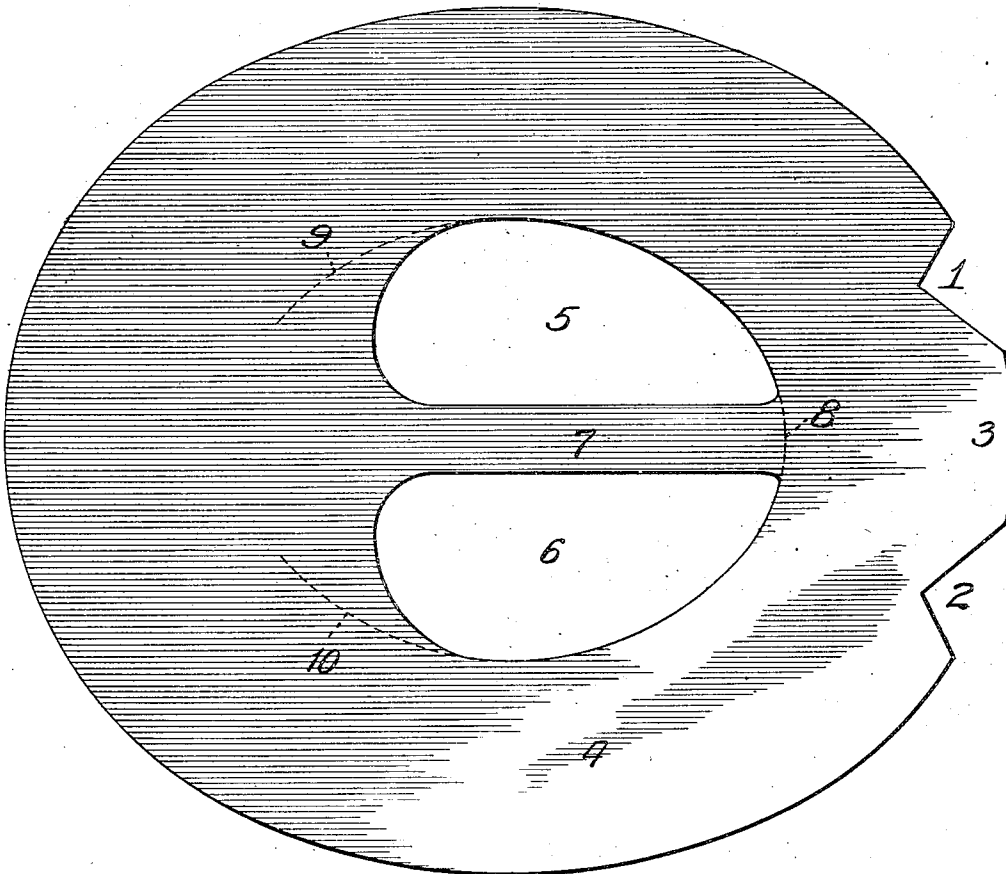
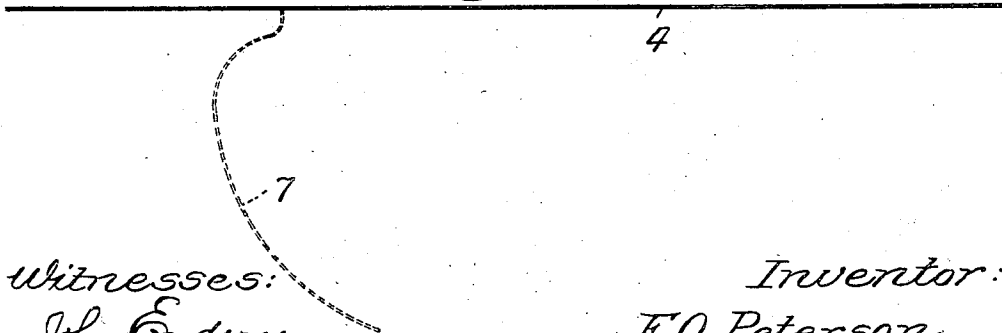


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK O. PETERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Moorland, Iowa, have invented new and useful Improvements in Sanitary Coverings for Seats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to water-closets and has for its object the provision of an attachment which can be placed over the seat of the closet to form a clean and sanitary contact surface and which, subsequently, can be deposited in the closet bowl and disposed of when the closet is flushed.

To this end the attachment or temporary covering for the closet seat is made of thin paper, or other suitable material, shaped to fit the closet seat, and cut or perforated to insure certain advantageous results hereinafter set forth more in detail.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of a single sheet of paper suitable for use as the closet covering, and Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same.

In the construction shown, the sheet of paper is of rounded outline, conforming substantially to the rounded top of a water-closet seat. But at the rear the paper is notched at 1 and 2 and has a protruding extension 3, the sides of which converge, so that the extension may be slipped between the hinges of the closet cover and there serve as an anchor or retaining device to prevent lateral displacement of the paper when placed on the seat.

The central portion of the paper blank is cut or perforated so that it may be folded down to form an opening conforming in shape with the opening in the closet seat, and of suitable size. After the cutting or perforating operations, there still remains a continuous narrow strip of paper 4 completely covering the contact surface of the seat, this strip being preferably as narrow as is consistent with full protection, so that there may be no excess of paper to be disposed of by the closet when the closet is flushed into the sewer.

Although the exact method of cutting or perforating the central portion of the sheet may be varied within the scope of the appended claim, the preferred construction contemplates the cutting away of two elongated and lobe-shaped portions 5 and 6 to

leave a central tongue 7, the sides of which are substantially parallel, and the rear end 8 of which is marked across by perforations so that the tongue may there be detached and allowed to drop down into the bowl. At the front end of the tongue, perforations 9 and 10 are provided which cut in at the base of the tongue to facilitate its downward bending into position to afford a protective shield of full width at the front of the seat. The tongue 7, when pressed down into contact with the water normally standing in the bowl, forms an anchor to hold the sheet in position, and, subsequently, when the closet is flushed, may have the additional function of pulling down on the entire sheet, thereby drawing it through the opening in the seat into the water of the bowl, so that it may be carried off through the soil pipe.

By making the sheet of the particular shape herein set forth in detail, full protection is insured, with a minimum of paper to be disposed of through the closet.

I claim:

A hygienic covering for water closet seats consisting of a sheet of thin paper, the outline of said sheet shaped to fit the curved outline of the closet seat and having at its rear end a tapering extension, the outline of said sheet receding on each side of said extension to form indentations with said extension adapted for insertion between the hinges of the closet cover, said sheet having in its central portion two elongated openings between which is a narrow tongue integral with the edge of the sheet but having at its rear end perforations at which the tongue may be detached for folding down into the bowl and additional perforations along each side of the base of the tongue whereby the tongue may be further freed from attachment to the outer portion of the sheet, and on folding down into the bowl, will act as a broad guard for the inner edge of the seat at the front thereof.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 11th day of October A. D. 1911.

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