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Fig. 1

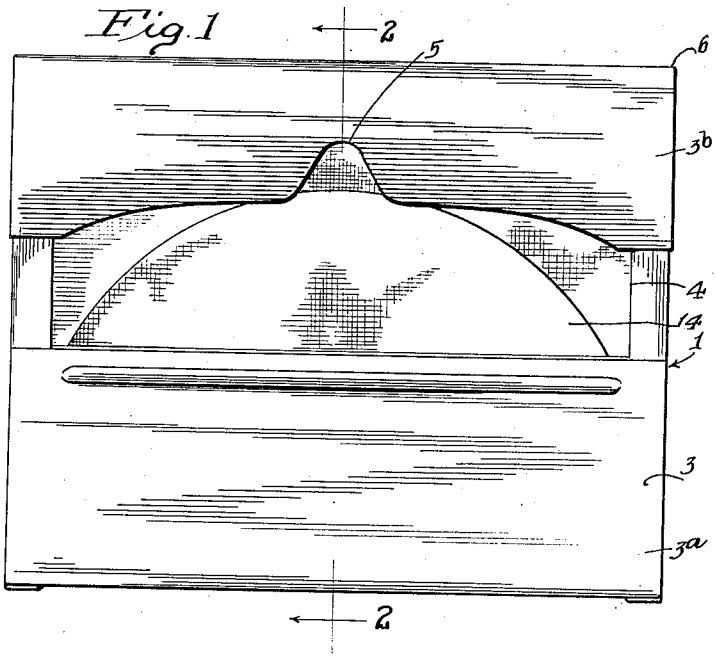


Fig. 2

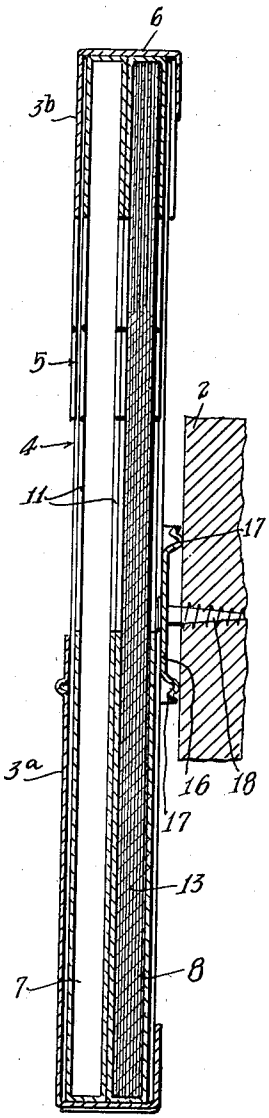
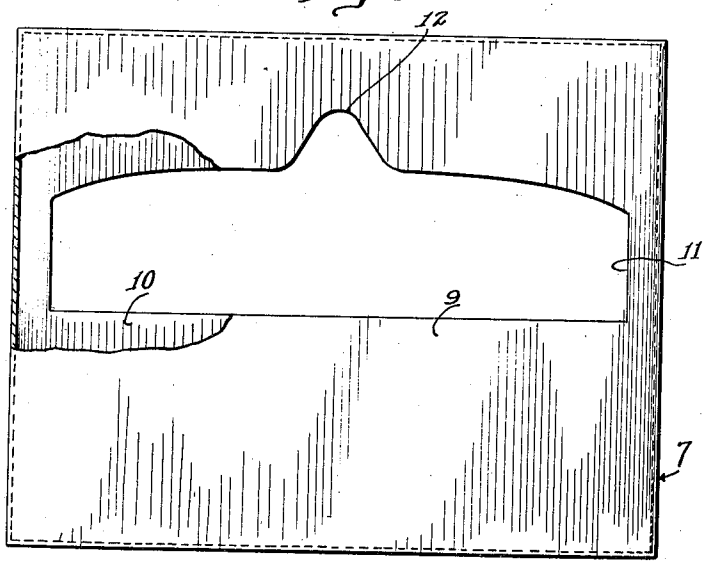


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to toilet seat covers of a type in which a holder is provided, having a delivery opening in its forward wall through which the seat covers may be drawn in succession. In most dispensers of this type, a pack of seat covers is placed within the holder, and from time to time a service man renews the seat covers. It frequently happens that the seat covers will all be used before the service man returns to replenish them.

Heretofore, seat covers for such dispensers have been provided in packs, and supported upon a pin passing through the pack, and when each seat cover is removed, it is torn away from the pin. This mutilates the seat cover, and is undesirable.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a seat cover dispenser of simple construction, which is so constructed that it can support a considerable number of seat covers within it without necessitating the employment of a supporting pin.

A further object of the invention is to provide a seat cover dispenser of this kind, having means for supporting the seat covers in packs, each pack being carried in its own envelope so that the pack can be conveniently handled in placing the same in the holder; also to provide a construction for the holder, and envelopes, which will enable a plurality of holders to be placed one behind the other in the holder, the arrangement being such that when the seat covers in the foremost enveloped have been removed, the seat covers in the next adjacent envelope behind the same will be accessible and capable of being removed through the foremost envelope and through the delivery opening of the forward wall of the holder.

Further objects of the invention will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel parts and combination of parts to be described hereinafter, all of which contribute to produce an efficient toilet seat cover dispenser.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is described in the following specification, while the broad scope of the invention is pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a holder supplied with packs of seat covers, each pack being in its own envelope.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section through this holder or dispenser, taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, but upon an enlarged scale and showing a portion of a wall or support to which the rear wall of the dispenser is secured.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of one of the envelopes removed from the holder. In this view a portion of the forward wall of the envelope is broken away.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 indicates the complete holder, which is preferably of box-form; that is to say, it is of rectangular form in front elevation, and of relatively narrow depth measured in a horizontal plane at right angles to the wall or support 2 to which the holder is preferably attached. The holder has a forward wall 3, which may be composed of a lower section 3*a* and an upper section 3*b*, with a relatively large opening 4 formed between the same (see Fig. 1). This opening 4 is preferably provided with an upwardly extending notch 5 located about on the middle or vertical axis through the holder, as viewed from the front. The upper section 3*b* of the forward wall is preferably formed as a part of a cover 6, which is adapted to slip down over the upper end of the body 1, which is open at its upper side.

In Fig. 2 I illustrate a holder supplied with a plurality of envelopes 7 and 8. In the present instance, I have illustrated two of these envelopes, but it should be understood that in practice, any number of these envelopes that may be desired may be supplied. One of these envelopes is illustrated in Fig. 3, and without any seat covers within it so as to show that the front wall 9 and the rear wall 10 of each envelope is formed with an opening 11, and these openings 11 may have substantially the same shape approximating the shape of the opening 4, and provided with an upwardly extending notch 12 that corresponds to the notch 5 in the forward wall of the holder. Within each envelope packs of seat covers 13 are provided, and these seat covers are folded before placing the same in the envelope so that each seat cover has a flap 14 on its forward side presented at the opening 4, and preferably so that the upper edge of this flap 14 is held back by the upper edge of the opening 4 in the vicinity of the notch 5. With this arrangement it will be evident that when the pack of seat covers carried in the foremost envelope become exhausted, the flaps 14 of the seat covers in the next adjacent envelope to the rear will be exposed through the delivery opening 4 in the forward wall of the holder, and through the registering openings 11 in the foremost envelope 7.

When the supply man discovers that the foremost envelope is empty, he may remove it and

substitute an envelope full of seat covers. In doing this it is preferable to move the rearmost envelope to the front. Due to the fact that the envelopes are relatively narrow, they will operate to support the seat covers upright without the necessity for using any pin from which the seat covers must be torn.

In order to facilitate mounting the dispenser on a wall, and in order to avoid the necessity for using a complete metal back for the dispenser or holder, I prefer to provide the rear of the holder with a transverse bar **16** (see Fig. 2) which is simply an elongated plate preferably pressed with horizontal ribs **17** to give it stiffness. These ribs rest against the forward face of the wall **2** to which the holder is attached by means of a screw, or screws, such as the screw **18**, that pass through an opening in the bar **16**. This opening is located opposite the forward opening **4** in the dispenser, so that the head of the screw is readily accessible in using a screwdriver to seat the screw.

What I claim is:

1. In a toilet seat cover dispenser, the combination of a holder having a forward wall with an opening therein, a plurality of seat cover envelopes received in the said holder, disposed one behind the other, said envelopes having forward and rear walls with openings therein registering with the opening in the forward wall of the holder, said envelopes operating to carry packs of the seat covers accessible through the aligning openings, and cooperating with the holder so that when the seat covers in the foremost envelope have been withdrawn through the said forward opening in the holder, then the seat covers in the next adjacent envelope toward the rear can be removed by pulling the same through the aligning openings in the outermost envelope and through the said forward opening of the holder.

2. A toilet seat cover dispenser constructed as described in claim 1, in which the upper edge of the delivery opening in the forward wall of the holder is formed with an upwardly extending notch through which access may be had to reach an edge of the foremost seat cover within the holder.

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