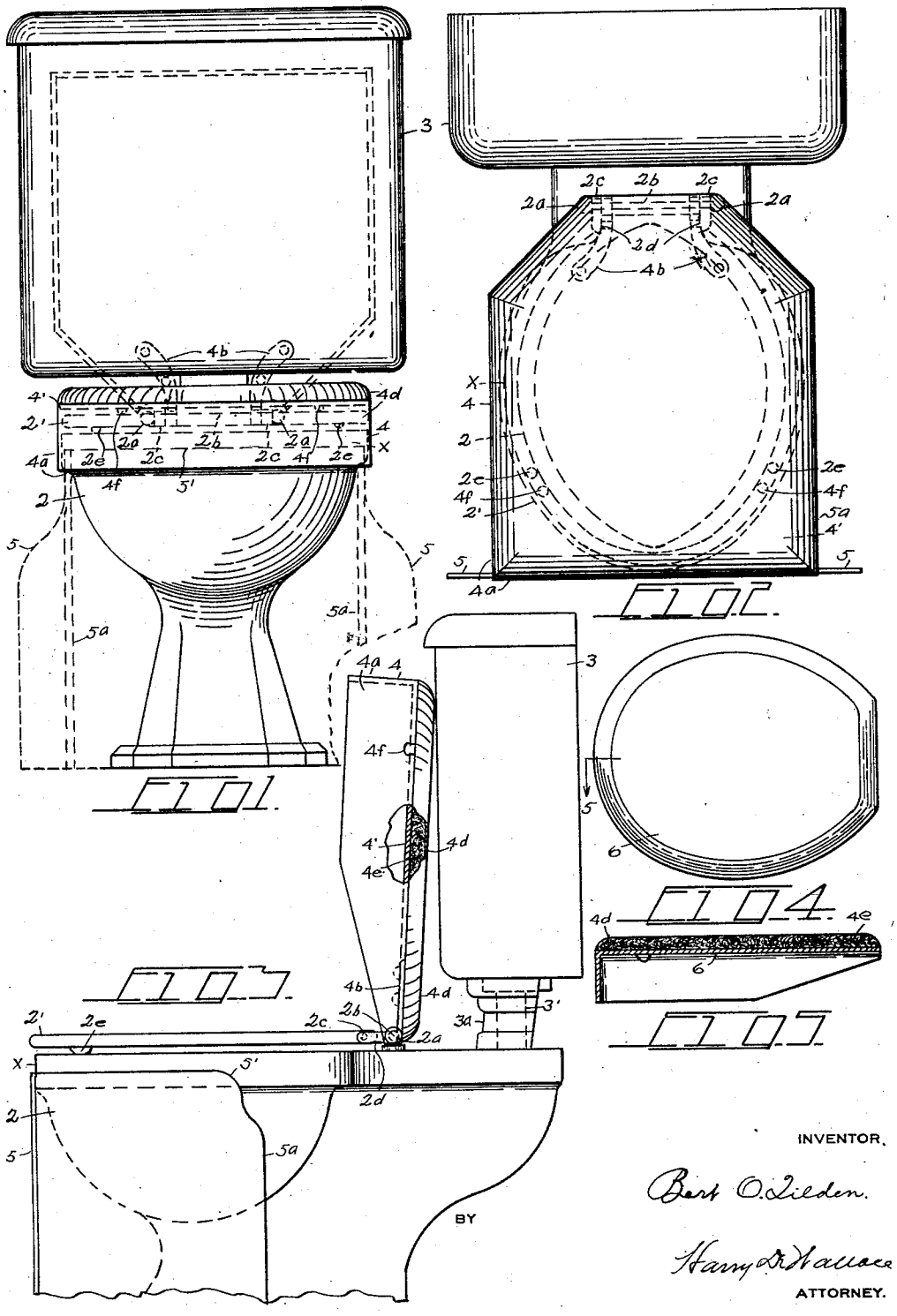
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This invention relates to water closet combinations generally, and has especial reference to means for relieving a toilet room of the offensiveness the view of the ordinary water closet suggests to the senses of persons of refinement and taste, by "camouflaging" the bowl in a manner to make it appear beautiful, as well as harmonious in coloring and design with the usual finish and furnishings of the room.

Heretofore, the whole interiors of bath or toilet rooms, including the water closet fixtures, have been almost universally finished without color, that is to say, the walls and wood-work, as well as the bath, water closet, and other furniture have usually been shiny white. The present period is one of brilliant colors and "camouflaging" of objectionable features. The trend just now, in the homes and showrooms, is towards modernistic features and furnishings, still lavish with coloring, but verging upon the extravagant and freakish, and there is too strong demand for ornamental and exclusive designs, to satisfy this modernistic urge.

The object of this invention is to present a water closet combination, wherein the bowl, tank, and seat may be permanently colored during the process of manufacture to suit the general finish of the bath or toilet compartment, and wherein the closet bowl in particular, which is always regarded as suggestive of its use, may be fitted with an upholstered seat cover and an ornamental screen which overlie the top, the front and the opposite sides of the bowl to hide said part; the general color scheme of these camouflage parts, as well as the flush tank and bowl, preferably matching the tinting of the bathroom walls and the screen preferably being so constructed as to be self-retaining, or may it be partially held in place by valances of the upholstered seat cover. The cushioned cover, the feature of primary importance in the present case, provides a comfortable and restful seat for the users of the bath, as well as during the arranging of one's toilet.

I attain these objects by the means set forth in the detailed description as follows and as illustrated by the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front side elevation of the water closet combination, showing the upholstered closet seat cover in full lines and the screen in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the combination, showing the cover raised to expose and afford access to the closet seat, also showing the screen that over-laps three sides of the bowl. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of an oval seat cover. And Fig. 5 is a central vertical longitudinal section, taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

In the drawing, 2 represents the vitrified closet bowl, and 3 is the flush tank, which connects with the rear top surface of the bowl by a pipe 3′, the latter being concealed by an ornamental china casing 3^a (see Figs. 1 and 3). 2′ represents the usual closet seat which is hinged by a mechanism comprising hinge posts 2^a, between which extends a horizontal pintle 2^b, upon which pivot hinge members 2^c, that are secured to the opposite edges of the reduced rear end of the seat, as at 2^d. 4 represents my improved upholstered closet seat cover, that comprises a plane sheet metal body 4′, whose front and side margins are formed with relatively deep valances 4^a, which when the cover is lowered, drape and screen the front and sides of, and partially lap the rim portion x, of the bowl proper. The rear end of the body 4′ is swingably secured to the pintle 2^b by loop hinge members 4^b, which are made fast to the bottom side of the cover. The side valances are preferably cut away at an angle to afford clearance when the seat is occupied, as shown in Fig. 3. The plane top surface of the body 4′, as well as the external surfaces of the valances, are preferably covered with leather or other suitable material 4^d, and the top is preferably padded with a relatively thick larger padding of any suitable cushion material, as wool or felt, shown at 4^e. The seat 2′ is preferably spaced from the rim x, by the usual bumpers 2^e, and the underside of the body 4′ is also provided with similar bumpers 4^f to separate the seat and cover. The cover 4, aside from concealing the nor-

mally open seat of the water closet, when in its lowermost position, affords a convenient and comfortable seat that may be used by a bather when undressing and dressing or otherwise arranging his or her toilet. The drawing shows the whole combination in white, but it will be understood that all the china and wood-work, as well as the upholstered seat cover 4, may be finished to match the general color scheme of the walls of the bath or toilet room, and the other furnishings. In carrying out the secondary object of the present case, the front and sides of the bowl 2, as well as its top are screened for the purpose of "camouflaging" in order to suggest to the observer upon entering the toilet room, beauty and artistry, rather than the usual odorous and repulsive character of the floor member of the combination. To this end, I provide a screen that normally rests upon the floor, and comprises a plane metal or fibrous part 5, whose top end 5′, is usually reduced and overlies the rim of the bowl, and is provided with similar rearwardly extending wings 5^a, that at least partially conceal the opposite sides of the bowl, as best seen in Fig. 3. The top 5′ of the screen is preferably telescoped by the valances 4^a, as shown in Fig. 1. By this arrangement, the screen may be held from accidental displacement, and at the same time, the screen may be temporarily removed by simply raising the cover, as shown in Fig. 3.

In Figs. 4 and 5, is shown a modified cover structure, which consists of forming the body 6 oval, instead of angular, and providing valances 6′, which conform to the curvature of the seat 4 and the rim x. The cover 6 may also be upholstered, as shown in Fig. 5.

The covers 4 and 6 with their relatively deep valances 4^a, tend to enable the siphon action of the bowl to evacuate the volatile odors with the contents of the bowl, and thus prevents their escape into the room.

By providing the upholstered cover 4, as herein shown, the floor member of the water closet combination may be utilized for an extra chair, in the rather limited space of the usual bath-room.

Obviously, the covers 4 and 6 according to the present showing, may be used to replace the ordinary plain covers of any staple water closet combination, and may be applied to the same hinge connections without change. It will also be understood that the covers 4 and 6 may be made simply as drop covers, devoid of hinge connections, perform the same functions, and have the same appearance as the dress-up for the bath-room, especially during the daytime when the room is not much used, and that other changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and intent of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, is—

1. A cover for the hinged seat of a water closet bowl comprising a plane body of greater area than the seat, said body being formed with front and lateral valances that extend below and hide the seat and rim of the bowl, the rear end of the body being pivotally connected to the pintle of the seat hinge by loop members that are secured to the under side of the body, and the lateral valances being reduced in depth at their rear ends to avoid contact with the adjacent rim portion and also afford clearance for users of the seat.

2. A cover for the upper portion of a water closet bowl comprising a body formed with front and side outwardly extending portions which latter project below the top of the bowl in one position of the cover, and means to hingedly mount the body with relation to the bowl, said side portions of the cover being cut away at their rear to prevent contact with the adjacent portions of the bowl and to also provide clearance for users.

3. Portable means for camouflaging the bowl of a water closet bowl having a seat, including a cover formed to overlie the seat and the rim of the bowl and having front and side depending portions formed to extend around the front and sides of the seat and of the rim of the bowl, and a portable screen comprising a vertical front which extends about the front of the bowl and having wings which extend about and conceal the opposite sides of the bowl and having its rear open whereby to enable the screen to be placed about and removed from the bowl by a horizontal sliding movement of the screen from the front of the bowl, the bottom of said vertical front and the bottoms of the wings being formed to loosely seat upon the floor, and the depending portions of the cover being formed to telescope the top of the front and of the wings of the screen to removably hold the latter in place on the floor.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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