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 ADVERTISING CLOSET SEAT COVER.
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FIG. 1.

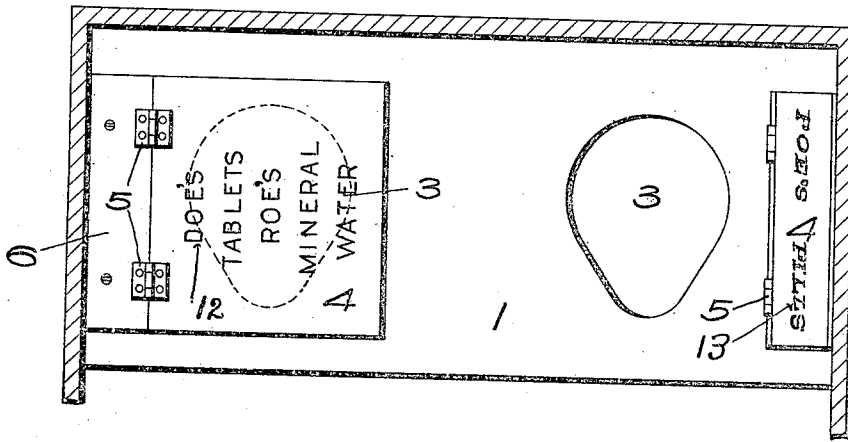


FIG. 2.

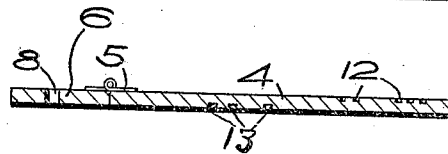
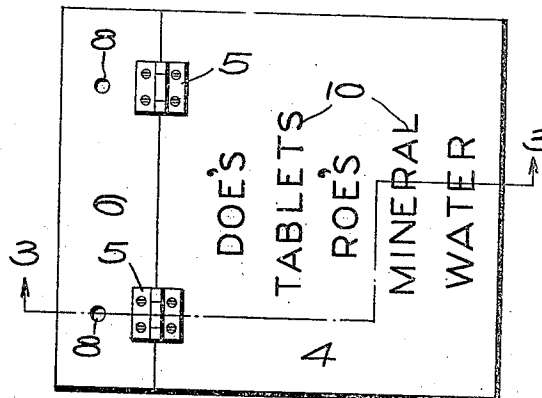


FIG. 3.

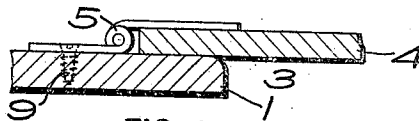


FIG. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS D. CASTLE, a resident of Barberton, in the county of Summit and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Advertising Closet-Seat Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to covers for closets or commodes and more particularly to such closets or commodes which are not provided with running water, such as universally used in the country and small towns.

The object of the invention is to provide a cover for the openings of such closets which is permanently attached to the seat in order to insure the opening being closed and the closet rendered more sanitary than at present.

A further object is to provide covers which can be very cheaply supplied in order to insure their universal use and which serve other purposes than merely as a cover for the opening.

To this end the invention comprises a cover permanently hinged to a base strip, whereby the same can be secured to the seat so that it can be quickly applied thereto, and provided on its upper surface with attention attracting matter which can serve the purpose of an advertisement and which preferably is put on in a permanent form.

The invention also comprises certain other features of construction and arrangement hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a plan view of the closet seat showing the manner of application of the cover thereto; Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of one of the covers and base strip; Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a section showing a modification.

In the drawings 1 indicates the closet seat provided with two openings 3 as is the usual custom and each closed by a cover 4. These covers are hinged so as to swing upwardly in opposite directions, that is, away from each other, or toward the ends of the seat. Each cover is hinged by hinges 5 to a base strip 6. Preferably the hinges will be secured to the cover and base strip by means of rivets so as to give a permanent connection.

The cover and base strip are made and assembled at the factory and sold as such. The base strip is provided with holes 8,

so that the cover can be fastened to the seat by ordinary wood screws. Consequently the covers can be applied very quickly and by very simple means.

Fig. 4 shows a modification in which the base strip 6 is dispensed with, and the butts of the hinges are offset or depressed as at 9 so that they can be secured directly to the seat 1.

The cover and base strip will be formed of any suitable material, but preferably of pressed or molded fiber such as indurate fiber which is very tough and strong, and is water and weather proof and very durable. In order to bring these articles to a very low price it is the intention to provide the same with suitable advertising matter on the upper surface, such as indicated at 10. This advertising matter will be applied to the cover so that it cannot be readily defaced or removed such as providing the cover with grooves which are filled with metallic paint 12 or other inlay matter of distinctly different color from the cover, so that ordinary friction due to cleaning and use cannot wear the paint off. The advertisements or other attention attracting design will be located with the top toward the hinge edge of the cover, as is apparent from Fig. 2, so as to be readily observable in a position to be easily read. On account of the advertising matter, for the privilege of which the advertisers will pay, the cost of the article described can be brought down to a very small figure, and thereby insure these articles being very extensively used. The cover serves a two-fold purpose, the one as a cover to render the closet more sanitary and the other as an advertising device.

Any suitable material may be used for the cover, and I am not limited to fiber such as described, although the latter is preferred on account of its durable and water proof qualities and the facility of applying the inlay advertising characters thereon, the grooves for these characters being pressed simultaneously with the molding of the fiber board.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the character described comprising an imperforate rigid cover, and hinges attached to one side thereof whereby said cover can be secured to a seat to swing toward the end of the latter, said cover be-

ing provided with attention attracting characters whose tops are toward the hinges whereby said characters may be readily read by a person seated by the side of said cover.

5 2. A device of the character described, comprising an imperforate rigid cover of fiber board provided with molded grooves on its upper surface, and filling in said grooves of a different color than said cover, and a
10 hinged securing member attached to said cover.

3. In a device of the character described,

the combination of seat provided with a plurality of openings and covers therefor provided with attention attracting devices 15 hinged to said seat and opening upwardly in opposite directions and toward the ends of the seat.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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