

985,535.

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Witnesses:

Jas E Hutchinson:
Charles J Kappler

Inventor:

George J. Moriarty

By H. Ralph Burton Attorney:

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

GEORGE J. MORIARTY, OF WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS.

CLOSET-SEAT ATTACHMENT.

985,535.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Feb. 28, 1911.

Application filed June 4, 1910. Serial No. 564,969.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE J. MORIARTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodstock, in the county of McHenry and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Closet-Seat Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention provides a simple and cheap device for conveniently swinging a hinged closet-seat to the lowered position of use on a closet-bowl and to a raised position when not in use.

The device includes a member pivoted to the seat, which may be grasped by the hand for bringing the seat into position of use on the bowl.

It comprises a rod pivotally secured by a suitable attaching-plate connected to the seat, the rod having a handle on its upper portion and a weight at its lower end, the weight operating to normally maintain the device in upright position.

When read in connection with the description herein, the details of construction and arrangement of parts contemplated by the invention will be apparent from the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, wherein a preferable embodiment of the invention is disclosed, for purposes of illustration.

While the embodiment of the invention shown in the drawings is preferred, as it has given satisfactory and reliable results in practice, it is to be understood that the several instrumentalities of which the invention consists can be variously organized, without departing in the least from the nature and spirit of the invention, and that the invention is not limited to the precise delineation herein.

Like reference-characters refer to corresponding parts in the several views of the drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a view of the device secured to a closet-seat; and Fig. 2 is a side view.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, A designates a closet-bowl, and B the hinged seat thereof arranged in the usual manner to be swung to position on or off the bowl.

A plate 3 is secured to the under surface of the seat, by screws, 4, usually about four inches from the rear end or line of pivotal connection of the seat to its wall support.

The plate has an outturned end 5 projecting slightly beyond the side edge of the seat.

An operating member is pivotally secured to the end 5 of the plate by a machine-screw or other suitable connection 6. The operating member consists of a rod bent to form a transverse portion 7 secured to the end of the plate and normally extending in a plane nearly horizontal, a downwardly-extending portion 8 having a weight 9 on its end, and an upwardly-extending portion 10 having its end bent to form a handle 11. The rod constituting portions 7, 8, 10, and 11 is integrally formed, and the weight 9 may be screwed on the lower end of the rod or formed integrally therewith. The weight is of sufficient size to normally maintain the rod in upright position.

When it is desired to bring the seat to position of use on the bowl, the handle 11 is grasped and the rod pulled forwardly to swing the seat forwardly and to permit it to swing downwardly onto the bowl. The seat is raised by reversal of this operation. When the handle is released, the weight 9 will operate to return the rod to its normal upright position. It will thus be seen that it is not necessary to place the hand on the seat to bring the seat to or from position of use, as that operation is satisfactorily effected by manipulation of the operating member.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An operating attachment for closet-seats comprising a member arranged to be pivotally secured to the seat and having an upwardly-extending portion adapted to be grasped by the hand and a downwardly-extending portion having a weight thereon arranged to normally maintain the attachment in upright position.

2. An operating attachment for closet-seats comprising a securing member arranged to be attached to a closet-seat, and an operating member pivoted to said securing member, said operating member including an upwardly-extending portion adapted to be grasped by the hand and a downwardly-extending portion having a weight thereon, the weight being below the point of pivotal connection of the operating member and operating to maintain said member normally in upright position.

3. The combination, with a closet-seat ar-

ranged to be swung to and from position of
use on a bowl or the like, of a member se-
cured to the seat, and an operating attach-
ment pivoted to said member, said attach-
5 ment including an upwardly-extending por-
tion adapted to be grasped by the hand, a
downwardly-extending portion, and a weight
on said latter portion operating to normally

maintain said attachment in upright po-
sition.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
in presence of two witnesses.

GEORGE J. MORIARTY.

Witnesses:

ROYAL E. BURNHAM,
H. RALPH BURTON.

Copies of this patent may be obtained for five cents each, by addressing the "Commissioner of Patents,
Washington, D. C."
