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FIG. 1

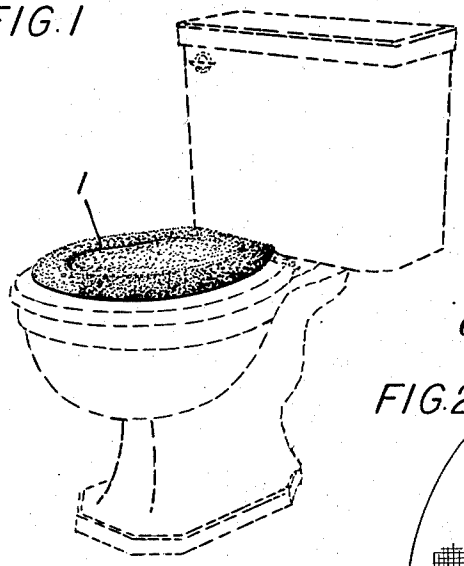


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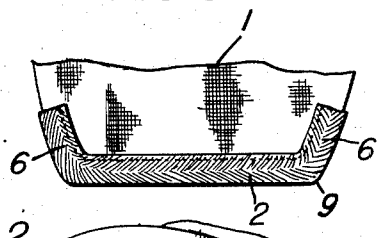


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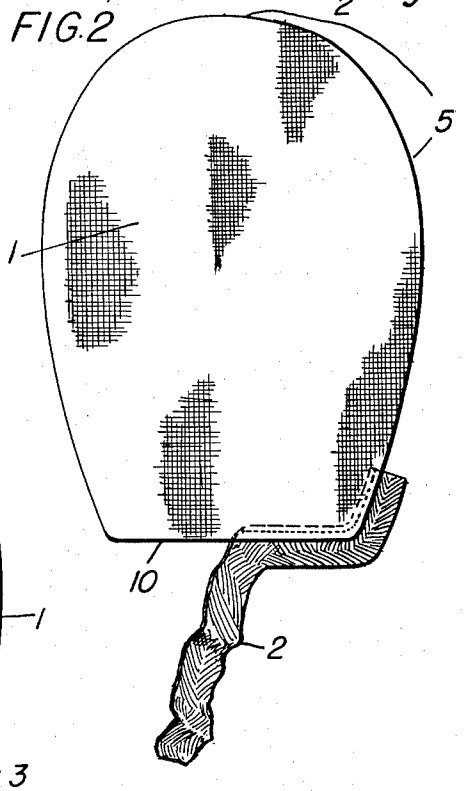
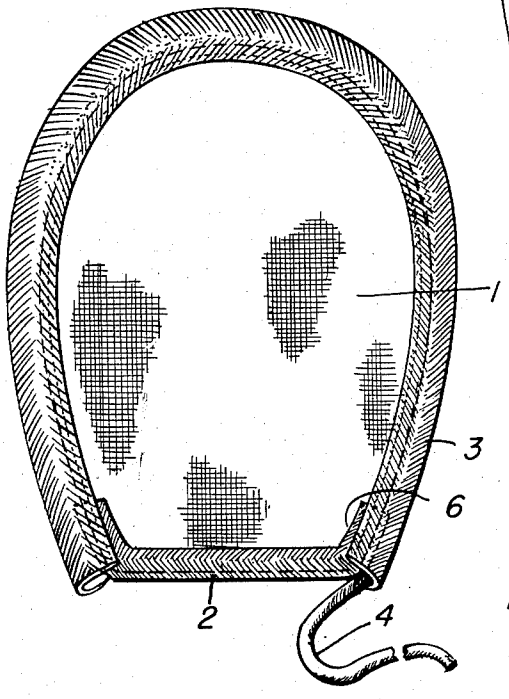


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FIG. 5

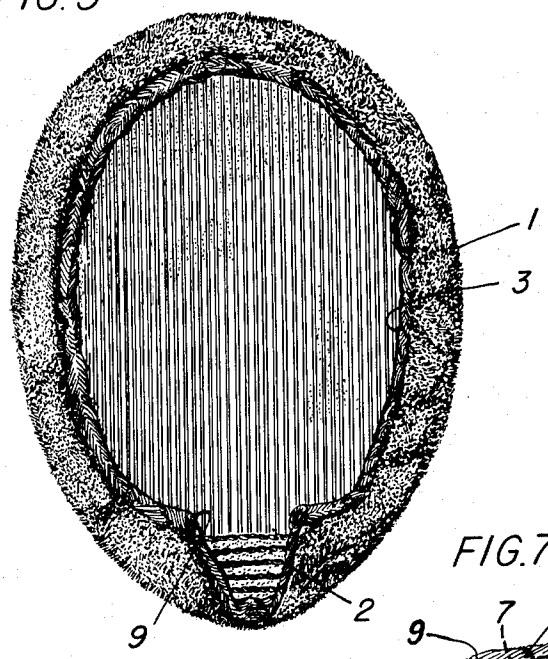


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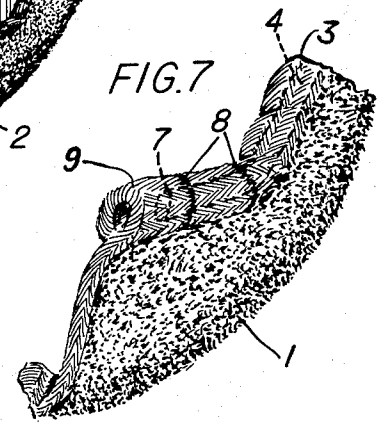
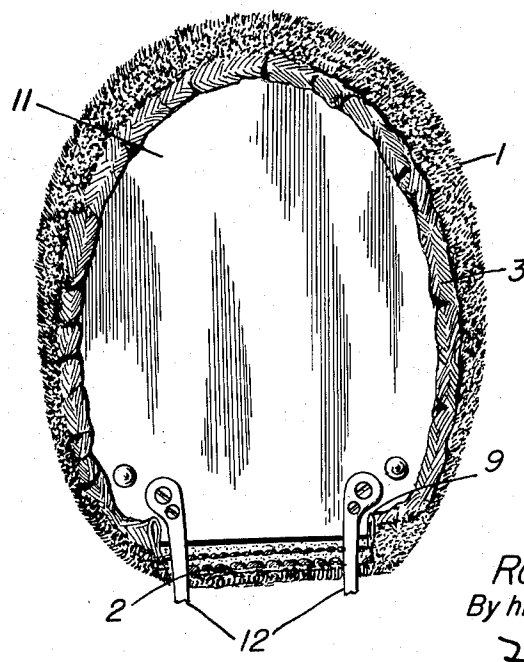


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This invention relates to a cover for a toilet seat lid. The ordinary decorative cover for the hinged lid of a toilet seat is attached by means of tapes or the like. Toilet seat covers which have tapes to hold them on the lid of the seat cannot be fastened tightly enough to keep the cover firmly in place. Furthermore, when the tapes or strings are tied in a bow-knot at the back of the lid, they are unsightly and not very sanitary. In accordance with my invention, no strings or other external elements are necessary to hold the cover firmly in place and to have it lie smooth, both over the lid and around the hinges. This arrangement is not very sightly but is easily put on and taken off. It is characteristic of a cover made in accordance with my invention that it contains an elastic cord at the edge of the material of the cover and that there is a gap in the cord at the back of the cover where the lid is hinged.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a typical flush-tank toilet with my novel cover on the lid;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the first stage in the manufacture of an embodiment of my cover, showing the sheet material of the cover with a binding partly sewn to one side of the back of the cover;

Figure 3 is a view of the back edge of the cover of Fig. 2 after completion of the stitching of the binding to both sides of the back;

Figure 4 is a view of the cover of Figs. 2 and 3 showing a tubular edging stitched around the sides and front of the cover to receive elastic cord, the beginning of the insertion of the elastic cord being indicated in the lower right-hand corner of the figure;

Figure 5 is a plan view from the bottom of a finished seat cover made in accordance with my invention;

Figure 6 is a similar view of my cover in place on a hinged lid of a toilet seat; while

Figure 7 is a detail view showing the manner of fastening one end of the elastic cord at the back of the cover.

The ordinary toilet seat lid has a curved front and sides and one or more hinges at the back attaching it to the seat. The back of the lid is usually substantially straight. My cover has a piece of sheet material 1 which is the shape of the lid but slightly larger. Textile fabric is customarily used, but other material can be employed. The material is made oversize in order that the edges may be turned under the lid. The cover also has a binding 2 on the back and a tubular

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edging 3 on the sides and front of the sheet material. There also is an elastic cord 4 in the tubular edging 3. These parts are assembled in the special manner which I will now set forth.

The binding 2 is stitched along the back edge of the cover to give a bound and slightly stiffened edge. It also assists in making the corners hereinafter referred to. The binding not only extends across the back edge of the cover, but also a short distance along the sides, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The tubular edging 3 to contain the elastic cord 4 is then sewn around the curved front and sides 5 of the cover. It will be observed that this tubular edging overlaps the ends 6 of the binding 2 on the sides of the cover and is sewn to the binding. It will be seen that the edging and binding form a corner at each point where the back meets a side (see Figs. 2, 3 and 4). This is accentuated slightly by flaring the ends of the tubular edging outwardly. While this tubular edging is shown as a separate piece of material from the material 1, it will be obvious that it could be formed as a tubular hem out of the main material, if desired. Chenille work can then be put on the cover, if desired.

The elastic cord 4 is next threaded into the tubular edging 3. Before it is put in it is marked for the desired length. This length should be such that when the cover is on the lid the elastic is only under a slight tension. In other words, the length of the cord at rest corresponds to a little less than the path of the cord when the cover is on the lid. I have found that a light tension with a heavy cord will maintain the cover in position and at the same time give the cord a long life.

I fasten the ends 7 of the elastic cord in a special manner. The two ends are anchored to the cover at points spaced from each other at the back 10 of the cover. These points are along the sides 5 a little short of each corner 9. These are the points where the binding 2 turns up the sides 5 of the cover. Each end 7 of the cord is shown anchored in the tubular edging by stitches 8 at two points (see Fig. 7). In this way each end is anchored to the cover over a distance ending short of the corner 9, so that the ends act as stiffeners.

As shown in Fig. 6, the lid 11 is mounted on the toilet by hinge means at the back edge. These are shown as two hinges 12 spaced apart some distance. Because of the presence of these hinges it is impossible merely to continue the elastic and tubular edging across the straight back 10 of the cover. The gap between the ends

of the elastic cord is such that the ends lie close beside the hinges 12. The novel manner in which my cover acts in this regard is as follows. The corners 9, as shown in Fig. 4, are folded toward the center of the cover, i. e., turned over by the cord till they face inwardly, as shown in Fig. 5. Because there is no elastic tension between them, the middle portion of the back 10 does not follow but assumes a V-shape. When the cover is placed on the lid, as shown in Fig. 6, the corners are pulled apart till the middle portion of the back 10 lies in a straight line across on top of the two hinges 12. The corners 9 maintain an extended position under the lid close beside the hinges.

The simplicity and effectiveness of the structure will be obvious.

I claim:

A cover for a toilet seat lid hinged at the back edge of the lid, comprising sheet material adapted to cover the top and to be turned under all sides

of the lid including the back edge, in combination with an elastic cord in the edge of the sheet material adapted to be under tension when the cover is on the lid, there being a gap in the cord between the hinges of the lid, and at the ends of the cord being fastened to the material beyond the back edge of the lid in a direction turning toward each other, whereby the forming of corners in the sheet material under the lid beside the hinges is facilitated and the cover lies flat at the back of the lid.

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