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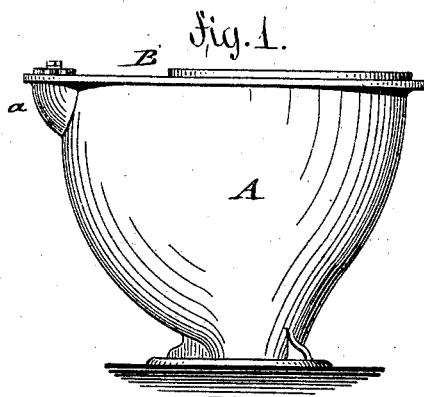


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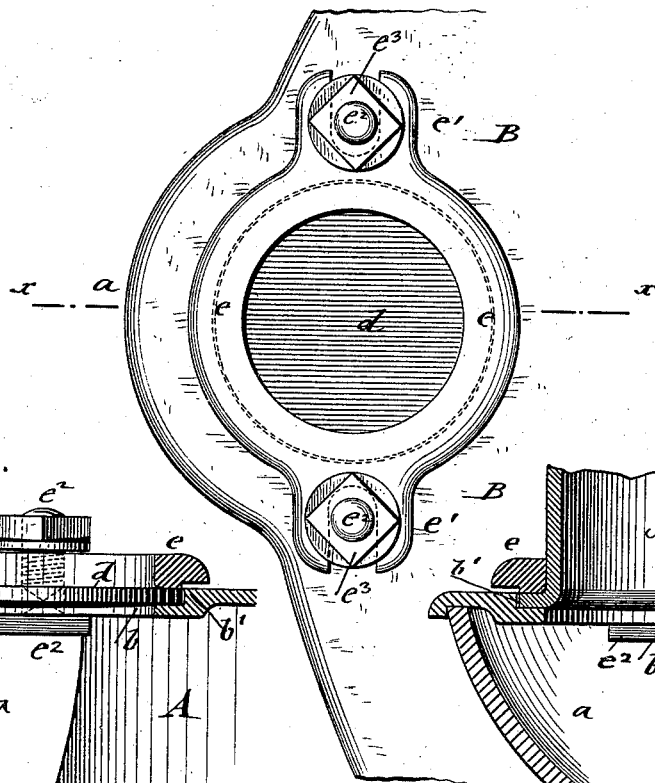
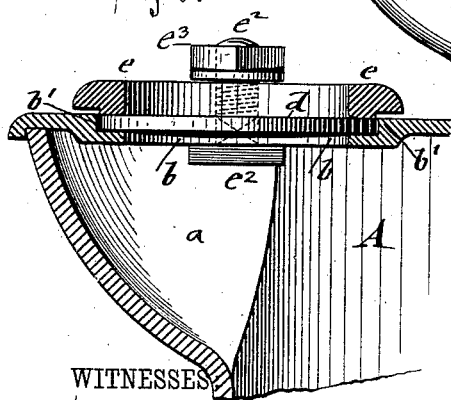


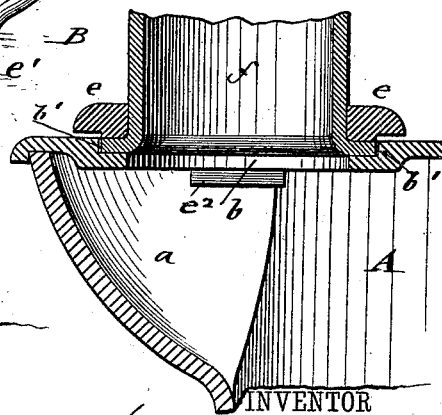
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## VENTILATING ATTACHMENT FOR WATER-CLOSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MINFORD S. CLARK, of Brooklyn, Kings county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ventilating Attachments for Water-Closets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved attachment for water-closets by which the ventilating-pipe may be conveniently attached to the hopper of the closet; and the invention consists of a water-closet the hopper of which is provided at the rear part with an enlargement or bulge, the top of the hopper having an opening above the bulge, with a depressed seat and a detachable plate retained by a collar and fastening-screws, which collar also serves to attach the ventilating-pipe after the plate is removed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a water-closet with my improved ventilating attachment. Fig. 2 is a plan of said ventilating attachment drawn on a larger scale. Figs. 3 and 4 are vertical transverse sections of the same on line *x x*, Fig. 2, showing, respectively, the ventilating-opening of the hopper closed by a detachable plate and opened and connected to the ventilating-pipe.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A in the drawings represents the hopper of my improved water-closet, which is made of cast-iron or other suitable material. At the upper rear end of the hopper A is arranged an outwardly-bulging portion, *a*, which is made integral with the hopper A. The top B of the closet is provided with an opening, *b*, and having a circumferential seat, *b'*, said opening being closed by a disk-shaped plate or cover, *d*, which is set into the seat flush with top B of the closet, and retained by a collar, *e*, having recessed ears *e'* at diametrically-opposite points, said cover being tightly secured to the top B by screw-ports *e''*, that are screwed tightly up through the top B from the under side of the same, so as to prevent gases from passing up along the threaded shanks. The bolts are provided above the top B with nuts and washers *e''*, that are applied to the upper ends of the threaded shanks of the bolts at the top of the collar *e*. The

covering-plate *d* is permanently retained in position by the bolted collar *e*, the ventilating-opening being kept closed while the closet is shipped and in case it is not desired to ventilate the hopper of the closet. Whenever it is desired to attach a ventilating-pipe to the hopper, the plate *d* is removed and the outwardly-bent flange of the ventilating-pipe *f* secured to the seat *b'* by the collar *e*, as shown in Fig. 4, the collar being then secured in position by the bolts *e''*. By this arrangement it is not necessary to cut a hole in the top B or hopper A, for soldering on the ventilating-pipe, as heretofore, whereby labor is saved to the plumber and a more convenient mode of attachment of the ventilating-pipe provided.

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

1. The combination of a water-closet hopper, A, having an enlargement or bulge, *a*, at the upper rear end, top B, having an opening, *b*, a detachable plate, *d*, a collar, *e*, and screw-bolts *e''*, for fastening the plate *d* to the top B, substantially as set forth.

2. In a water-closet, the combination of the hopper A, having a bulge, *a*, a top, B, having an opening, *b*, and seat *b'*, a detachable covering-plate, *d*, a collar, *e*, having recessed ears *e'*, and fastening nuts and bolts *e''*, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the hopper A, having a bulge, *a*, made integral therewith, a top, B, having an opening, *b*, a detachable covering-plate, *d*, a collar, *e*, and bolts *e''*, screwed from the under side through the top, and nuts *e''*, applied to the upper ends of the bolts, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination of a water-closet hopper A, having an enlargement or bulge, *a*, at the upper rear end, a top, B, having an opening, *b*, above the bulge *a*, a collar, *e*, and screw-bolts *e''*, for fastening the collar to the top, so as to secure either a detachable covering-plate, *d*, or the ventilating-pipe *f*, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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