

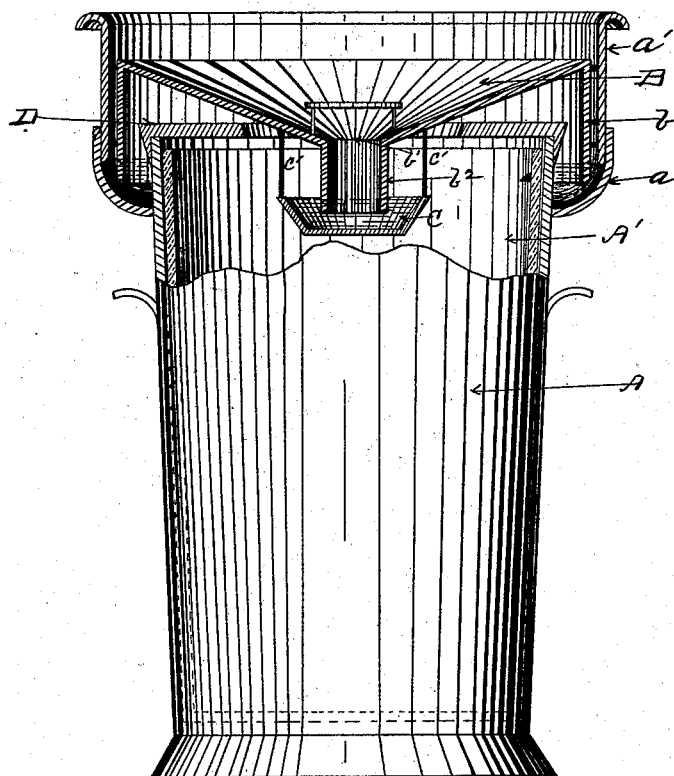
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TOILET JAR COMMODO.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LEVI W. SWAFFORD and CHARLES AUGUSTUS BURNS, citizens of the United States, residing at Vicksburg, in the county of Warren and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toilet Jar Commodes; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to toilet jar commodes, and has for its object the provision of a device which is convertible into a jar or commode at will, having means for sealing the cover upon it, so as to prevent the escape of odors, noxious gases, and unpleasant smells, and for providing a sealed opening through the cover, which is made concave for the passage of water and slops, and for preventing the splashing of such water or slops when emptied or poured upon the lid, and, lastly, in supplying or providing a removable bowl or bucket on the inside of the main jar, which is made of porcelain, galvanized iron, or some other non-absorbent and non-corrosive substance.

The accompanying drawing illustrates what we consider the best means for carrying out our invention.

The figure represents a partial central vertical section and a partial elevation of the device.

A is the body of the commode or jar, made of any suitable material.

A' is the interior removable vessel, made of porcelain, earthenware, galvanized iron, or some other non-absorbent and non-corrosive material, and provided with ears or a handle by which it can be readily removed from the jar or body A.

The part A is provided around the top with

a trough or groove, *a*, which is formed by running a wall out from and up beside the body of sufficient depth to contain an amount of water which will seal the lid or cover.

B is the lid or cover, which is provided on its under edge with a lip or flange, *b*, which extends down into the trough *a*, and when the latter is filled with water, as it is intended to be, the jar will be sealed around this line. The lid or cover, as already stated, is concave or hollowed on top, and at the center is provided with a mouth or inlet-passage, *b'*, which is extended on the under side into a tube or mouth-piece, *b²*, and under this mouth is suspended a cup or trap, *c*, held by hangers or straps *c'*, attached to the under side of the lid. This cup or trap *c* is held high enough up so that the mouth-piece *b²* will at its lower end project into said cup *c*, and when the latter is filled with fluid, as it is intended to be, and as it will be when water or slops are poured upon the lid or cover, a complete seal will be formed, which will effectually prevent the escape of odors, gases, and unpleasant smells through this point or opening. Attached to the lid or cover is a splash-board, *a'*, which fits down into the trough *a* and prevents the slops from getting out on the floor. This splash-board may be simply an extension of lip or flange *b*, or it may be a separate piece attached to cover B, with a space between them.

When it is desired to use the device as a commode, the lid or cover B, with splash-board, is removed and a seat, D, is exposed already in place upon, or may be set upon, the vessel A, which fits the device for such use without further change. The interior bucket or bowl, A', may be inserted when the device is used as a commode and removed when it is used simply as a slop-jar, or it may be used all the time.

The seat D is provided with an annular groove or flange, which just fits the circumference of the vessel A, and prevents the seat from slipping off.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

5 In a toilet jar commode, the combination, with the vessel or body A, having the trough *a*, of the cover B, having the downwardly-projecting wall *b*, and a splash-board, *a'*, secured upon said cover, with an open space between the wall *b* and said splash-board, said splash-
10 board extending down into the trough *a*, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of four witnesses.

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