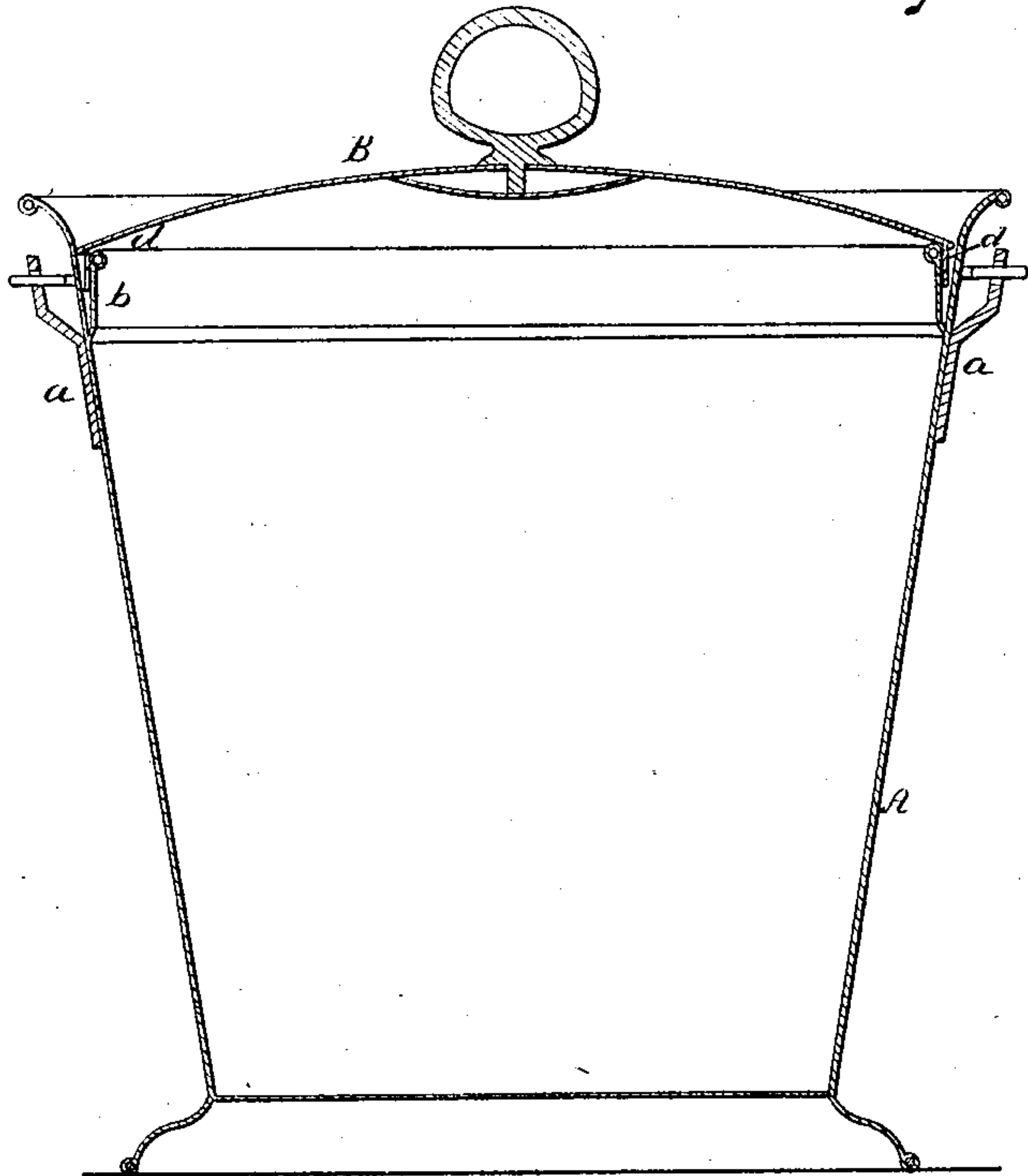


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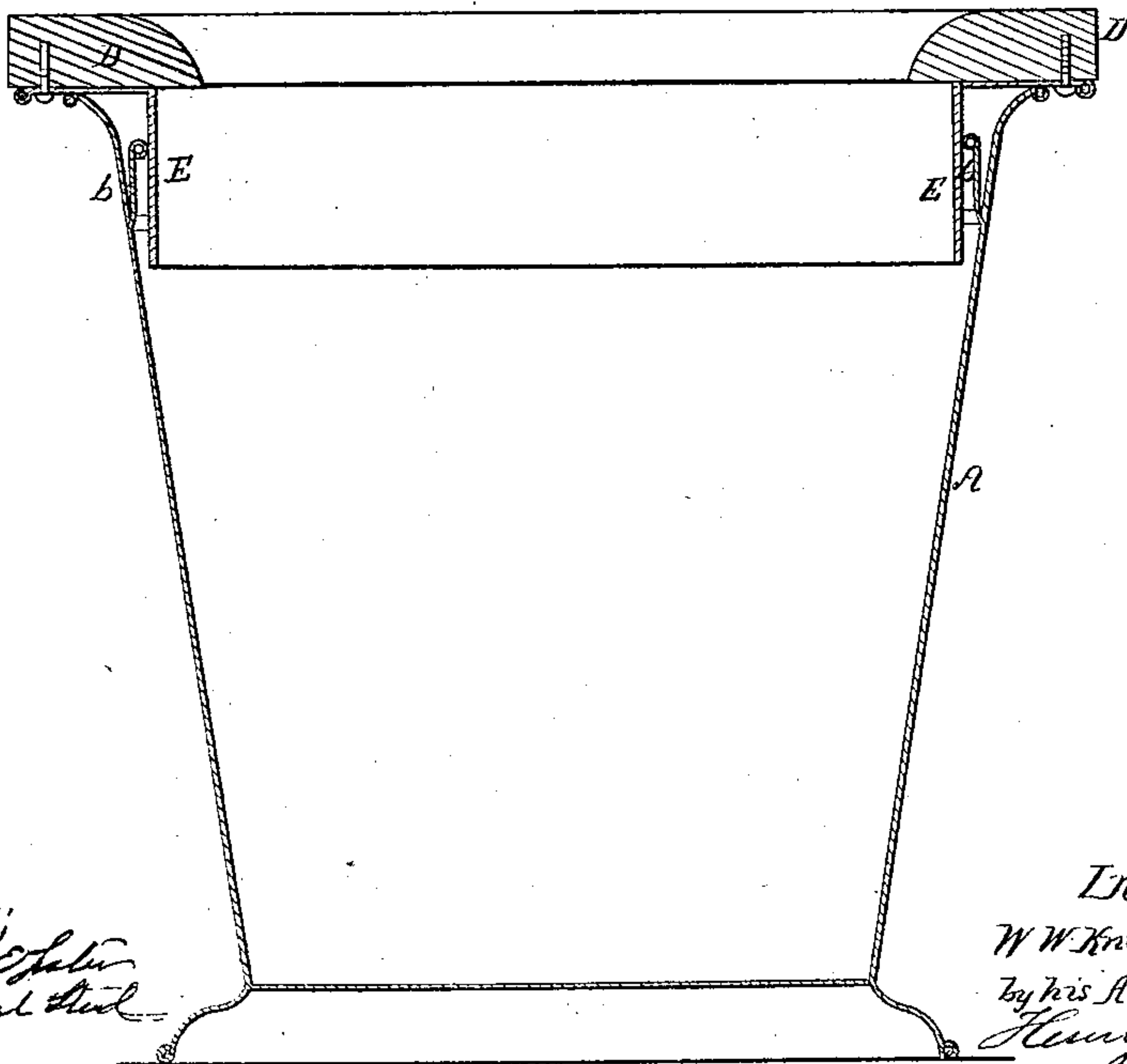
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## IMPROVEMENT IN CHAMBER-BUCKETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 53,632, dated April 3, 1866; antedated March 23, 1866.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. KNIGHT, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a Combined Night-Stool and Slop-Can; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists of a seat with a plate adapted to and combined with a slop-can in the manner described hereinafter, so that the can may be used as a convenient night-stool, and so that the seat can be removed and replaced by a cover, which effectually prevents the contents of the can from tainting the surrounding air.

In order to enable others to make my invention, I will now proceed to describe the manner of constructing the same.

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figures 1 and 2 are sectional views of my improved slop-can and night-stool.

A represents the body of a slop-can of the usual form, there being near the upper edge two plates, *a*, to which is connected the ordinary bail or handle.

Within the can and at a short distance from the upper edge of the same is an annular strip, *b*, the lower edge of which is soldered or otherwise secured to the can, and between the latter and the strip is an annular space for the reception of a supply of water, into which passes the annular rib *d* of the cover B, so that there can be no possibility of the effluvia from the contents of the can escaping to the external air.

When the can has to be used as a night-stool, the cover B is removed and the seat shown in Fig. 2 is applied. This seat consists of a circular piece, D, of wood, having a suitable opening, and to the under side of this wood is secured the horizontal portion of the annular plate E, which rests on the top of the can, the vertical portion of this plate projecting downward into the can. While this vertical portion of the plate E serves to retain the seat in its proper position on the can it protects the annular water-space above alluded to, and the edges of the opening in the cover so far overhang the vertical portion of the plate that the latter cannot become soiled.

When a further use of the seat becomes unnecessary it is removed and the cover B applied, which effectually prevents the contents of the can from tainting the air surrounding it.

It will be seen without further description that the above-described utensil is especially applicable to hospitals, where the necessities of patients are apt to prevent the preservation of cleanliness and to taint the air.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The seat D, with its plate E, adapted to and combined with the slop-can A and its plate *b*, in the manner described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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