

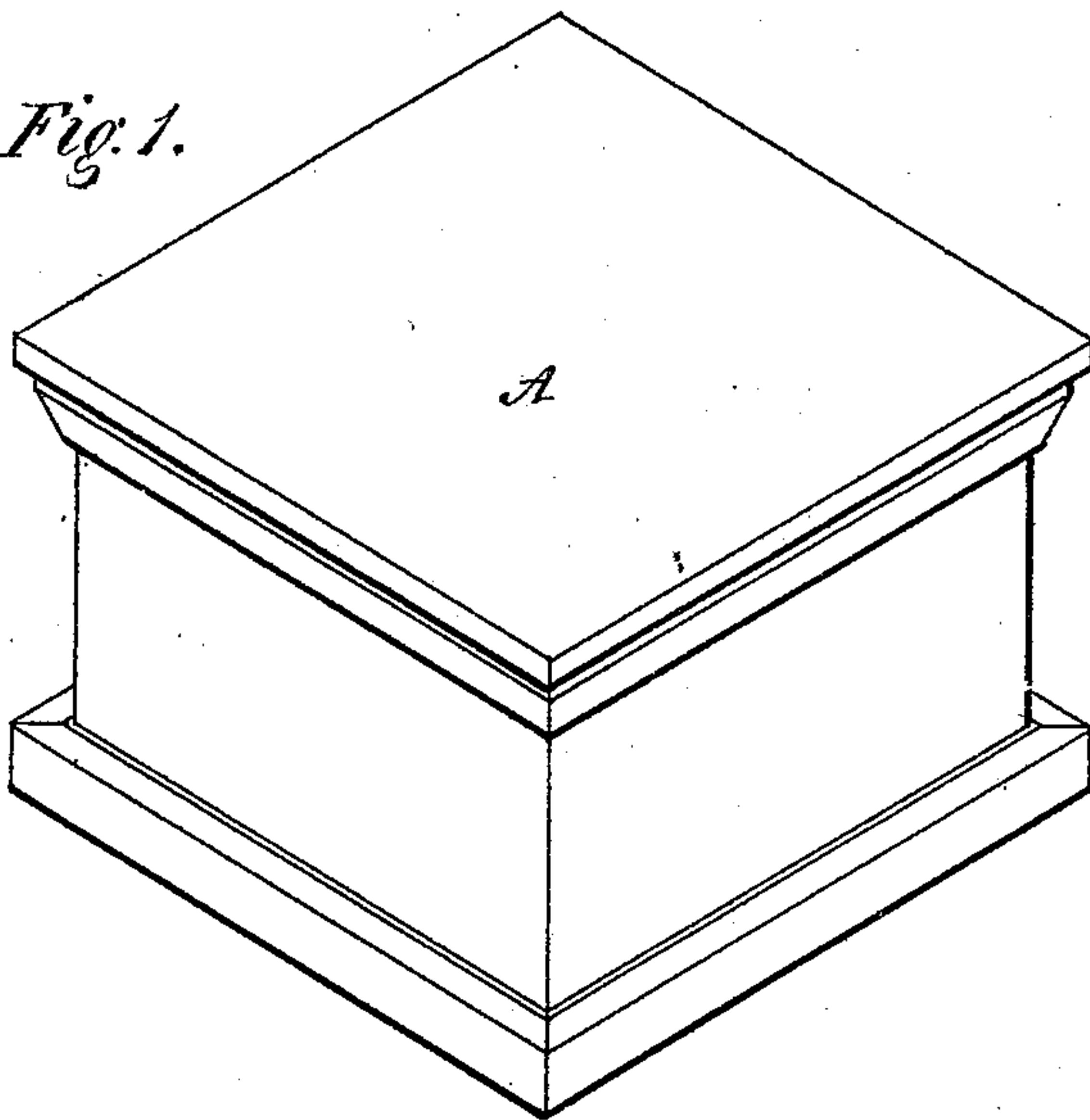
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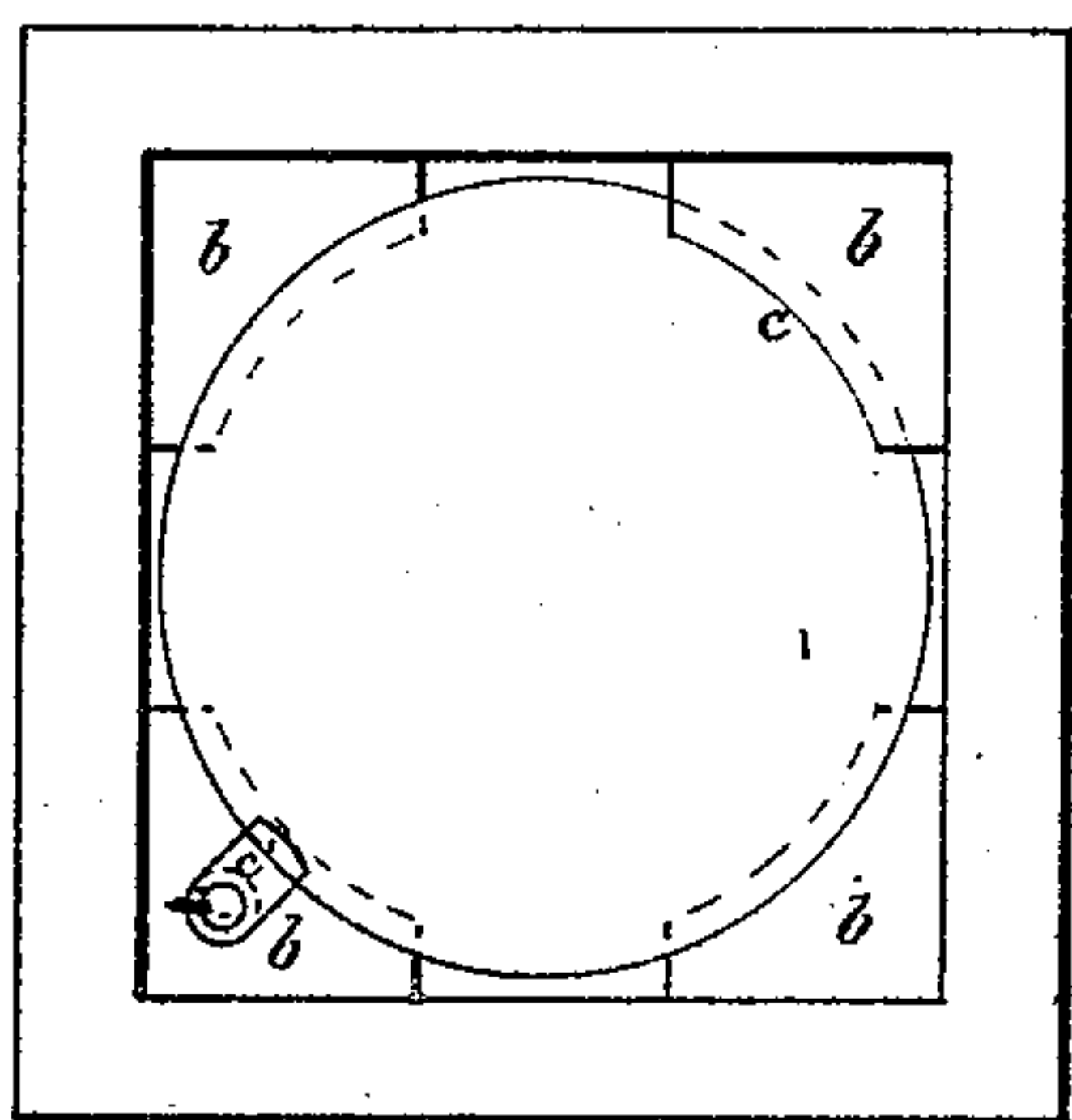
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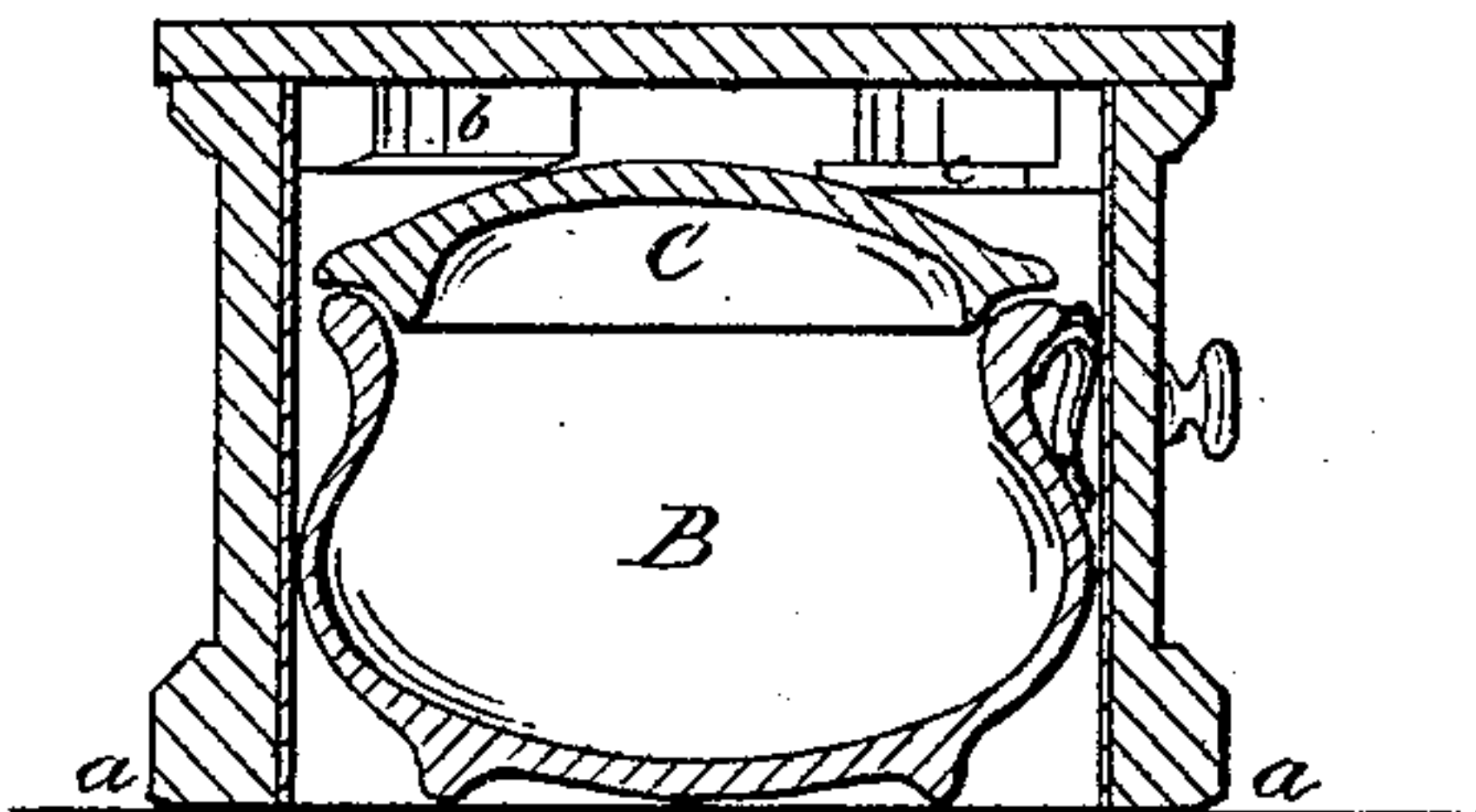
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMMODES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SYDNEY E. SMITH, of Georgetown, in the county of Washington and District of Columbia, have invented an Improved Commode, of which the following is a specification:

In sleeping apartments generally, and especially those of persons occupying furnished rooms, almost the first object that comes in view is the unsightly chamber utensil under the bed, which, after all other expedients have been tried, is the only proper place for it. We have often seen it stowed away in a closet, under the wash-stand, or in some similar place; but this, while it secretes it, is undesirable on account of the odor imparted to the entire piece of furniture, prohibiting its use as a receptacle for any other articles, and after having been thus used for a short time it gives out a sickening smell every time the closet is opened.

The object of this invention is to provide a means of hiding the unsightly object, and presenting to view as a substitute a rather ornamental and unique incasement, corresponding in style and general appearance with the other furniture in the room, and at the same time constituting a close cover to prevent the escape of the slightest trace of the effluvia.

The invention consists in a bottomless case enveloping the utensil, lined with any suitable fabric to deaden the sound caused by its striking against the earthen vessel in sliding it over the floor, or in removing or replacing it over said vessel; also, in providing it with a means of securing the earthen cover within the top of said case, so as to be lifted together when it is not desirable that the former should remain on the utensil.

To enable others to understand my invention, I will describe it by referring to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents an isometrical perspective view of the case constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is an inverted

view, showing the interior of the same. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section thereof.

The same letters indicate like parts in the several figures.

A represents a rectangular or other suitably-shaped case to envelop the ordinary chamber utensil B. This is close made on four sides and on the top, but has no bottom. It may be plain or paneled and trimmed with moldings to correspond with other articles of furniture that it is intended to accompany. The bottom edge of this case is slightly rounded outwardly, as at *a*, to prevent the abrasion of the carpet in sliding it over the floor. The inside of the case A is fitted with angle-blocks *b*, on three of which the rim or edge of the earthen cover C rests when both are inverted, while the fourth is provided with a lip, *c*, under which the rim of said cover is slipped, and a turn-button, *c'*, on the opposite corner block overlaps the rim at that point. This being done, the case may be turned right side up, and the earthen cover will be retained in its top, and there held securely while placing the case over the utensil or removing it therefrom. This case is furthermore lined with canton-flannel, baize, or india-rubber, *d*, to deaden the sound and prevent the risk of chipping the crockery by striking it with the hard wooden case in removing or replacing the latter.

What is here claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a commode consisting of a bottomless case lined with a soft fabric, and adapted to cover or incase the ordinary chamber utensil, as described.

2. The combination of the rests *b* with the lip *c* and turn-button *c'*, arranged within the case A, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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