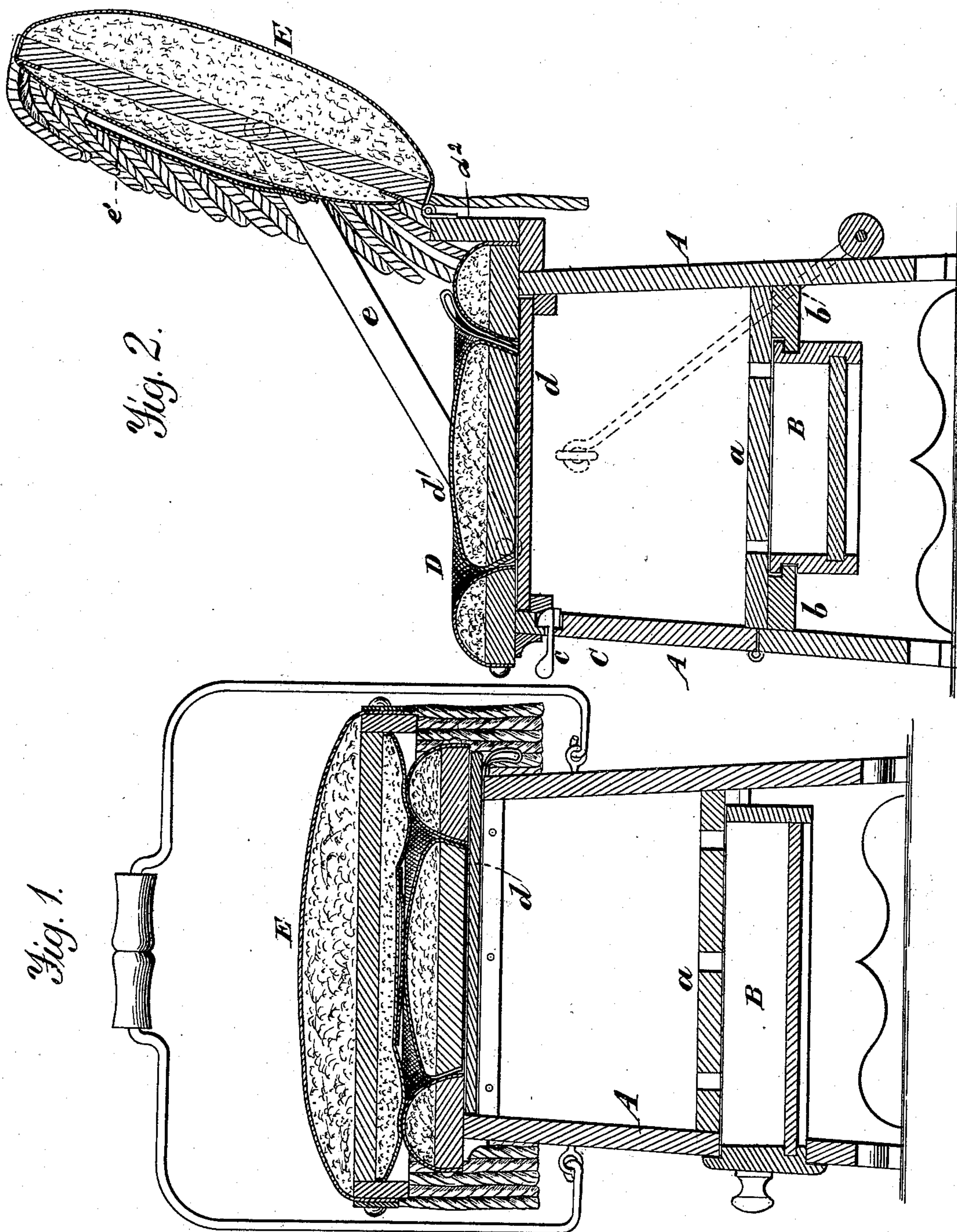


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMMODES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM REED, of Westville, in the county of La Porte and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Commodes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a transverse vertical section of my improved commode, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section thereof.

Corresponding parts in the two figures are denoted by similar letters of reference.

This invention appertains to certain improvements in portable commodes, the objects of which are to effectually prevent the escape of noxious odors and gases into the room, and to enable the same to be used as an ottoman when not used as a commode; and to these ends they consist in the combination and arrangement of parts, substantially as hereinafter described, and fully pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, A marks a case or box, preferably of a rectangular shape, and broader at the base than the top, which is divided into an upper and lower chamber by a perforated partition, *a*. Arranged immediately below this partition *a* is a drawer, B, which slides upon ways *b*, said ways being secured to the partition *a*. The drawer B is provided with a suitable knob or handle for its manipulation. Any suitable disinfectant is placed within the drawer to neutralize the noxious odors arising from the evacuated matter within the vessel.

C marks a door, (hinged to the front of the case A,) which opens downwardly, and is provided with a spring-catch, *c*, to hold it to the case A when closed. The object of this door is to permit of the placing of the vessel within or its removal from the upper chamber.

D is the seat, having an orifice usual to commode-seats, and having arranged immediately below it, upon suitable ways, a slide, *d*, the object of which is to prevent the effluvia arising from the evacuated matter within the vessel

escaping into the room. The upper side of the seat D is stuffed and upholstered, as is also the lid *d*¹, which closes the orifice in the seat.

Fastened to the upper rear end of the case A is an upright or piece, *d*², its top edge being on a line with (or, when the under side of the top or cover E is stuffed, a little above) the top of the cushioned seat D. Hinged to the upright or piece *d*² is a top or cover, E, of a size larger than the top of the case A, said top or cover being stuffed and upholstered on both sides and suitably trimmed with fringe, &c., to present the appearance, when resting on the seat, of an ottoman.

The top is held in an upright position by straps *e*, secured, one on each side, to the top and case, by which means the top or cover can be used as a back or rest to the person on the seat. A pocket, *e'*, for papers is made in the upholstering on the under side of the top E, immediately over the orifice in the seat.

It will be seen that when the top or cover is shut down upon the seat the upholstering on the under side of the top will closely fit the cushioned seat, and effectually prevent the escape into the room of noxious odors from the contents of the vessel.

A bail or handle is secured to the case A, to allow of the commode being carried from place to place.

It will be observed that the fumes arising from the disinfectant placed in the drawer will pass through the perforations in the partition *a* and commingle with and neutralize the noxious odors from the contents of the vessel.

This commode can be manufactured in a plain or costly manner, as desired.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a portable commode, the combination, with the case A, having a cushioned perforated seat, D, of the hinged lid or cover E, stuffed and upholstered on its under side, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a portable commode, the combination, with the case A, having the slide *d* and cushioned perforated seat D, of the hinged lid or cover E, stuffed and upholstered on its under side, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the cushioned seat

D, having the upright or piece d^2 , its top edge being on a line with (or, when the under side of the top is cushioned, a little above) the top of the seat D, of the top or cover E, cushioned on its under side, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. In a portable commode, the case A, having the drawer B and perforated partition a in combination, substantially as shown and described.

5. A portable commode consisting of the case A, having the perforated partition a ,

drawer B, slide d , door C, cushioned seat D, having upright d^2 , and top or cover E, cushioned and upholstered on both sides, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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