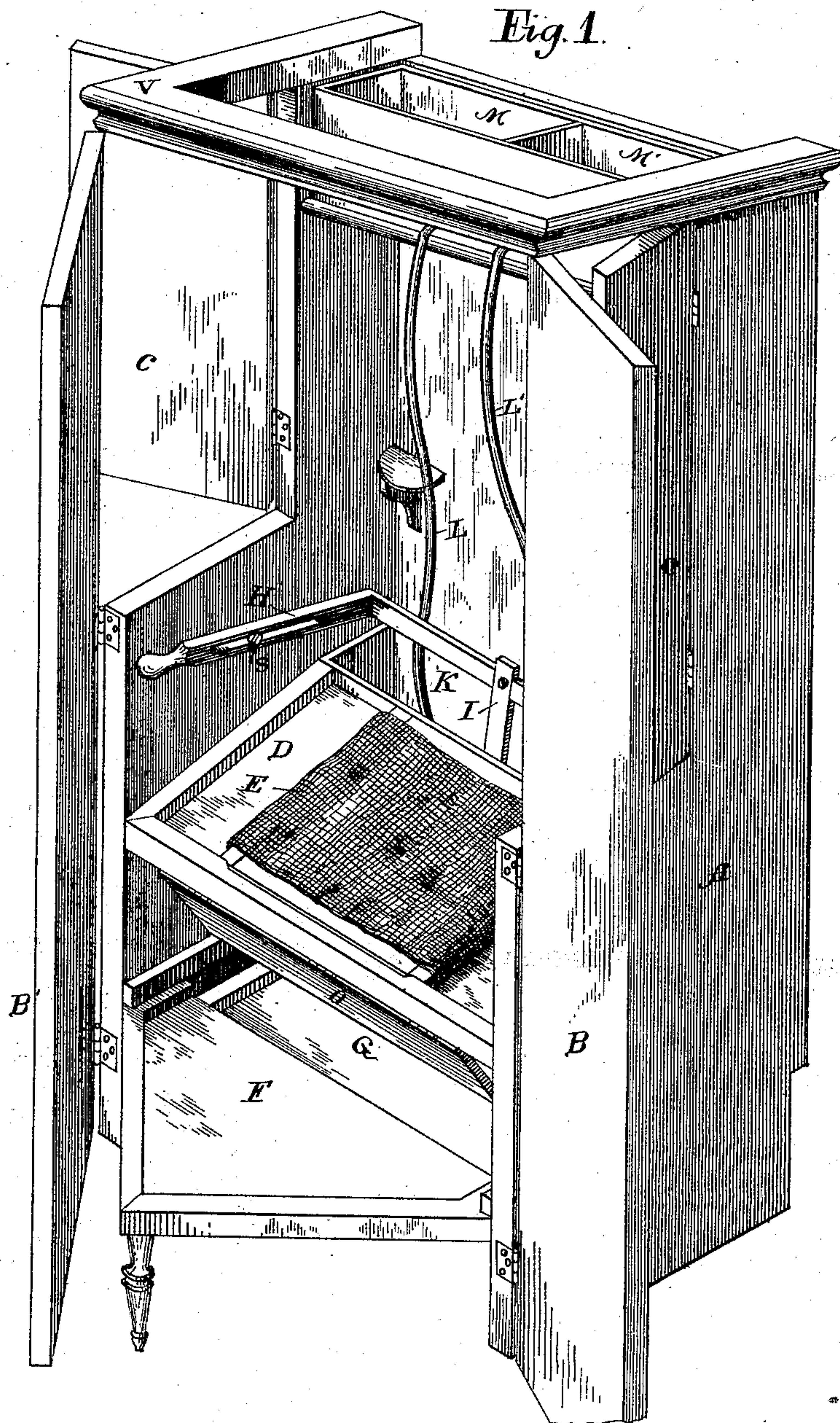


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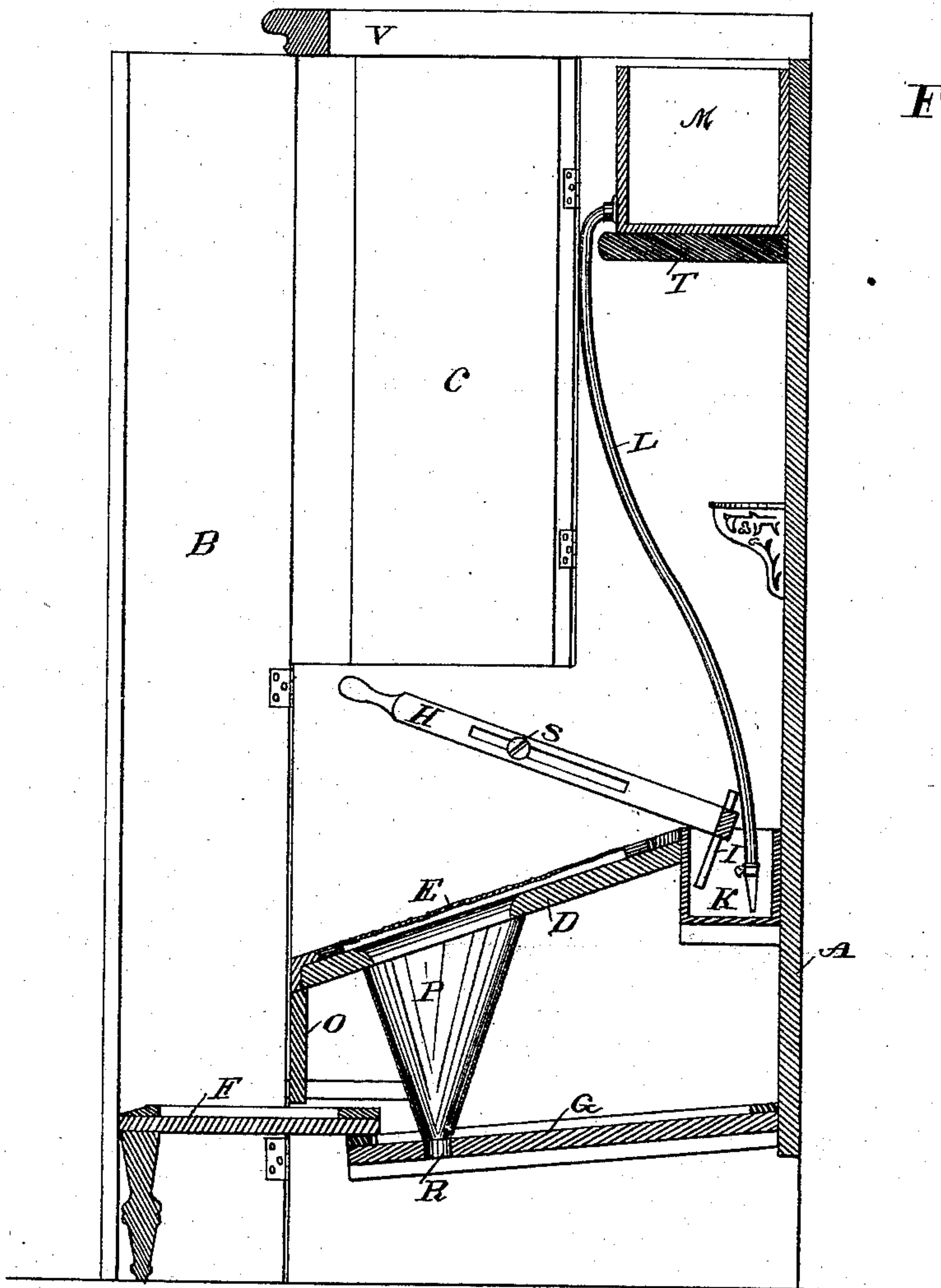


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE BATH-CLOSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY J. DEXTER, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Bath-Closets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to improvements in portable bath rooms or closets; and it consists in the device hereinafter to be described.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view, and Fig. 2 a vertical central section, of my invention.

A is the room or closet, which is provided with small side doors, *c c*, and large doors B B'. On its inside the room or closet is provided with a sliding foot-rest, F, and slanting seat D, which seat has an opening in its center, which may be covered with wire-gauze E, or any material which will allow the water to pass through into the funnel P, emptying into a suitable waste-water receptacle below; and in front of this funnel is a swinging flap, O, for concealing it. Just above the seat D an elbow-lever, H, is pivoted to the side of the room or closet by a bolt, *s*, passing through a slot therein; and to the rear arm of this lever a block, I, is fixed, for a purpose hereinafter to be stated.

In the top of the room or closet I arrange two troughs, M M', and from them depend, respectively, two tubes, L L', which dip into a trough, K, arranged just back of the seat D.

Operation: This room or closet is portable, and may be readily removed from one room to another, and each of the doors B B' is two-thirds as wide as the closet, so that when closed they will overlap; or they may be simply bowed, so that they will close the front of the room or closet and rest against the sides of the trian-

gular foot-rest F; or one of the doors—that on the side toward the occupants of the room—may be opened out on a line with the side of the closet, and thus screen the occupant of the closet from observation.

Suppose a lady is bathing. She takes her seat upon the gauze E, and, a sponge or brush having been tied or otherwise attached to the block I, by working the lever H she can alternately dip the sponge or brush in the water in trough K and apply it to the person, or an attendant, reaching through either of the small doors, can assist her ablutions.

The troughs M M' may be filled, one with hot and the other with cold water, either by hand or through pipes leading from the city water-supply.

Brackets may be put up in my portable bath room or closet at suitable points for various toilet articles.

I claim—

1. In a portable bath room or closet, the seat D, having a trough in its rear, in combination with the pivoted lever for holding a sponge or brush, as set forth.

2. In a portable bath room or closet, the combination of the troughs M M', the trough at the rear of the seat, and the lever H.

3. The foot-rest F, in combination with the doors B B' and seat D, as set forth.

4. A portable bath room or closet having troughs M, M', and K, seat D, doors B B' and *c c*, and sliding foot-rest F, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of September, 1879.

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