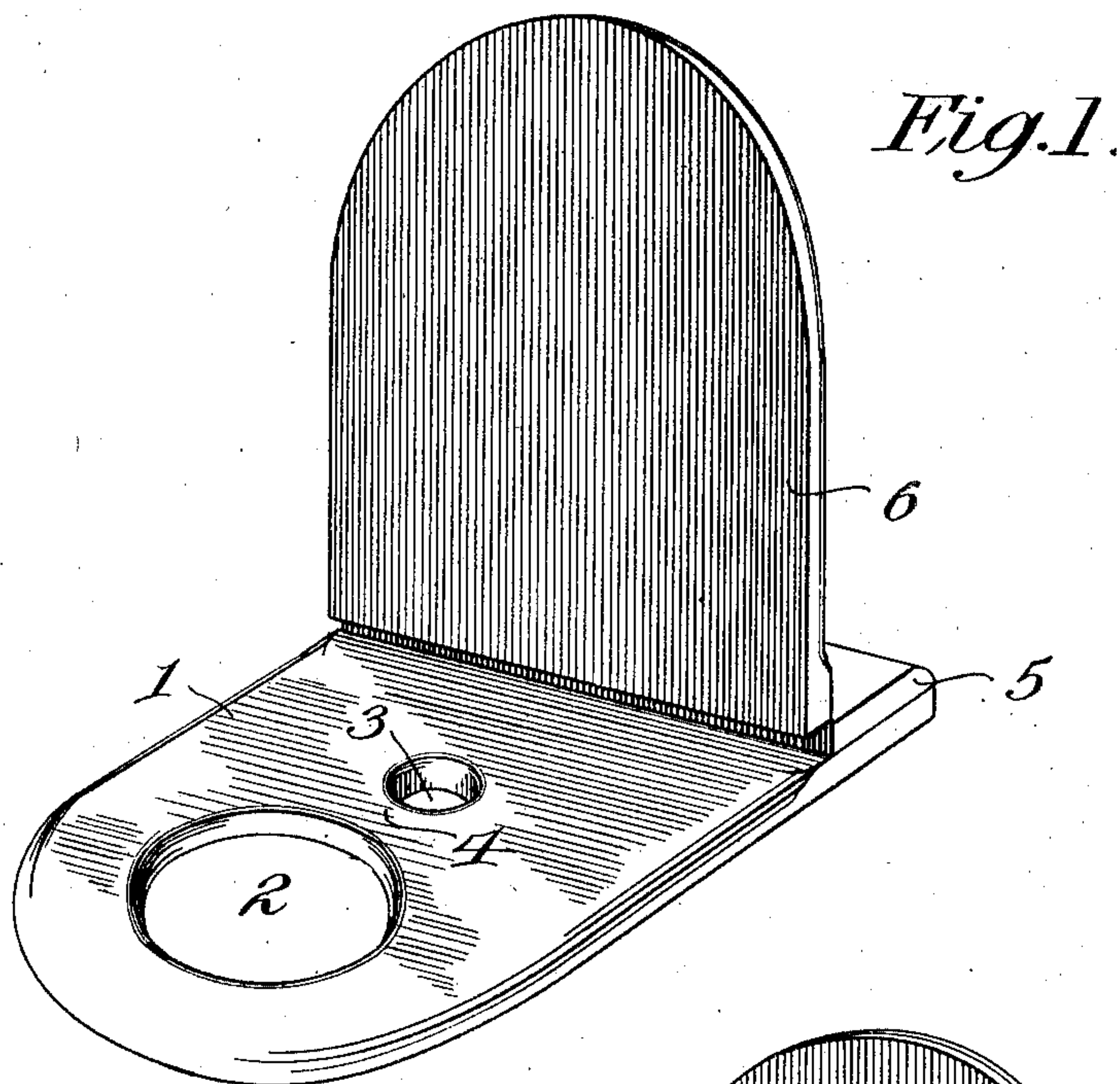


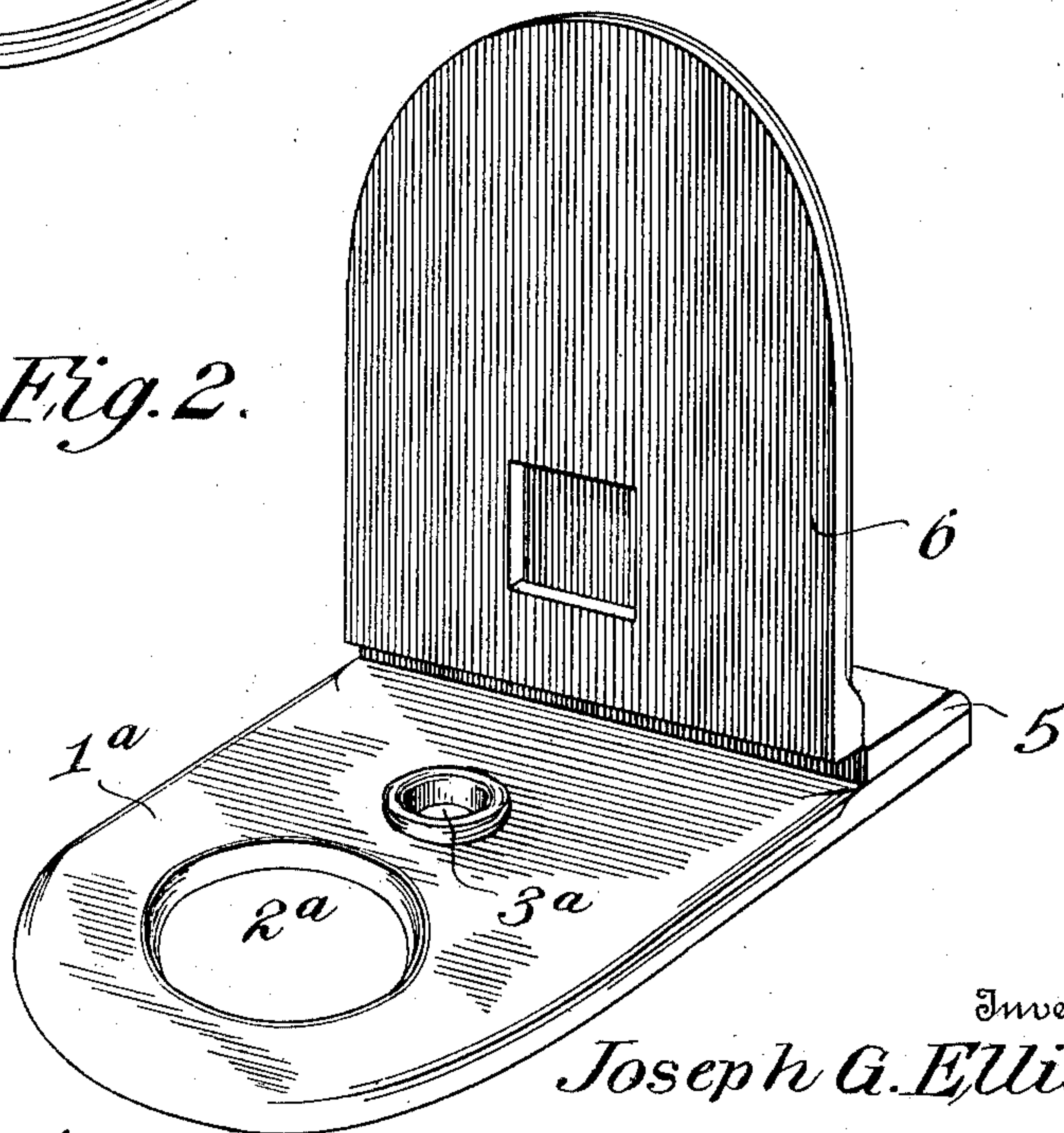
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH G. ELLIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denison, in the county of Grayson and State of Texas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Closet-Seats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to closet seats and has for an object the provision of a seat which is designated particularly for the treatment and aid in cure of prolapsus of the anus and other rectal diseases and for supporting the rim of the rectum and the sphincter muscles during defecation to prevent the parts from prolapsing and from other injurious distending effects of straining at stool, the seat being formed to provide a series of openings of different sizes for the passage of the urine and the fecal matter and arranged and located with respect to each other to form an annular support from which the desired upward pressure against the rim of the rectum and sphincter muscles will be effectively obtained.

In the drawings, forming a part of the specification: Figure 1 is a detail perspective view of the seat. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a slightly modified form thereof.

Essentially the invention consists in employing a seat member 1 which may be rectangular, as shown, or of any configuration that may be found most suitable for the occasion. This member is of a portable type preferably so that it may be used in connection with any well known form of commode, or suitable vessel, or if desired, it may be used as a permanent part of any well known form of closet bowl or like fixture. An opening 2 is formed in the member 1 near the front thereof and directly to the rear of such opening, the member is formed to provide a much smaller opening 3, whose walls will fit close around the anus to support or hold such parts up during defecation and to exert such pressure against the rim of the rectum and the sphincter muscles that will prevent the parts from prolapsing and other

injurious distending effects. These openings are separated from each other by the support 4. At the rear of the opening 3, the member 1 has secured thereto a strip or support 5 on which is hingedly mounted a closure 6 which may be folded onto the member 1 to close the openings therein, as is obvious. This closure whose office is primarily for the above named purpose is also intended to be used as a back support for the user of the device. The constant use of the device described and shown herein, will afford great relief and materially aid in the treatment of said diseases; and if used by those not afflicted with rectal diseases such as prolapsus yet having a weakness, which might result in prolapsus, or like diseases, it may have a tendency to prevent such rectal diseases.

In the form of my invention shown in Fig. 2, the member 1<sup>a</sup> is formed to provide the openings 2<sup>a</sup> and 3<sup>a</sup> which are substantially the same as those described in the preferred form of my invention, the difference being in the provision of a small annular ring of rubber or like material which surrounds the small opening to give additional pressure and support.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. A closet seat comprising a flat member having a front opening to permit the passage of urine and a rear opening to permit the passage of feces, said rear opening being adapted to fit around the rectum to embrace the same, and a support separating the openings from each other and adapted to exert an upward pressure against the rim of the rectum.

2. A closet seat including a flat member having an opening therein of a size to permit that part of the seat immediately around the opening to embrace the rim of the rectum and to exert an upward pressure thereagainst, the said member having a second opening therein occupying the same general plane with the first opening and being out of communication with said opening.

3. A closet seat having a large front opening to permit the passage of urine and a small rear opening to permit the passage of feces, the said openings being out of communication with each other and arranged in the same general plane, the part of the seat immediately surrounding the small rear opening being adapted to embrace the rec-

tum and to exert an upward pressure there-against.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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