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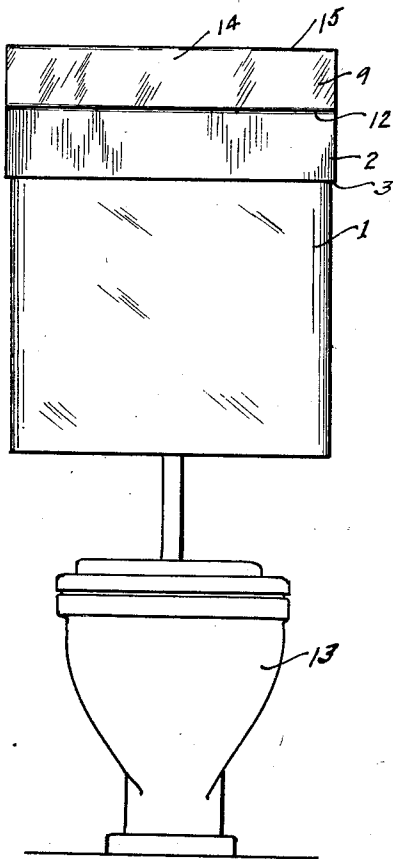


Fig. 1

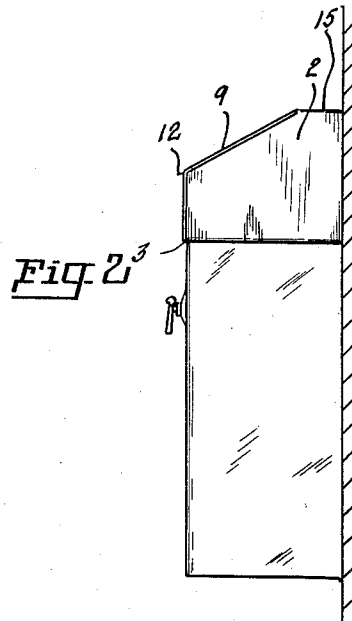


Fig. 2

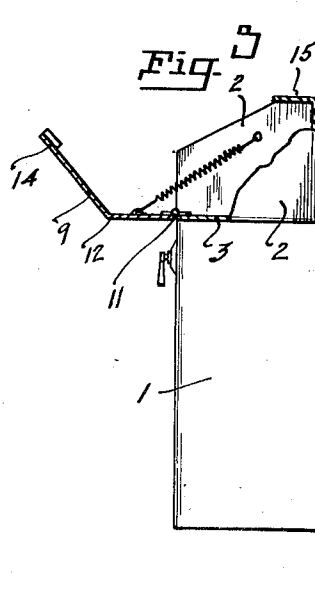


Fig. 3

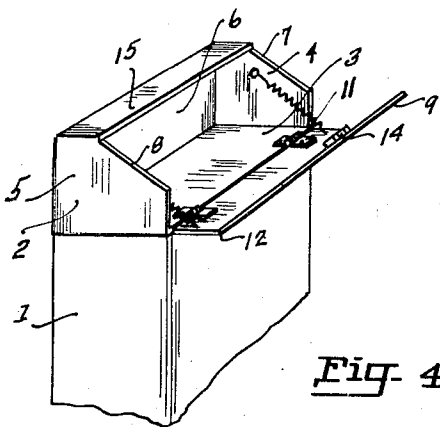


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My invention is primarily intended for use as a cover for toilet tanks in which a cabinet is formed integral with the cover. The device may be made as an auxiliary to the cover and being adapted to fit thereupon and to be held in placement by the normal cover of the flush tank.

The invention in its preferred embodiment consists of a box-like structure having a sloping front top wall with the slope being sufficient to prevent the maintaining of articles in a state of rest thereupon with the sloping surface acting as a lid for the cabinet of the box-like structure into which articles to be stored may be placed.

The object of my invention is to prevent articles falling into the open toilet that are normally placed upon the flush tank or that may be placed thereupon.

A further object of my invention consists in providing a receptacle placeable upon the flush tank of the toilet into which the articles normally used within the bath room, may be placed to thereby prevent the same falling, or becoming accidentally placed into the toilet bowl.

A further object of my invention consists in providing a box-like structure having a hinged closure that may be placed upon and readily removed from, the flush tank of the toilet and that may be used as a receptacle for the placing of articles therein for storage and yet be readily accessible to the user of the bath room and of the toilet.

A still further object of my invention consists in providing a device that is placeable upon the flush tank of a toilet that will prevent the placing of articles thereupon that would accidentally fall into the toilet bowl.

With these and incidental objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combination of parts, the essential elements of which are set forth in the appended claim, and a preferred embodiment of which is hereinafter shown with reference to the drawing which accompanies and forms a part of this specification.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a toilet and flush tank and illustrating my new and im-

proved toilet tank cover and cabinet disposed upon the flush tank.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the combination toilet flush tank, cover and cabinet.

Fig. 3 is a side view, partially in section, of the mechanism illustrated in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective side view of the combination toilet flush tank cover and cabinet shown in position upon the flush tank and illustrating the front hinged wall of the cabinet, as being in open position.

Like reference characters refer to like parts throughout the several views.

1 is the flush tank of the toilet upon which my cabinet 2 is to be placed. The cabinet is preferably made of a bottom wall 3 and has end walls 4 and 5 disposed at the oppositely disposed ends of the same. A back wall 6 connects the end walls and the bottom wall. The end walls 4 and 5 preferably extend below the bottom 3 to prevent the endwise movement of the cabinet when placed upon the flush tank. The end walls have uniformly sloping surfaces 7 and 8, the slope being sufficient to prevent any articles coming to repose when placed upon the slope as provided. A closure 9 is hingedly secured to the cabinet and acts as the front wall of the same. The same is hinged to the cabinet by any suitable hinging means, as by a pair of butt hinges 11 that are placed upon the interior of the box. A bend 12 may be formed within the hinged closure to adapt the same to form the front wall of the cabinet and the top sloping surface.

A further object in making the closure to cover the major portion of the top and the front wall is to facilitate the placing of relatively large articles into the cabinet when the hinged closure is opened.

The toilet 13 is normally disposed in front of and below the flush tank and when the hinged closure is made as illustrated in Fig. 3, the hinged closure practically covers the toilet and will prevent the falling of articles into the toilet from within the cabinet, or from upon the cabinet. A locking latch 14 is provided upon the upper edge of the hinged closure and maintains the same fixedly closed when the lid is shut.

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I have here shown a ledge or horizontal shelf 15, as terminating the upper side of the cabinet. This ledge should be made sufficiently narrow so as not to form a shelf upon which articles may be placed, the purpose being to require the articles to be placed within the cabinet when not in use and to be out of sight when the cabinet is closed.

While the form of mechanism herein shown and described is admirably adapted to fulfill the objects primarily stated, it is to be understood that it is not intended to confine the invention to the form of embodiment herein shown and described, as it is susceptible of embodiment in various forms, all coming within the scope of the claim which follows.

What I claim is:

A cabinet adapted to be used as a closure for the open top of a flush tank comprising a body element having its base removably disposed upon the top of the flush tank and forming the top thereof, rear and side walls extending upwardly from the base, said rear wall having a flange formed forwardly, and said side walls downwardly sloping from the front edge of the flange, a closure hingedly secured to the front edge of the base, said closure adapted to form the front wall and sloping top wall of the cabinet, thereby to prevent the placing of articles upon the cabinet, and springs secured to the side walls and to the closure adapted to normally maintain the closure in closed position.

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