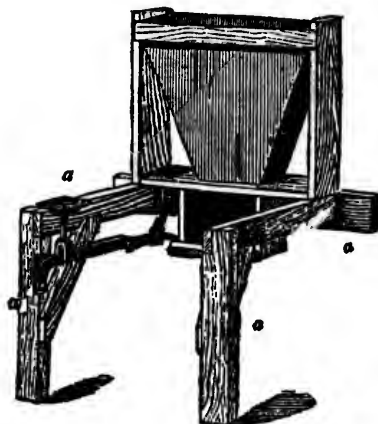


AN ORDINARY FIXED CLOSET

requires the apparatus to be placed at the back of and in connection with the usual seat, the reservoir for containing the earth being placed above it. Under it there should be a chamber or vault, about four feet by three wide, and of any convenient depth, with a paved or asphalted bottom, and the sides lined with cement. Should there be an existing cesspool it may be altered to the above dimensions. Into this the deposit and earth fall, and may remain there three, six or twelve months, and continue perfectly inodorous and innoxious, merely requiring to be occasionally levelled by a rake or hoe. If, however, it should be found impossible or inconvenient to have a vault underneath, a movable iron trough on wheels may



be substituted. In this case it will be advisable to raise the seat somewhat above the floor, to allow the trough to be of sufficient size.

By one form of construction, (the "Pull Up,") * the pulling up a handle releases a sufficient quantity of the dry earth, which is thrown into the pit or vault, covering the deposit, and completely preventing all smell. By another, (the "Self-Acting,") the same effect is produced by the action of the seat. The apparatus may be placed in and adapted to almost any existing closet or privy, and so arranged that the supply and removal of earth may be carried on inside or outside as desired.

* The Company who manufacture the closets, state that the apparatus is adaptable to privies, either single, or in sets of one, two or six. Working plans for them or for others extended to sixteen or twenty closets are supplied by the Company.

The same Company also manufactures Earth Commodes, for use in bed-rooms and hospitals; the Commode contains in itself the apparatus and earth reservoir, and a movable pail takes the place of the chamber or vault of the ordinary earth closet. [Ed.]