

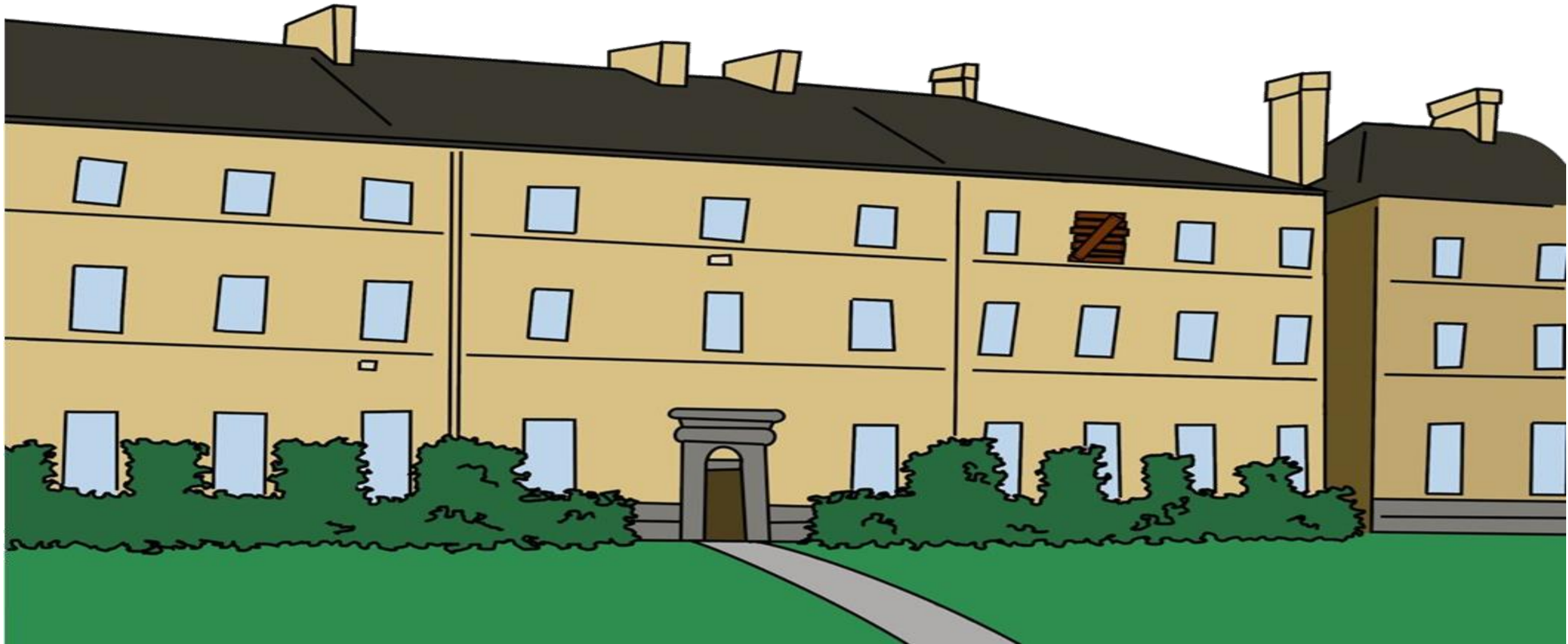
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"THE LIFE AND TIMES IN VICTORIAN LONDON"



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114 -- VICTORIAN BATHROOMS -- FEBRUARY, 2022



WELCOME TO TOPIC # 114... TODAY, WE WILL
BE DISCUSSING THE BATHROOMS OF THE
VICTORIAN PERIOD.



MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN VICTORIAN HOMES AND THOSE WISHING TO RETAIN ITS PERIOD FEATURES OR REINSTATE SOME OF ITS HISTORIC CHARM SHOULD CONSIDER INSTALLING VICTORIAN BATHROOMS.



**THE LATEST DESIGNS CAN BE FOUND IN
REPRODUCTION BATHS AND BATHROOM FITTINGS
WHICH HAVE ALL THE PRACTICALITY OF MODERN-
DAY PLUMBING MATERIALS...**



*...BUT FINDING AN OLD VICTORIAN BATH AT A
JUNK YARD AND RENOVATING IT CAN BE A VERY
REWARDING LABOR OF LOVE.*



**WE HAVE THE VICTORIANS TO THANK FOR
MAKING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN POOR PUBLIC
HEALTH AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS.**





**MOST HOUSES BUILT BEFORE OR DURING THE
VICTORIAN ERA HAD NON-FLUSHING WATER
CLOSETS OR 'PRIVIES'...**





**...OFTEN PLACED AT THE END OF THE GARDEN FOR
OBVIOUS REASONS.**



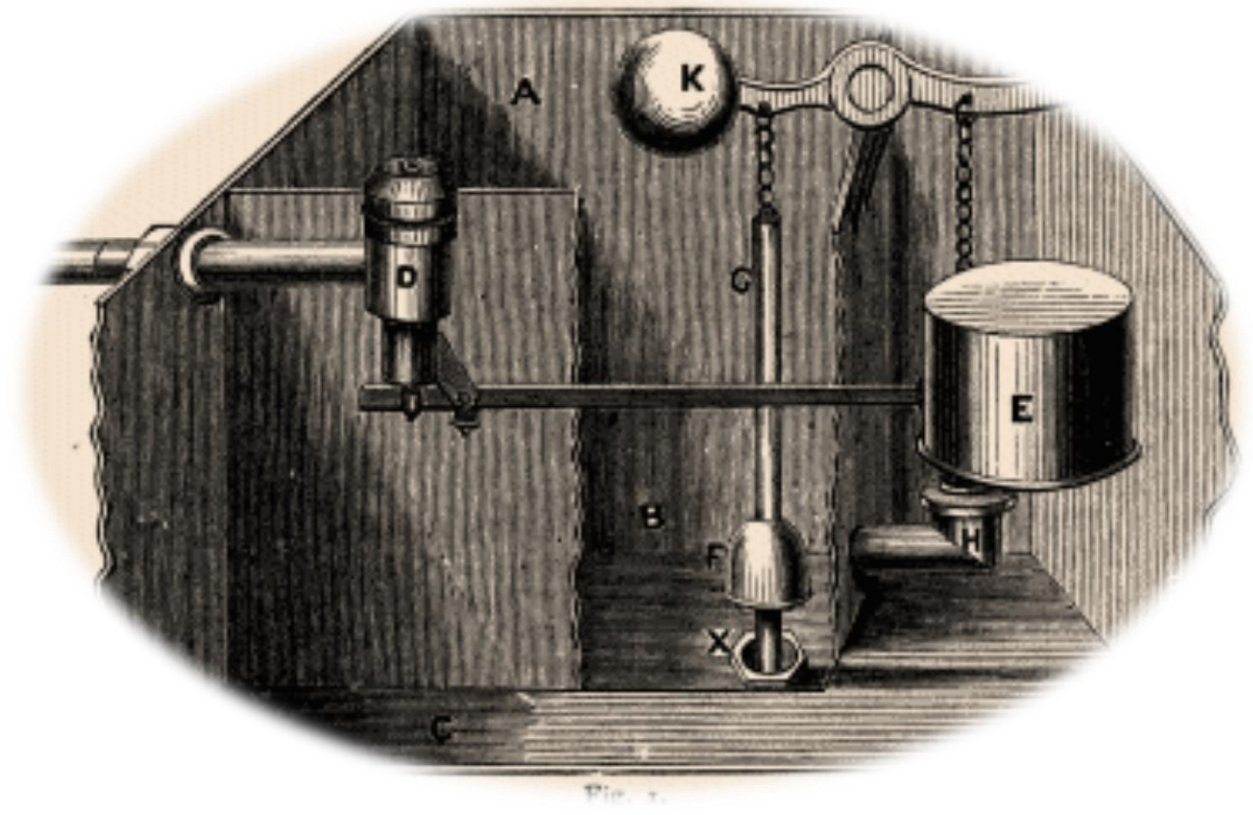
*CHAMBER POTS AND NON-FLUSHING TOILETS IN
PIECES OF FURNITURE WERE WHAT MOST
HOUSEHOLDS RELIED ON AS VICTORIAN BATHROOMS.*



THE VICTORIANS DEVELOPED MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE HYGIENE IN THE CITIES, BUT THE FLUSH SYSTEM HAD YET TO BE DEVELOPED.



WALL-MOUNTED WATER CISTERNS IMPROVED THINGS BUT THE EARLY WASTE PIPES ALLOWED SEWER GAS INTO THE HOUSE AND SOME GASES WERE KNOWN TO IGNITE!



**THOMAS CRAPPER FINALLY PRODUCED A VALVE
AND SIPHON SYSTEM WHICH WAS PATENTED IN
1891 AND HIS COMPANY BEGAN TO PRODUCE
WATER CLOSETS...**



...FOR WELL-TO-DO VICTORIAN HOMES WHICH WERE EMBLAZONED WITH THE COMPANY NAME 'T. CRAPPER, BRASS AND CO'.



CRAPPER'S

Improved
Registered Ornamental
Flush-down W.C.

With New Design Cast-iron Syphon Water
Waste Preventer.

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No 518.

Improved Ornamental Flush-down W.C. Basin  
(Registered No. 145,823), Polished Maho-  
gany Seat with flap, New Pattern 3-gallon  
Cast-iron Syphon Cistern (Rd. No. 149,284),  
Brass Flushing Pipe and Clips, and Pendant  
Pull, complete as shown ... .. £6 15 0

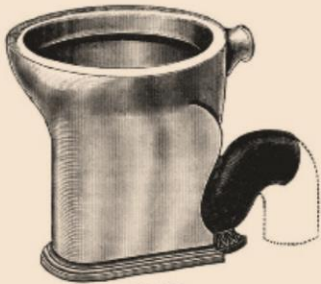
The illustration shows a toilet in a room with tiled walls. Above the toilet is a decorative cast-iron cistern with a chain and pull. The toilet has a wooden seat with a flap. The walls are tiled with a pattern of octagons and squares. The floor is also tiled.



# THOMAS CRAPPER & CO.'S SPECIALITIES.

## PEDESTAL WASH-DOWN CLOSET.

"The Improved Marlboro',"  
WITH LEAD TRAP.

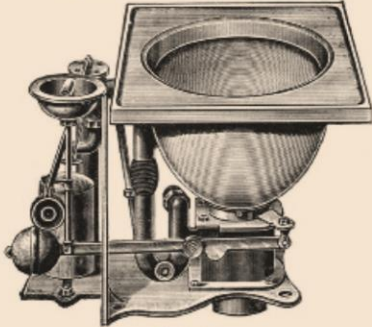


No. 568.

White or Ivory W.C. with 8 lb. Lead  
P. Trap as shown ... 34/6  
With Raised Ornamentation ... 40/-  
If with S. Trap ... extra 1/9

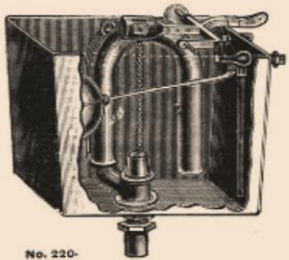
## VALVE CLOSET.

With Basin and Slop Top in one piece, and Ventilating Union off Overflow Trap.



No. 560.

Valve Closet, with White Ware Flushing-rim Basin with fixed Slop Top, China Dish, 1-in. Supply Valve, Copper Air Regulator, Ventilating Union off Trap, complete as shown ... £4 7s. 6d.  
If with 1½-in. Valve ... Extra 3/6  
" Box Enamelled inside .. " 4/9  
" Box fitted with Brass Top ... " 6/3



No. 220-

## Water Waste Preventer.

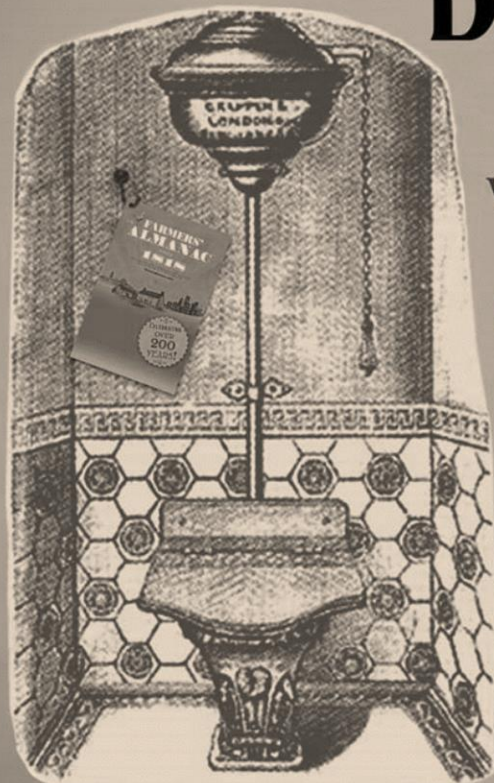
£ s. d.  
Cast-Iron 2 Gallon SYPHON WASTE PREVENTER with  
Tranquil Inlet Valve, and Silencing Air Tubes,  
and Brass Chain and China Pull ... 1 0 6  
Ditto, 3 gallon ditto ... 1 2 6

50, 52, & 54, MARLBOROUGH ROAD, CHELSEA,  
LONDON, S.W.

DURING WORLD WAR I, AMERICAN SOLDIERS  
STATIONED IN ENGLAND USED THE NAME 'CRAPPER'...



# January 27<sup>th</sup> Celebrates Thomas Crapper Day



THOMAS CRAPPER  
WAS A LONDON PLUMBER  
WHO, IN THE 1860S,  
POPULARIZED THE FLUSH  
TOILET & SANITARY  
PLUMBING, & MADE  
TOILETS & BATHROOM  
FIXTURES A GLOBAL  
SUCCESS!

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**FARMERS'  
ALMANAC**  
SINCE 1818

*...AS A SLANG EXPRESSION FOR THE TOILET AND  
HIS NAME BECAME IMMORTALIZED FOR EVER.*







**IN 1885 THOMAS TWYFORD (ANOTHER NAME WHICH IS SYNONYMOUS WITH BATHROOMS) DEVELOPED THE VITREOUS ENAMEL TOILET BOWL AND THE SANITARY FLUSHABLE TOILET WAS BORN.**







PREVIOUSLY, VICTORIAN HOMES HAD NO NEED FOR A DEDICATED BATHROOM BUT A DEDICATED SPACE WAS NOW REQUIRED FOR THE WATER CLOSET.



**DRESSING ROOMS WERE OFTEN CONVERTED TO  
CREATE CRAMPED VICTORIAN BATHROOMS FOR  
THE HOUSEHOLD TO SHARE.**





BY THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY THE IDEA OF  
HAVING A BATHROOM, COMPLETE WITH  
WASHSTAND AND A BATH...





*...BECAME POPULAR AND BY THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY  
(JUST 100 YEARS AGO!) BATHROOMS BECAME A  
STANDARD FEATURE IN NEWLY BUILT HOUSES.*



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 114 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 115, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT ONE OF OUR FAVORITE SUBJECTS,  
TOYS IN THE VICTORIAN PERIOD.



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