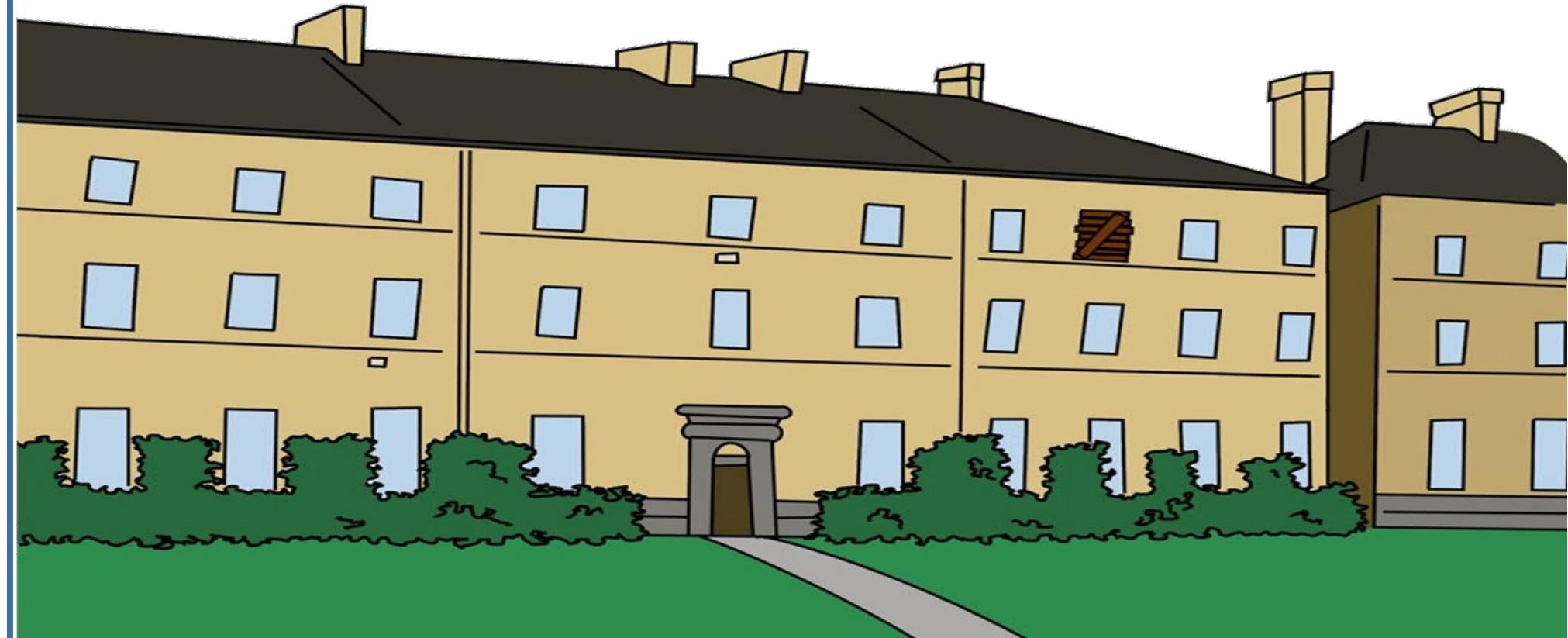


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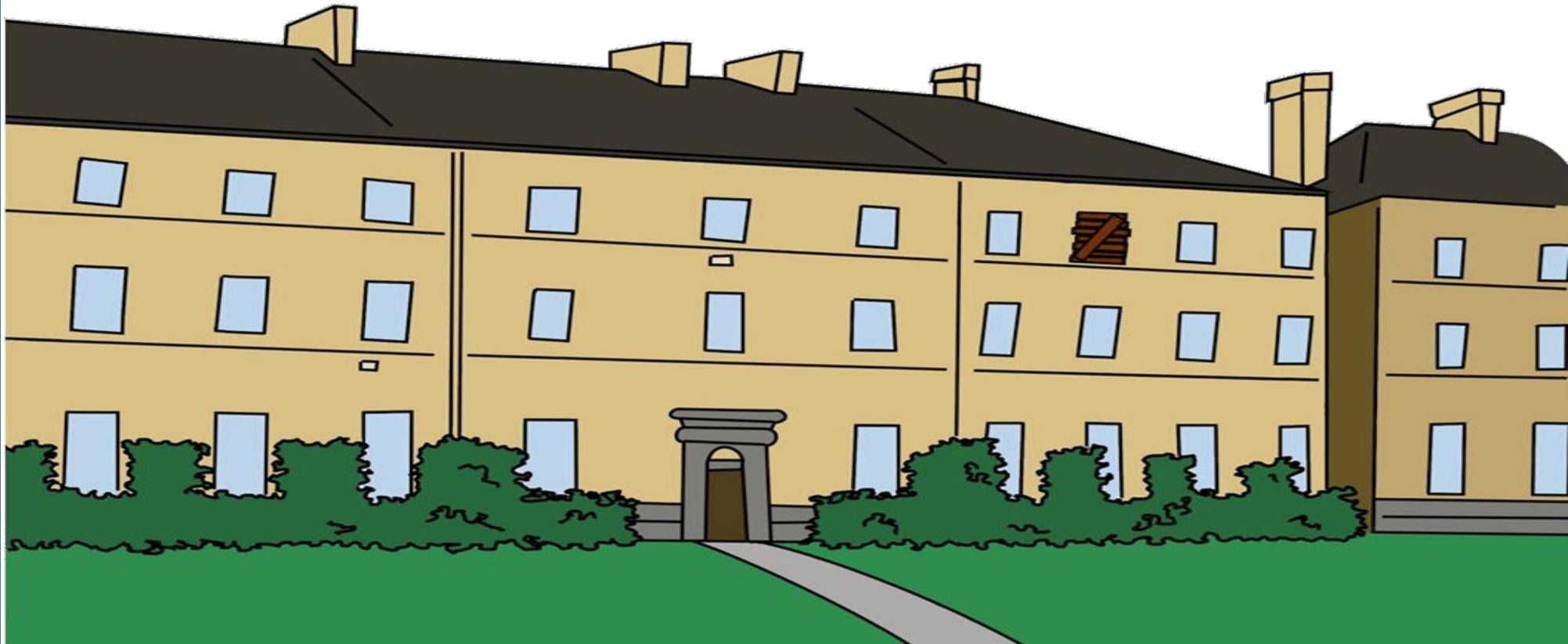
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# AB021 -- Victorian Bathrooms -- February, 2022



*Welcome to topic # AB021... Thanks so much to AboutBritain.com for use of their summary text for this lesson... Today, we will be discussing the bathrooms of the Victorian period.*



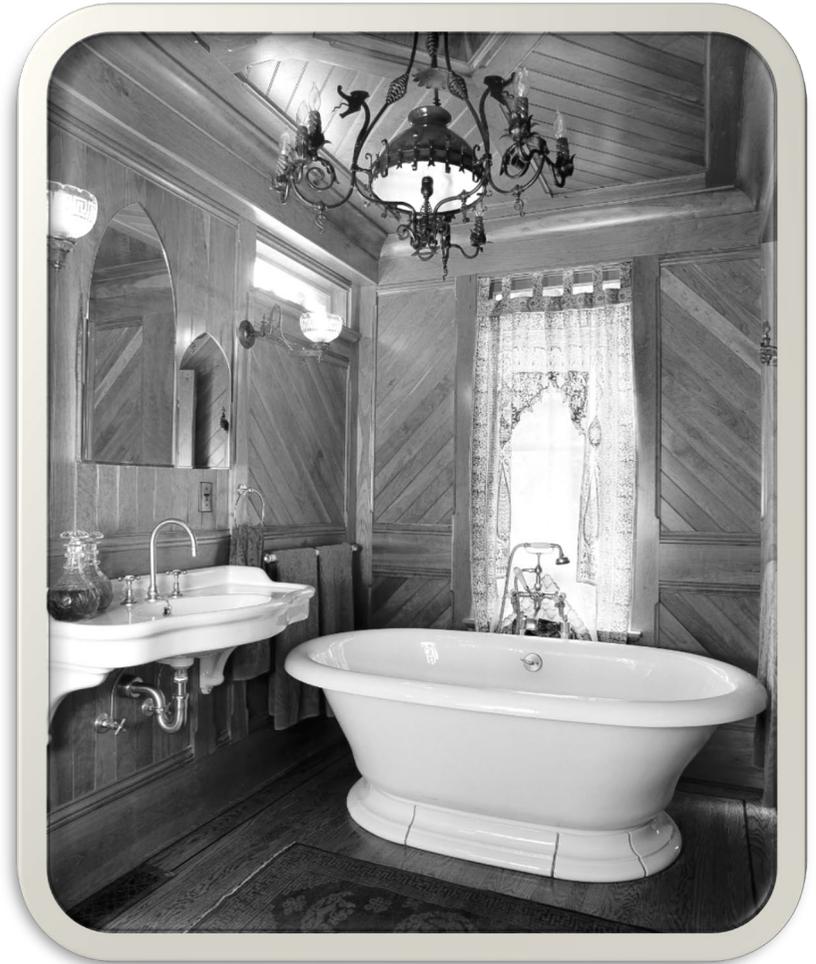
*Many people live in Victorian homes and those wishing to retain its period features or...*



*...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...*



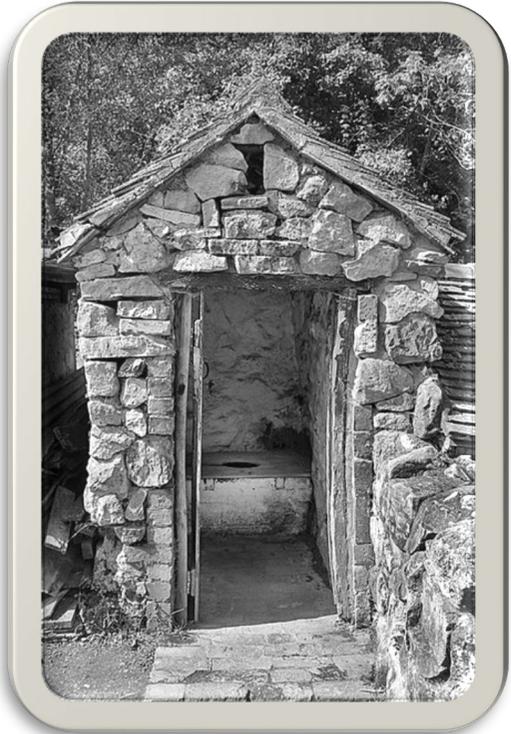
*...but finding an old Victorian bath at a junk yard and renovating it can be a very rewarding labor of love.*





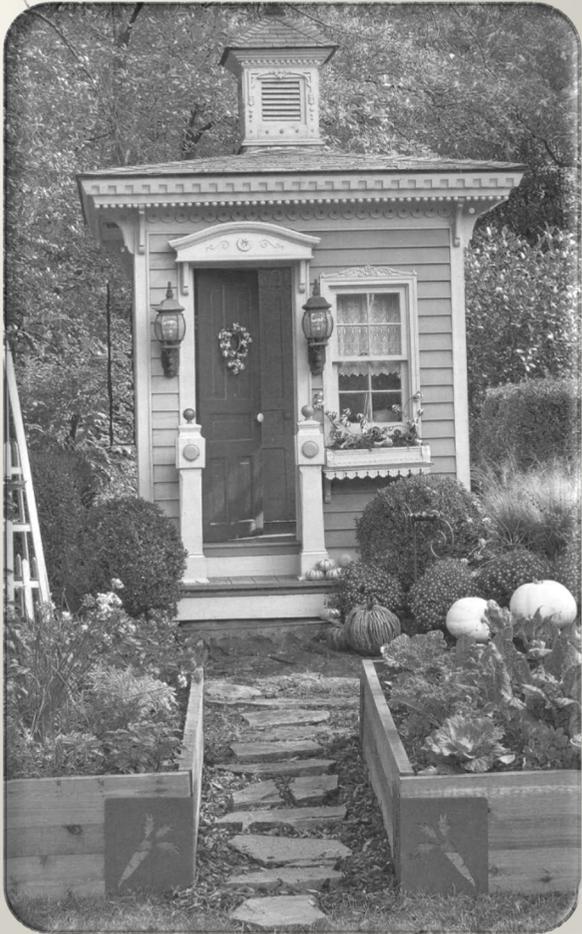
*We have the Victorians to thank  
for making the connection  
between poor public health and  
unsanitary conditions.*





*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.*



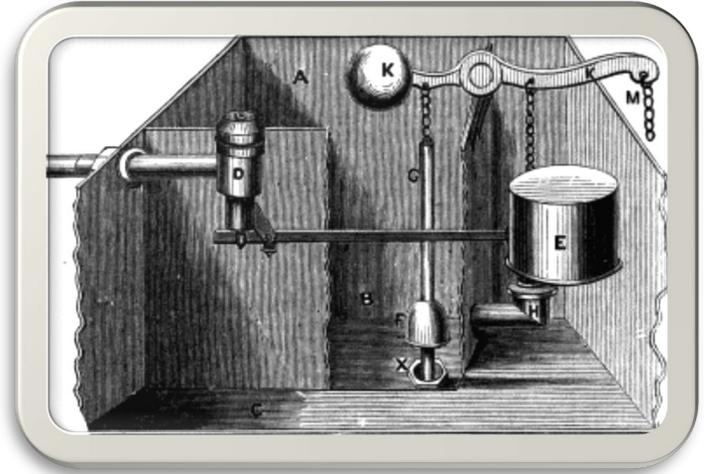
*Chamber pots and non-flushing toilets in pieces of furniture were what most households relied on as Victorian bathrooms.*



*The Victorians developed municipal sewer systems to improve hygiene in the cities, but the flush system had yet to be developed.*



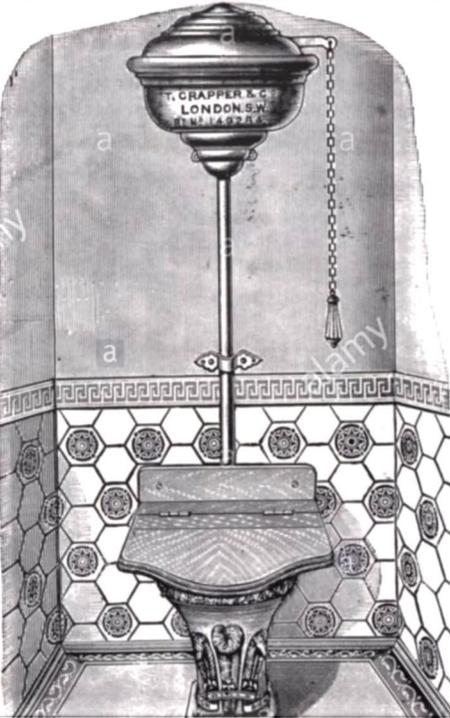
*Wall mounted water cisterns improved things but the early waste pipes allowed sewer gas into the house and some gases were known to ignite!*



*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 Mahogany  
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

**THOMAS CRAPPER & CO.'S  
SPECIALITIES.**

**PEDESTAL  
WASH-DOWN CLOSET.**

"The Improved Marlboro',"  
WITH LEAD TRAP.

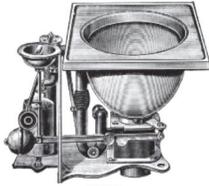


No. 558.

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

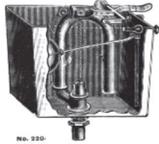
**VALVE CLOSET.**

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



No. 559.

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 ... 24 7s. 6d.  
If with 1 1/2-in. Valve ... Extra 3 6  
" Box Enamelled inside ... " 4 9  
" Box fitted with Brass Top ... " 6 9



No. 120.

**Water Waste Preventer.**

Cast-Iron 2 Gallon Syringe Waste Preventer with  
Tranquil Inlet Valve, and Silencing Air Tubes,  
and Brass Chain and China Full ... 1 0 6  
Ditto, 3 gallon ditto ... 1 2 6

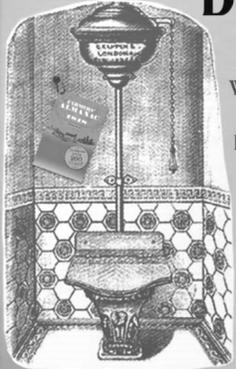
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*...as a slang expression for the  
toilet and his name became  
immortalized for ever.*



*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.*



*Again, thanks to  
AboutBritain.com for their  
help... So we have completed  
topic # AB021 in our series...*

*Yes, but we'll be back  
with another topic  
soon...*





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