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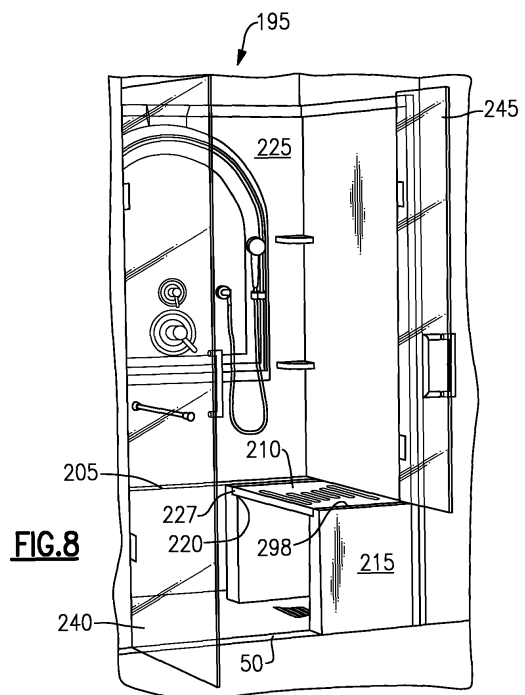
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(54) **Bath system**

(57) A bath environment, such as a tub or shower, has a seat (210) upon which a user sits, and a first panel (245), usually glass, for enclosing a first portion of the bath environment proximal to the seat (210). The first panel (245) has a width roughly correlated to a width of the seat (210) to allow a user easy access to the seat (210) and to the panel (245) to manipulate the panel (245). The invention also has a second panel (240) for enclosing a second portion of the bath environment. The second panel has a hinge and a pair of partitions connected by the hinge so that the partitions pivot about the hinge to allow access to the bath environment distal from the seat (210). Also included is a pedestal (215) that is disposed on and extends upwardly from an outer edge of the bath environment to a given height. The first panel (245) has a length that extends downwardly from an upper region of the bath environment and ends at the height of the pedestal (215).



**FIG. 8**



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