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(54) **Method and apparatus for use in the installation of sanitary fittings**

(57) A gasket for use in installing a sanitary fitting to a wall comprises a gasket element which has an outer edge that is pre-shaped to correspond to at least a perimeter portion of a rear face of the sanitary fitting that faces the wall when the fitting is installed, such that in use the gasket prevents water from running down between the sanitary fitting and the wall. A method of installing the sanitary fitting comprises locating the gasket between the fitting and the wall prior to final fixing of the

fitting, the gasket being so arranged as to prevent or at least reduce the amount of water running down from above the fitting into a space between the rear of the fitting and the wall. A sanitary fitting may be provided for use with the gasket which has a rear face which in use faces a wall, an upper face which meets the rear face at an interface, and in which the rear face includes an elongate cut-out within which a rope type gasket can be received, the cut-out extending over at least a peripheral portion of the rear face that corresponds to the interface.

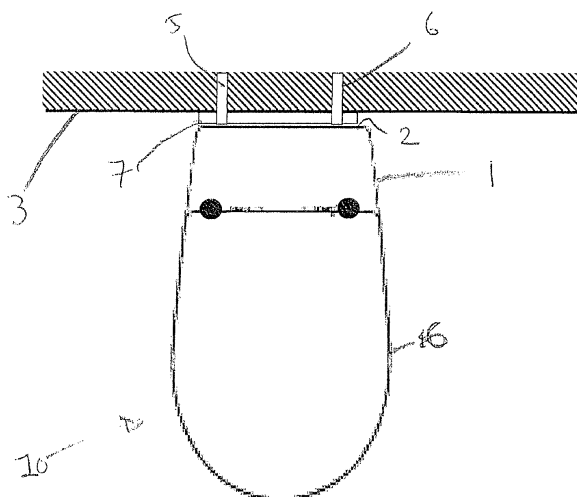


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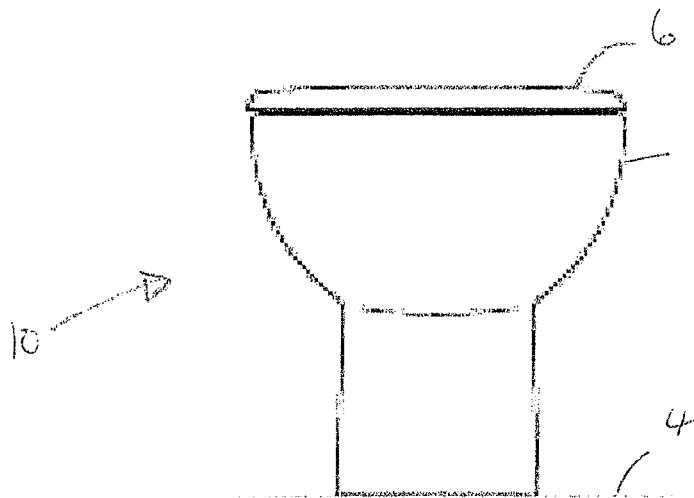


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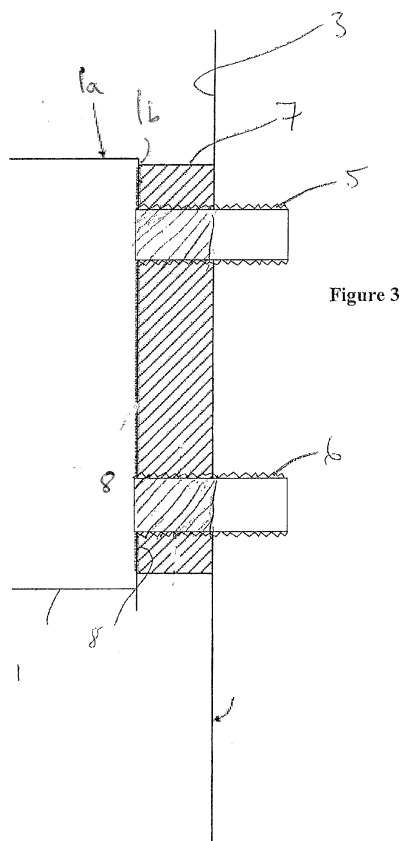


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