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(54) **CERAMIC BASIN**

(57) A ceramic basin (2) has a bowl (201) and a waste outlet (207) leading from the bowl (201). The waste outlet (207) is a back outlet, and the waste outlet comprises a

spigot (208). A flexible adaptor (3) may be fitted onto the spigot (208) and may be connected to a trap (4).

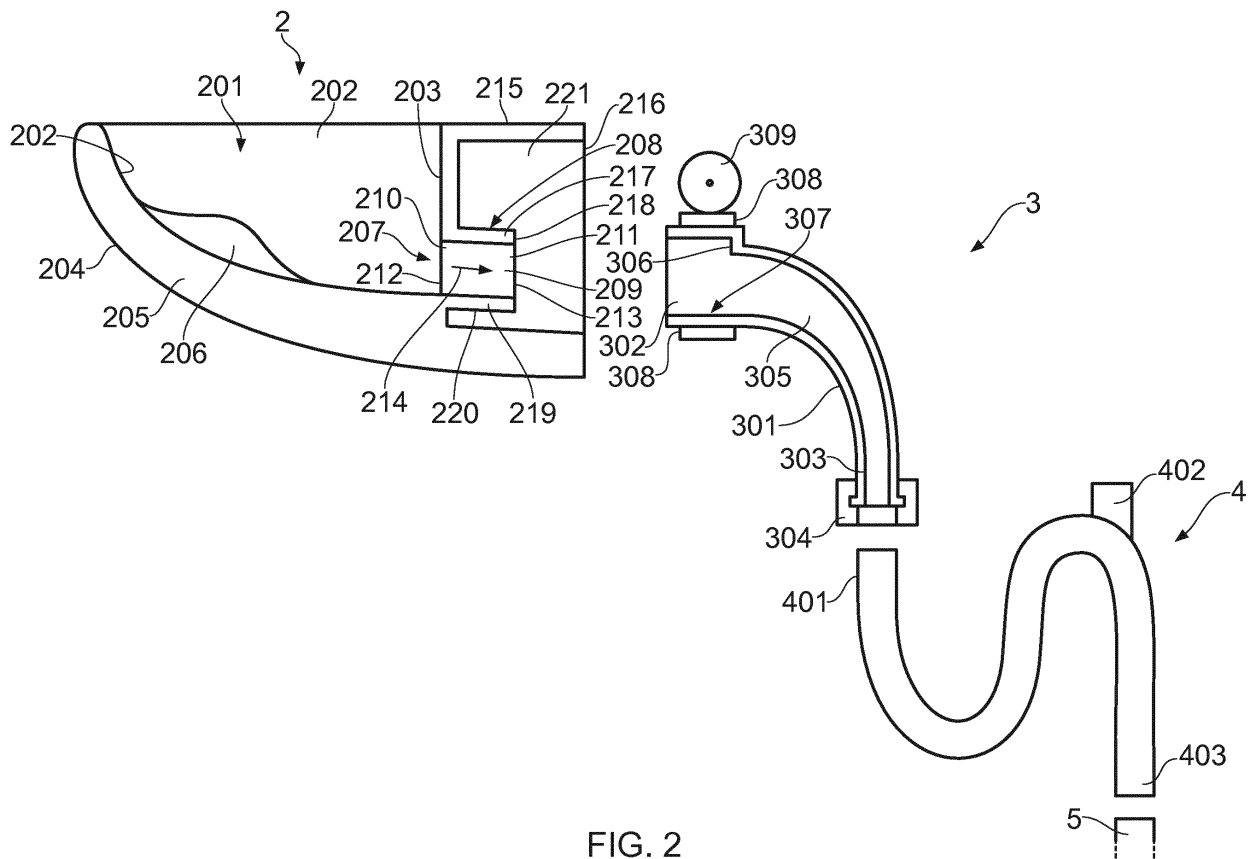


FIG. 2



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1. claims: 1-7, 14, 15

A ceramic basin having a bowl and a waste outlet leading from the bowl, wherein: the waste outlet is a back outlet; and the waste outlet comprises a spigot; and a method of manufacturing the basin by using a multi-part mould, the method comprising the steps of: setting up the mould including positioning a first mould part which is tapered and which is for forming a bore of the spigot of the basin; introducing ceramic material into the mould; and after the ceramic material has set sufficiently to give the basin a stable shape, disassembling the mould including removing the first mould part into the bowl of the basin.

2. claims: 8-13

A basin assembly comprising: a ceramic basin having a bowl and a waste outlet leading from the bowl, wherein: the waste outlet is a back outlet; and the waste outlet comprises a spigot; and a flexible adaptor having a first, proximal end which is arranged to fit onto the spigot and a second, distal end which is connectable to a trap; and a method of installing the basin assembly.

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