I should like to congratulate Major H. Horan Brown on his neat and simple idea of using a lid actuated by a wire and stirrup for Indian latrines as described in the Journal for March, 1930. In order to assist its general adoption, I should like to describe a small modification, designed to prevent fouling of the lid which is likely to occur from the careless use of latrines, which is so common and involves fouling of the sides or squatting surface. The idea is to let the surface on which the lid rests be outside and about 6 in. above the squatting surface. Thus a vertical section from side to side would present the following appearance:

![Diagram](https://example.com/diagram.png)

If, as is often the case in civilian latrines, a latrine drum is used which is removed from underneath the latrine through an opening in the rear, then this opening would also require a lid unless the drum fits closely under the latrine squatting surface, which is unlikely.