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As long as people have traveled, the problems of sanitation have been with us. Popping into the bushes was obviously not ideal - something better had to be done'. A motor caravan of 1904 had a WC inside the drivers seat, with curtains around the cab to provide privacy. Other caravans of this period also had WC's fitted - some made to fold away when not in use. Generally speaking, inside toilets were very rare in early caravans and only started to become a feature in the late 1930s.

For many years a small tent, probably of canvas, was the norm, with a seat inside under which one dug a hole. This was topped up with the earth removed as it was used. To this end, manufacturers supplied these toilet requirements as extras. My 1927 Eccles still has its folding oak seat and toilet tent. The latter, it was advised, should be set up in trees nearby—out of sight if possible. In 1926 a Flatavan had a toilet room with a flush lavatory - an overhead tank supplied the water. In the late 1920's Bertram Hutchings put an emergency toilet called a Vantour in a Lady Nimble. A Piggott caravan made in 1921 had a lavatory compartment with seat and a hole in the floor to register with a hole in the ground.

As late as 19^9, built in toilet rooms still provoked revulsion in many caravanners, even though they were made with double walls and well fitting doors to "avoid offence. Bob Earl refused to put one in his luxurious Carlight Colonial of 1959 and the Siddall Sunset (1937) had a toilet room with a door only to the outside - thus keeping most of the drawbacks of a toilet tent. A 1937 Cheltenham had a centre toilet room which was semi-circular in shape to minimize its obtrusiveness.

The Essex Monarch of 1934 had a toilet room acoustically insulated and with a sealed door, whilst the 1935 Car Cruiser Rally Four had a central compartment washroom with a slide out commode. The 1956 Raven Viking had a toilet room with both inside and outside doors and which was made to extend outwards from the side wall. Also in 19^6 a Fairway caravan was designed with a slide out toilet room. It had doors into the 'van and to the outside, but there were problems in making a sliding section weatherproof and light, yet strong enough to pull out and retract easily. Fairway also supplied a lavatory hut with some models. Together with its folding seat, it could be packed away in an outside locker.

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Chemical Sanitary Closet



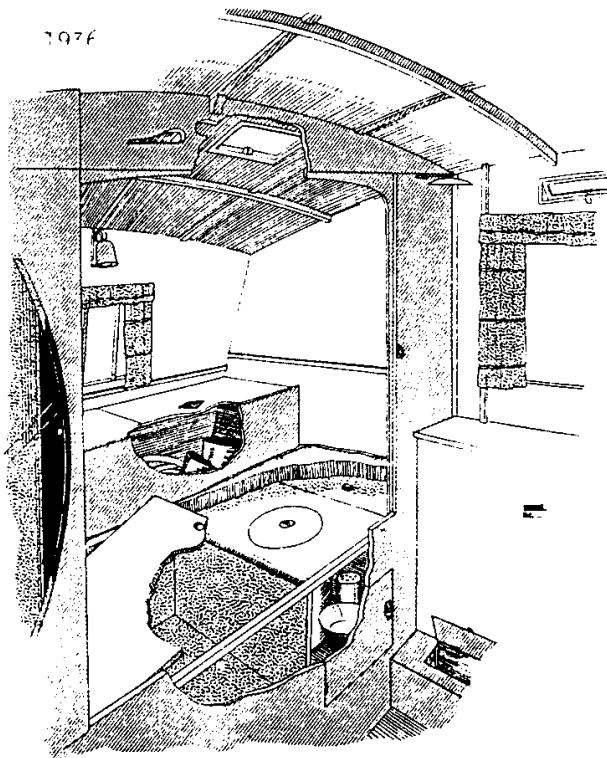
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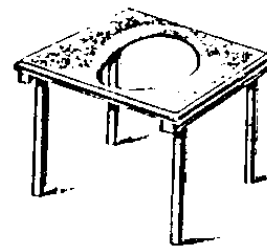
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(Above) The child's bedroom in from is kept away from the end wall by a locker, and there is a sealed chemical closet beneath the bed. This compartment can be fully enclosed by means of the double-fold wardrobe door.

Wrekin had a folding outside toilet room from the mid 1930s as well as a fold out kitchen. The Lolode of 1936/37 had a gimbal-mounted chemical toilet for use on the move without splashing. (You were allowed to travel in a caravan in those days).

Gradually products improved, attitudes changed and by the middle of the 1950s few manufacturers marketed a caravan for serious touring without a toilet room.

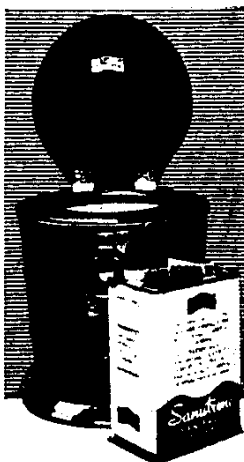


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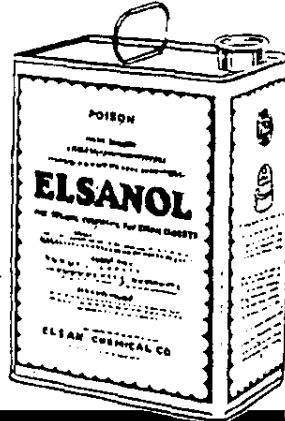
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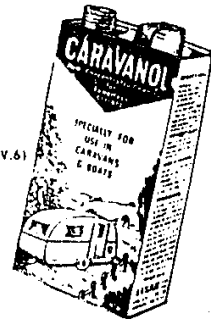
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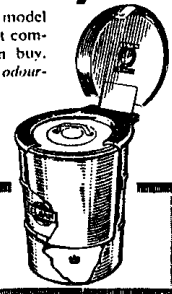
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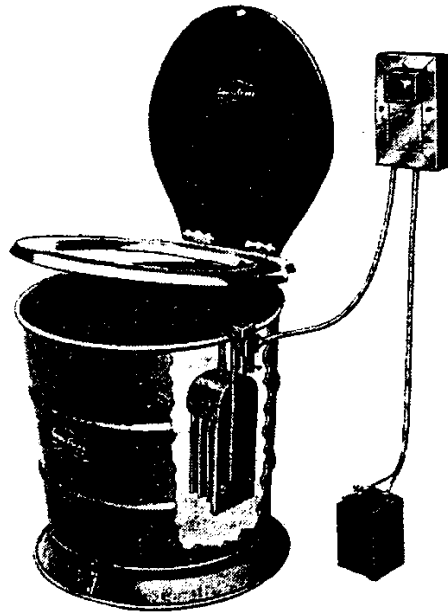
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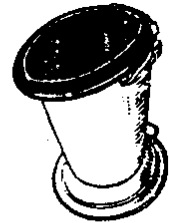
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