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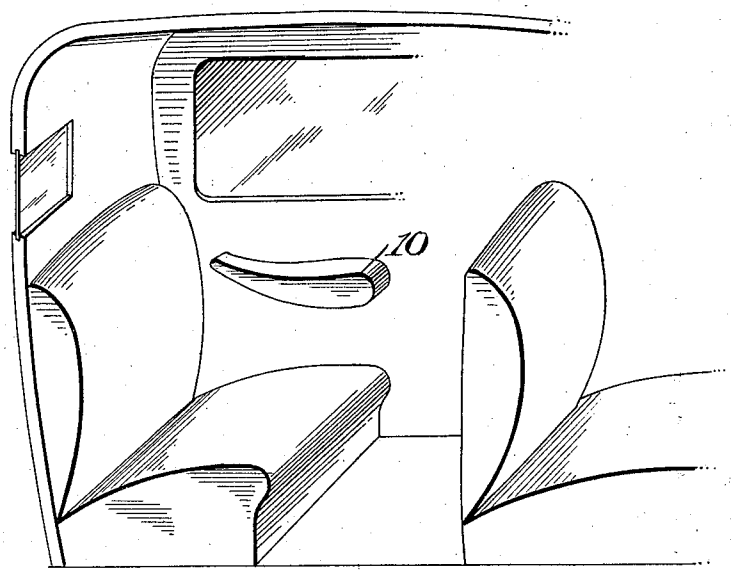


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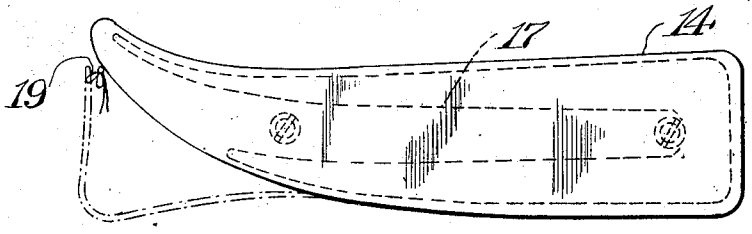


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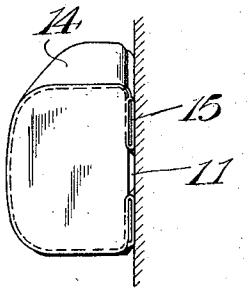
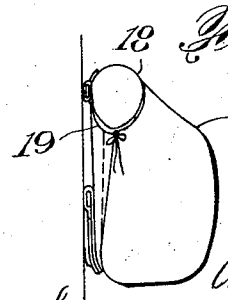


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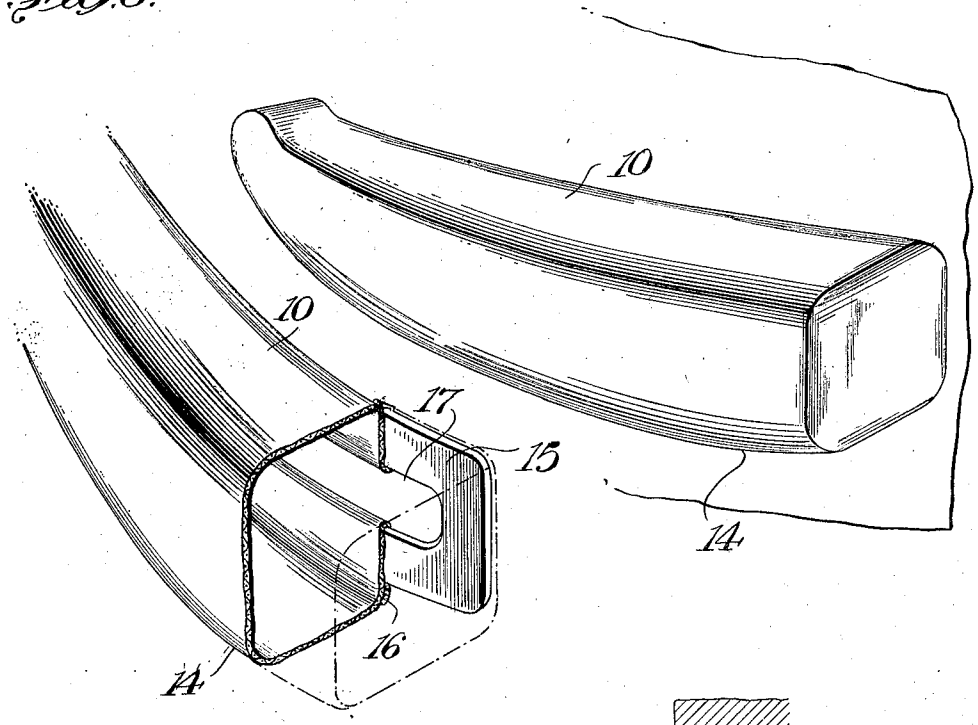


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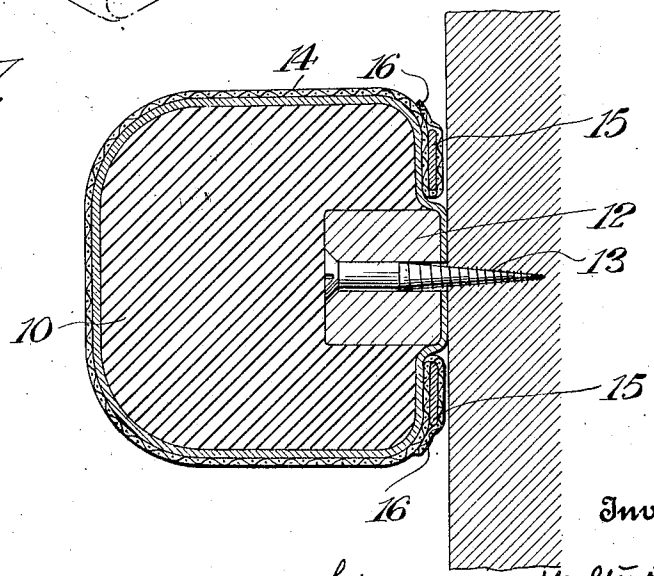


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My invention relates to improvements in seat covers and particularly to those used in motor cars. The invention is more especially applicable to cover a particular form of side arm which is sometimes used in cars.

One style of these arms is usually of soft material, such as sponge rubber or the like, and it is attached at the outer side directly to the inner side wall of a car, or to a similar support, and it has been difficult to apply a cover to the side arm in such a manner as to have it stay securely in place, be easy of application and lie smoothly and handsomely in position.

The object of my invention is to attain these several aims and to produce a very simple form of cover which meets all requirements.

Further benefits and advantages will appear from the following description and drawings in which similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Fig. 1 is a broken perspective view showing the inside of a car and type of side arm to which my improved cover is applicable;

Fig. 2 is an inside elevation of the arm with the cover in place and with the open position of the cover shown by dotted lines;

Fig. 3 is a view showing the front end, partly in section, of the cover;

Fig. 4 is a view of the rear end of the cover;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the side arm with cover attached;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the cover partly in section; and

Fig. 7 is an enlarged cross section through the side arm and cover.

The side arm 10 to which my cover is especially applicable is usually made of soft material although it can be of any material so far as my invention is concerned, and it is attached on its outer side, as shown at 11, to the inner side wall of the car, or it may be a similar or equivalent support. It can be attached in any way so far as my invention is concerned, and I have shown it having a reinforcement member 12 which is attached by screw 13 to the car, but the manner of attachment has nothing to do with the invention. The principal fact is that the side arm projects from the wall of the car and is unsupported in other ways. Such an arm is difficult to cover properly but my invention overcomes the difficulty.

I provide a casing 14 in the form of an envelope which is open at the rear or inner end along one side and which covers and envelops the front end of the side arm. The casing envelope is slotted longitudinally as shown at 17 from a point near the front to the rear end of the casing or cover and the parts which lie against the side wall must be stiffened in some way in order that the cover may be easily applied and remain smoothly and securely in place. To this end I provide a stiffening element 15 which may be of any suitable material and the slot 17 occurs in the stiffening element as well as the corresponding part of the cover. This element 15 can conveniently be cardboard, fibre board, or similar material, but it may be any suitable substance.

The material of the side arm usually abuts closely with the side wall of the car but it is soft and so the stiffened part of the casing can be forced into the crack between the side arm and car, and the slot straddles the fastenings of the side arm.

The member 15 can be enclosed in a hem 16 where the cover is slotted or it can be secured in any other way which will closely associate it with the outer part of the casing or cover, and give to this part the necessary reinforcement and stiffening.

The rear end of the cover is open and the slot 17 extends to the rear end. The stiffening element need not extend the full length of the casing. By having the casing open in this way it can be spread at the rear as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2 and pulled on from front to rear over the side arm with the arms of the stiffening element 15 straddling the fastening attachments of the side arm and the cover will fit like a glove over and upon the side arm. The rear end 18 may be closed in any convenient way, as for example, by drawstring 19.

What I claim is:

1. A cover for seat side arms in the form of a casing or envelope for the arm, said casing being closed at one end, open at the other, slotted longitudinally to straddle the side arm supports, and a bifurcated stiffening element on the slotted side of the cover with the arms of said element associated with the edge portions of the cover adjacent the slot.

2. An improved cover for seat side arms comprising a casing closed at the front end and open at the rear end, said casing being slotted longitudinally on the side next the car wall to straddle the side arm supports, and a stiffening reinforcement for the cover adjacent the aforesaid slot.

3. A cover for seat side arms comprising a casing shaped to envelop the side arm, said casing having one end closed and the other open and a longitudinal slot therein to straddle the side arm supports, and a stiffening element associated with the casing adjacent the aforesaid slot.

4. A cover for seat side arms in the form of a longitudinally slotted envelope shaped to pull on over and cover the aforesaid side arm, and a stiffening element associated with the slotted side of the said cover near the slot edges.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this 30th day of October, 1928.

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