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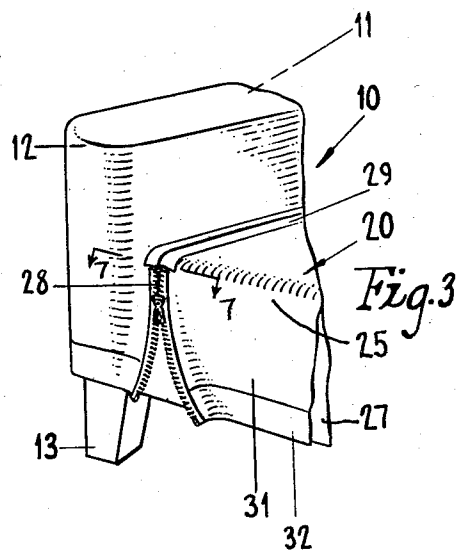
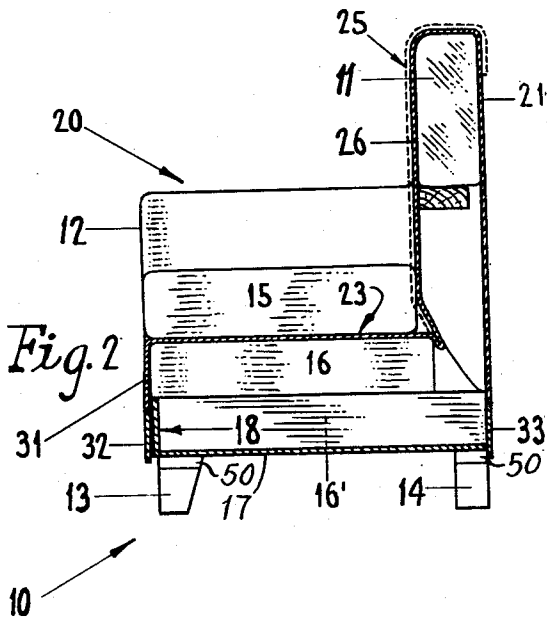
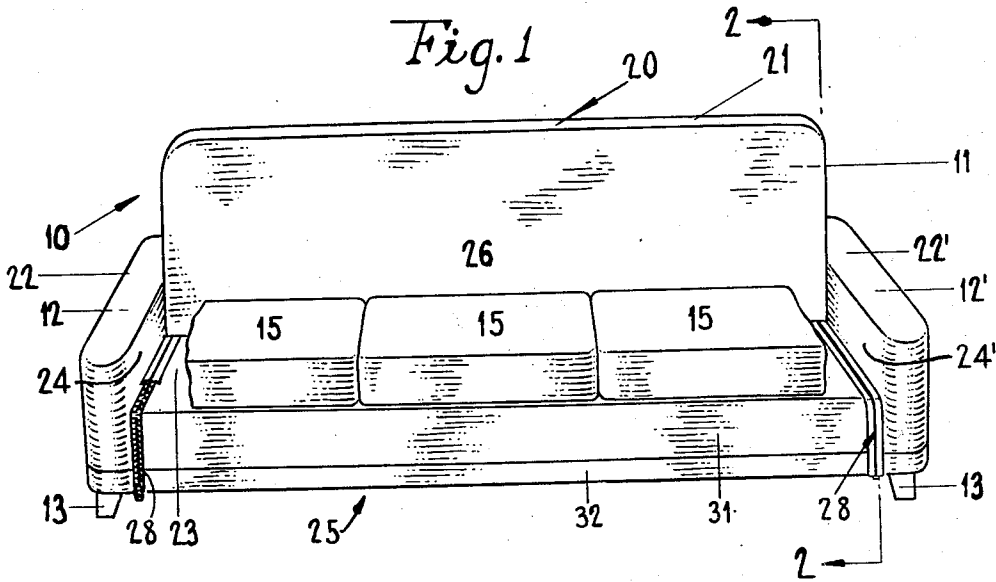
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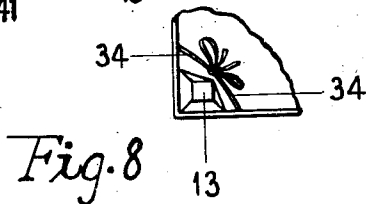
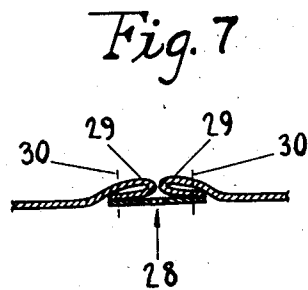
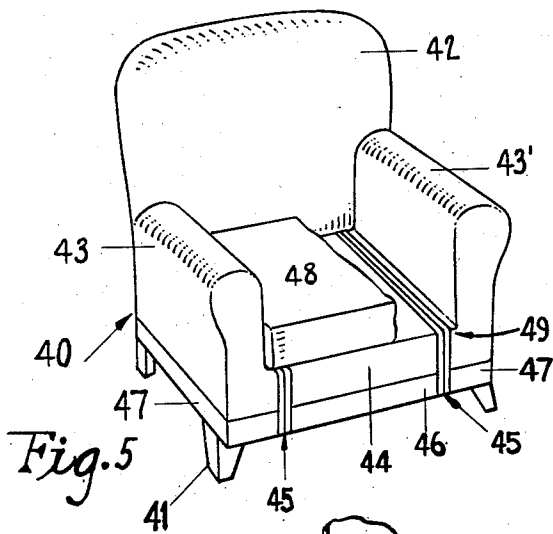
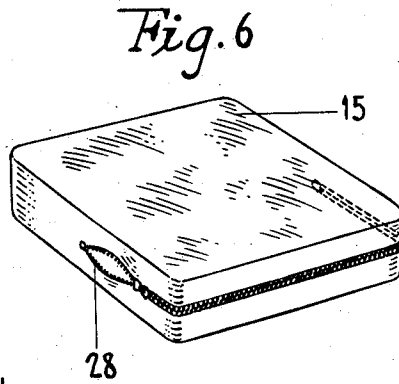
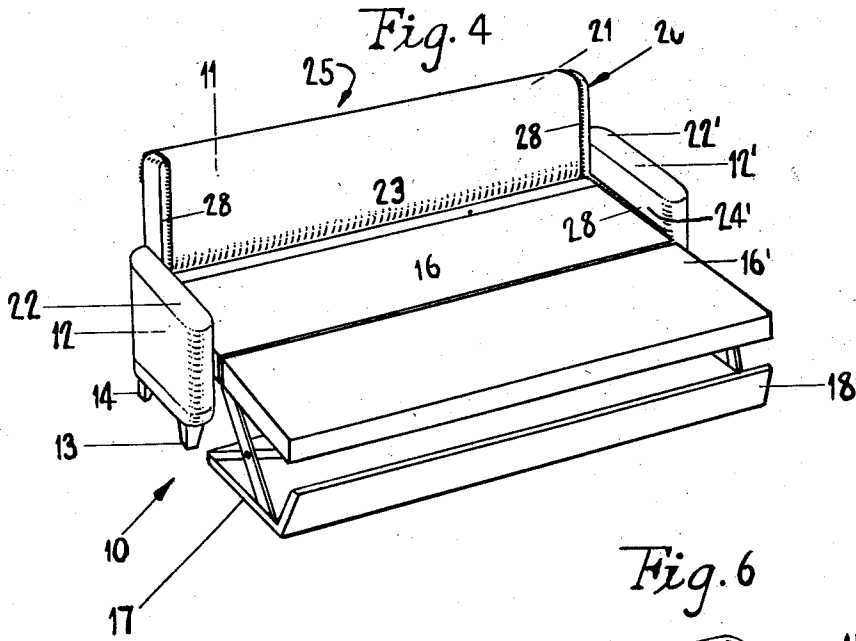
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This invention relates to slip covers for upholstered furniture and particularly to slip covers which permit converting an article of furniture from day use as a davenport to use as a sleeping bed, without removing the slip cover from the article of furniture.

An object of this invention is to provide a slip cover for upholstered furniture, and comprising a main cover section for enveloping the back rest and side arms, in combination with an auxiliary cover section adapted to be extended over the seat or mattress and over the lower front face portion of the article of furniture, and being also adapted to be swung over the back rest for exposing the seat or mattress and the lower front face portion of the article of furniture.

Another object of this invention is to provide complementary fastener elements designed to secure the lower edge portions of the side arm covering sections and the auxiliary cover section in detachable unitary relation.

Another object of this invention is to provide means for concealing the fastener elements to protect the garments, such as the stockings and trousers of persons using the article of furniture during day use.

In the art of slip covers for articles of furniture that are convertible from day use to use as a bed, difficulty has been experienced in removing the slip covers at night. This invention makes it possible to convert the article of furniture for night use without removing the slip covers.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more particularly described, and the combination and arrangement of parts will be shown in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims which form part of this specification.

Reference will now be had to the drawings, wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a davenport of standard construction showing a slip cover constructed in accordance with my invention applied thereto, the cushions being partly broken away.

Figure 2 is an enlarged vertical cross-sectional view, the section being taken as on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective view showing a slide fastener partly open to show the manner of opening the auxiliary cover section to permit its being swung over the back rest of the article of furniture.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the bed davenport showing an auxiliary section of the slip cover extended over the back rest.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of an upholstered chair having my invention applied thereto.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a cushion having a medially split slip cover closed with a concealed zipper.

Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view of the concealed zipper, the section being taken as on line 7—7 in Figure 3.

Figure 8 is a fragmentary view of a corner portion of the slip cover, secured in position by tying around a leg of an upholstered article of furniture.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the numeral 10 indicates a convertible bed davenport having the usual back rest 11 and side arms 12, 12'.

The davenport 10 comprises front legs 13, rear legs 14, and cushions 15. The cushions 15 rest on a seat or sectional mattress 16, 16'. A frame 17 is pivotally mounted below the seat for day use, and is movable to a forward position as is well known in the furniture art. The frame 17 carries a rectangular upright member 18 forming the lower front face portion of the davenport. When the frame 17 is collapsed and moved rearwardly underneath the seat portion of the article of furniture, the mattress section 16' moves rearwardly with the said frame underneath section 16.

Mounted on the davenport 10 is a main section of a slip cover which comprises a fabric body which may be made from cretonne or from stretchable fabric, cut and stitched to form a back rest enveloping portion 21 and side arm covering portions 22, 22'. The inner side panels 24, 24' of the side arm covering portions 22, 22' terminate at the seat of the davenport. The numeral 25 indicates an auxiliary cover section which is preferably integral with the bottom edge portion of the back rest enveloping portion 21. The auxiliary covering section 25 extends from the bottom edge of the enveloping portion 21 over the seat or mattress 16 and overhangs the entire lower face portion 18 of the davenport 10. There are separations between the side arm covering portions 22, 22' and the seat covering portion which are connected by "Zipper" or other separable fastener elements 28, 28. The complementary fastener elements are located adjacent the side arms.

The slide fasteners 28 are designed to be entirely concealed from view by plates 29 built from the edge portions of the fabric along the lines

of the separations between the arm covering portions 24 and the seat covering portion 23. As shown in Figure 7, the pleats 29 are stitched down at 30 to overlap and cover the slide fasteners 28 when the seat covering portion and the arm covering portions are joined, as shown in Figures 1, 3, and 7.

The seat covering portion 23 at the front of the article of furniture has an integral apron portion 31. When the slip cover 20 is made of stretchable fabric, the apron 31 has stitched thereto an elastic strip 32 so that when the separations between the arm covering portions 24 and the seat covering portion 23 are closed by the fasteners 28, the apron portion 31 will lie taut and in a smooth condition at the front of the article of furniture 10. The elastic strip 32 also functions to retain the arm covering portions 22, 22' in proper position. Attached to the lower free edge of the back enveloping portion 21 is an elastic strip 33 in alignment with the elastic strip 32. The strip 33 extends all the way around the rear bottom edge of the slip cover from "Zipper" to "Zipper."

At the corners of the article of furniture next to the lowermost edge thereof and adjoining the legs 13 and 14, I have provided concealed tapes 34 secured to opposite portions of the cover. These tapes are tied in the back of the legs 13 and 14 to secure the cover in fixed position.

Referring to Figure 5, it will be seen that I have provided a slip cover 40 similar to the slip cover shown in Figures 1 to 4, inclusive, and adapted for use with an upholstered chair 41.

The slip cover 40 comprises a main cover section 42 having side arm covering portions 43, 43', an auxiliary cover section 44 and slide fastener elements 45. The slip cover 40 may be finished with elastic bands 46 and 47 similar to the bands 32 and 33. A pillow 48 is shown in fragmentary form to illustrate a complete set of fastener elements at one side of the chair.

For the purpose of causing the slide fastener elements to lie flat upon the seat or mattress and in flat position against the front face of the article of furniture, I extend the lower edge portion of the fabric of the inner side panels 24, 24' an appreciable distance horizontally, as indicated by the numeral 49 at the right-hand portion of Figure 5. The fastener elements secured to the free edges of these horizontal extensions are thus in spaced relation from the said inner side panels.

Operation of invention

In use, the main cover section 20 remains at all times in normally non-removable position on the article of furniture and remains fixed thereon while the auxiliary cover section is manipulated so as to permit conversion of the article of furniture from day use as a davenport to night use as a sleeping bed.

The slip covers are preferably made from chintz, cretonne or linen. The slip covers may be fabricated from such stretchable materials as jersey cloth, stockinet, elasticized fabrics, etc. When these materials are used, the covers are finished with a two-inch elastic strip such as "Lastex" bands 32, 33 stitched along the entire bottom edge of the material of which the slip cover is made. These Lastex bands together with concealed tapes 34 retain the slip covers in place and make the covers fit different styles of davenports snugly and neatly.

It is to be noted that while in Figures 1 to 4, inclusive, I have shown the adaptation of my in-

vention to use as a slip cover for a bed davenport, that in Figure 5, the use of the slip cover is shown as practicable for standard type upholstered chairs. My slip covers may also be used for the type of chairs adapted to be converted from day use to use as a bed for a single person.

It is to be understood that the auxiliary cover section 25 may be made of different material than the material employed for the main cover section.

It is also to be understood that the pleats 29 may be taken as representing any suitable protective covering means, such as flaps or layers for performing the same function of covering the outside surfaces of the slide fastener elements 28.

In accordance with the patent statutes I have described and illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention, but it will be understood that various changes and modifications can be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A slip cover for a convertible article of furniture having a sectional seat which may be extended to form a bed, comprising a main cover section for enveloping the back rest and side arms, said main cover section comprising a covering layer for the entire front face of said back rest, an auxiliary cover section integral with the bottom edge portion of said back rest covering layer, said auxiliary cover section being adapted to be extended over the seat or mattress and over the lower front face portion of said article of furniture, said auxiliary cover section being also adapted to be swung over said back rest for exposing said seat or mattress and said lower front face, said auxiliary cover section having fastener elements at opposite side edges, said main cover section having complementary detachable fastener elements adjoining said side arms and adapted to be interlocked with said first mentioned fastener elements, the complementary fastener elements terminating above the seat level and respectively linearly directed in single planes, said fastener elements being located in their entirety in said planes along said side arms, said fastener elements being sufficiently elongated so as to connect both the lower front face portion and the seat covering portion of said auxiliary cover section to said main cover section, whereby said auxiliary cover section may be released from said main cover section and swung over said back rest, thereby giving access to said article of furniture for converting said article of furniture from day use to a sleeping bed without removing said main cover section therefrom.

2. A slip cover for a convertible article of furniture having a sectional seat which may be extended to form a bed, comprising a main cover section extending over the side arms and at least a portion of the rear of said back rest, said main cover section comprising a covering layer for the front and top faces of said back rest, an auxiliary cover section extending from the bottom edge portion of said back rest covering layer and of a size to cover the seat and to overhang the lower front face portion of said article of furniture, said auxiliary cover section being also adapted to be swung over said back rest for exposing said seat or mattress and said lower front face, said auxiliary cover section having fastener elements at opposite side edges thereof, said auxiliary cover section having flaps extending over said fastener elements, said main cover section having com-

plementary fastener elements adjacent said side arms and adapted to be interlocked with said first mentioned fastener elements, said main cover section having flaps extending over the fastener elements at said side arms and being adapted to cover said elements, whereby said auxiliary cover section may be released from said main cover section and swung over said back rest to permit converting the said article of furniture from day use to a sleeping bed without removing said main cover section from said article of furniture.

3. A slip cover for a convertible article of furniture having a sectional seat which may be extended to form a bed, comprising a main cover section for enveloping the back rest and side arms, said main cover section comprising a covering layer for the entire front face of said back rest, an auxiliary cover section integral with the bottom edge portion of said back rest covering layer, said auxiliary cover section having fastener elements at opposite side edges, said main

cover section having complementary detachable fastener elements adjoining said side arms and adapted to be interlocked with said first mentioned fastener elements, whereby said auxiliary cover section may be released from said main cover section and swung over the back rest, thereby giving access to said article of furniture for converting said article of furniture from day use to a sleeping bed without removing said main cover section therefrom, said auxiliary cover section having double layer flaps overlying one-half of said fastener elements, said main cover section having double layer flaps overlying the other half of said fastener elements, said double layer flaps being respectively underfolded and forming reinforcement for said covering fabric, the lower edge portions of the inner side panels of said main cover section extending appreciably from said side panels to cause said fastener elements to be positioned in spaced relation from said inner side panels and lie flat upon said seat.

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