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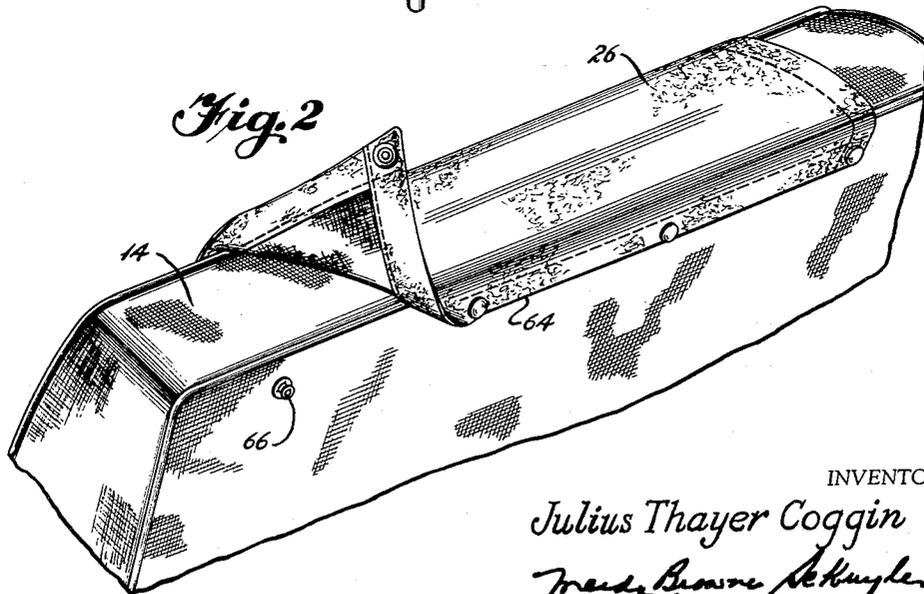
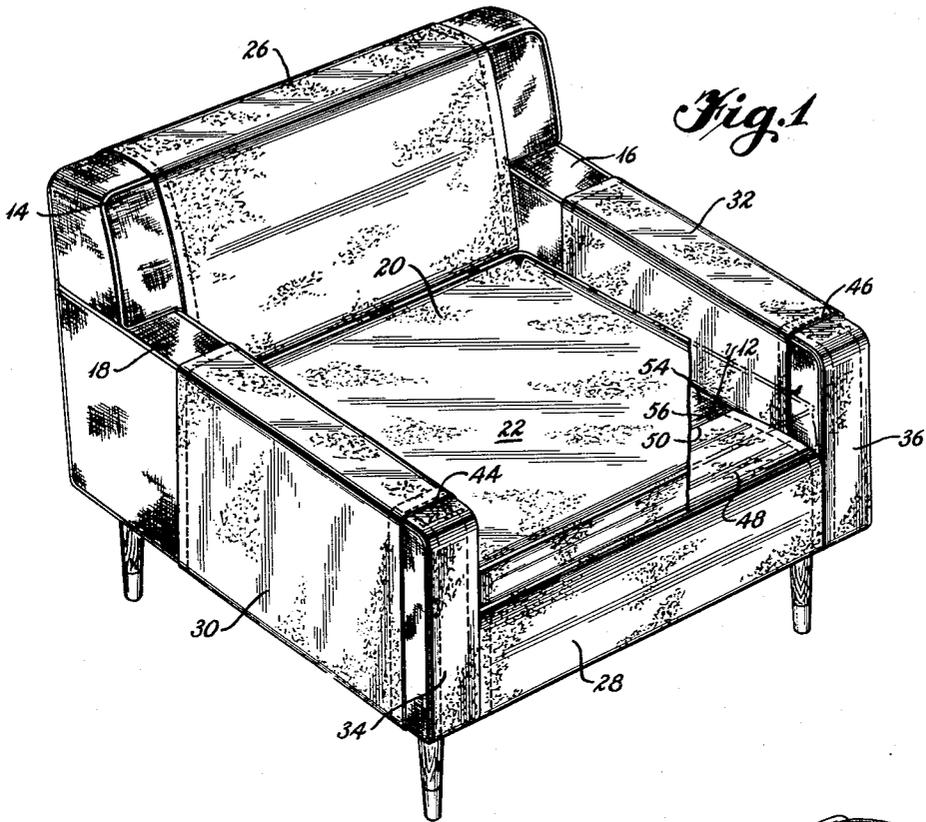
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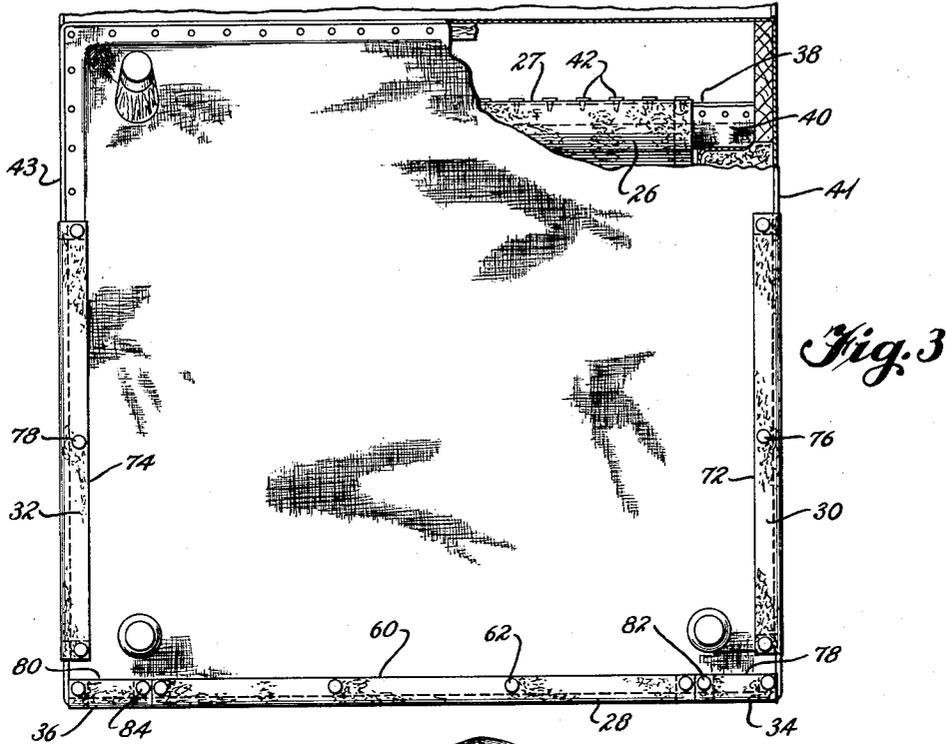


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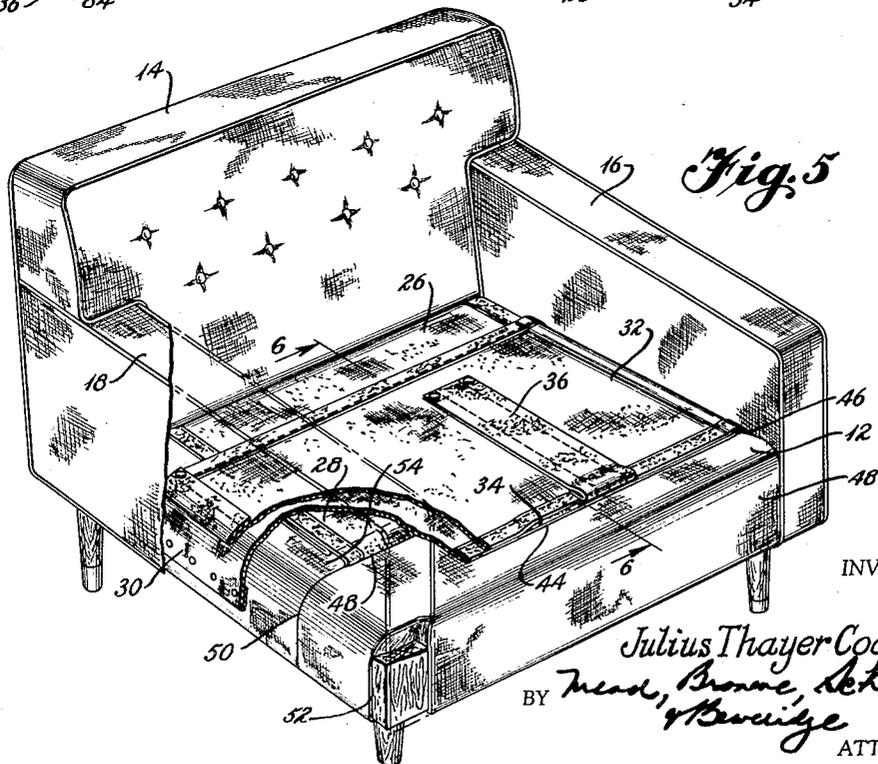


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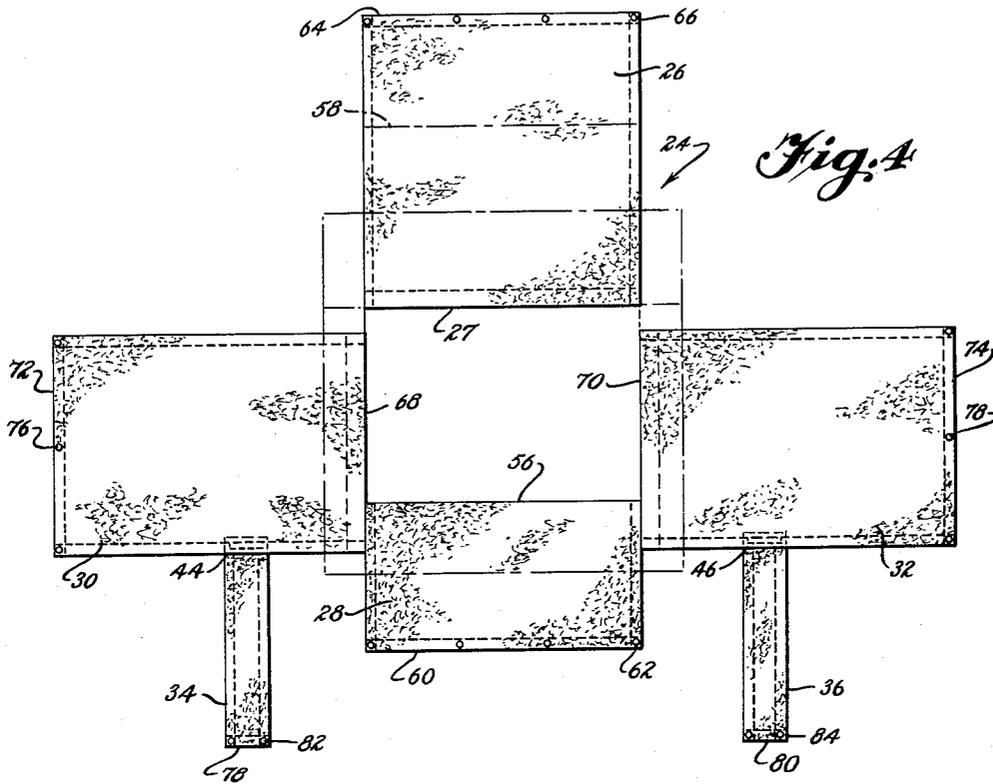


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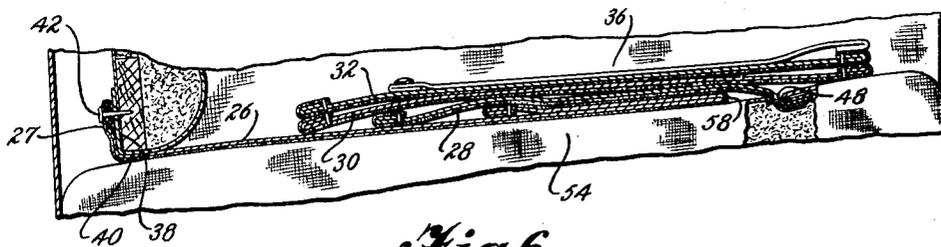


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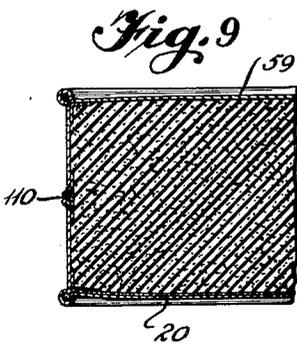
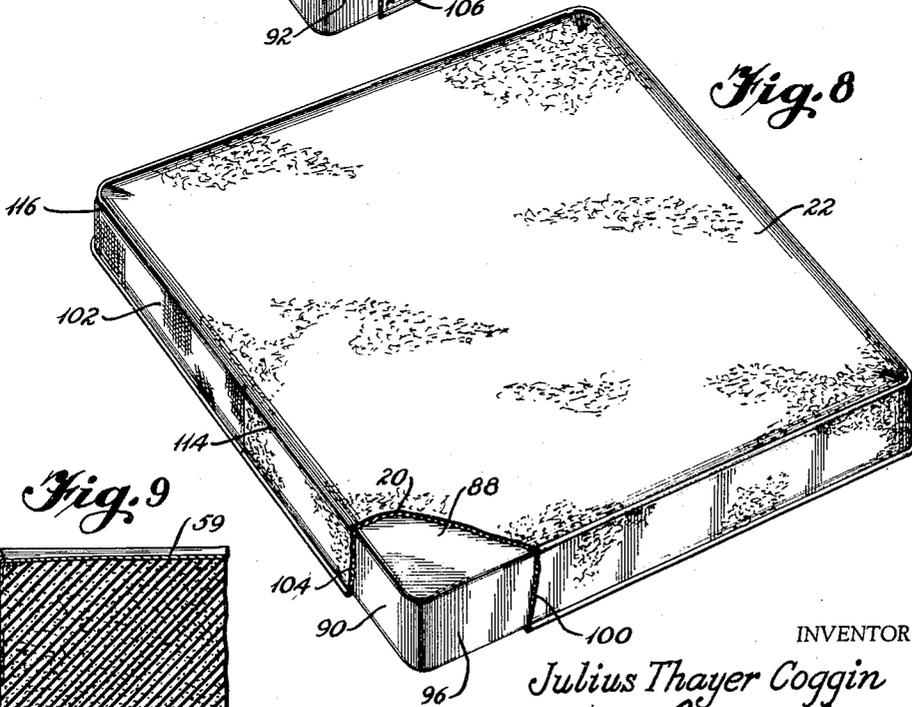
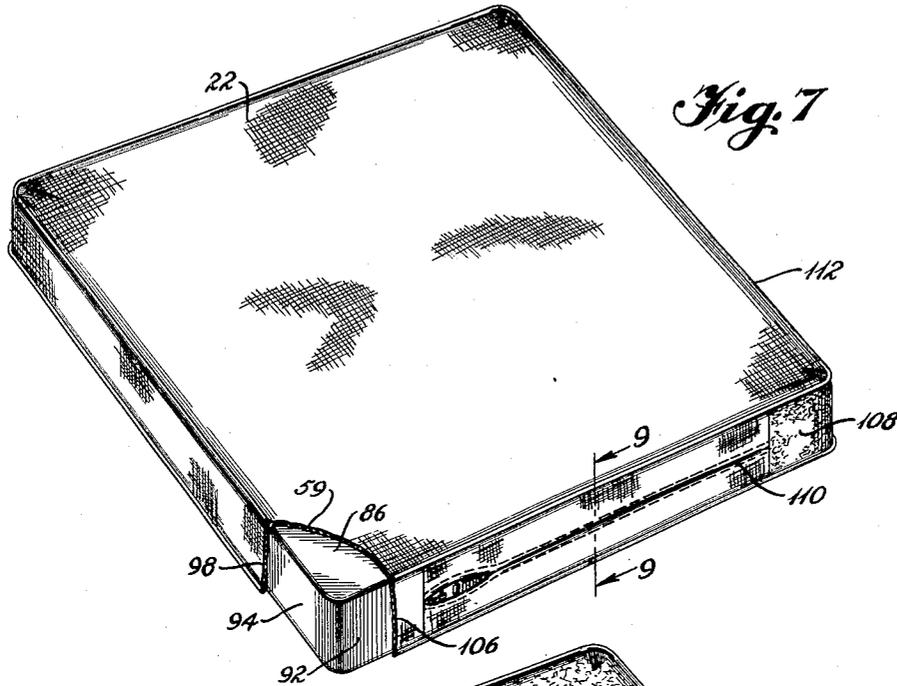
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This invention relates to upholstered articles of furniture and more particularly to articles of furniture having a reversible protective covering forming a part of the article and storable therein.

Conventional furniture slip covers are usually used seasonally to alternate with the permanent upholstered covering of the furniture or permanently to cover worn upholstery material. In either case, the slip covers remain installed on the furniture for extended periods of time because it is impractical to apply and remove the covers for different occasions. Hence, during the period that the cover is applied, users are deprived of the attractive qualities of the original upholstery. When the slip cover is removed, the article of furniture is subjected to daily wear and tear for the entire period during which the cover is removed. In the compact houses and apartments occupied at the present time by most persons in urban and suburban areas, the furniture in certain rooms must serve the dual purpose of everyday practical use as well as for special occasions where an attractive appearance is desired.

It is, therefore, a major object of this invention to provide upholstered furniture with a built-in protective covering arranged to overlie exposed portions of the furniture normally subjected to wear and which may be quickly and easily folded and stored in the furniture to expose the more attractive but, in some cases, less durable upholstery material.

In attaining this object one of the features of the invention resides in the arrangement of an article of furniture having a seat, back and arms, such as a chair, with a storable, protective covering of a flexible material including a plurality of panels, each having one end anchored adjacent the seat frame. When stored, each of the panels lies folded, one over the other, on the seat beneath a reversible cushion. As a protective covering, the panels overlie the back, arms and front edge of the chair, respectively, and have their free ends secured to the furniture. The reversible cushion has a panel of the protective material on one side and the upholstery material on the other with side and end panels arranged to expose matching material.

This and other objects and features will become apparent from the specification and accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an article of furniture, such as a chair, embodying the invention in its preferred form;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view showing the manner in which one end of a panel of the protective covering is secured to the back of the article of furniture;

Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the chair shown in Fig. 1 with one section partially cut away;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the protective covering with the chair shown in phantom;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the article of furniture shown in Fig. 1, showing the protective covering in

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folded position on the chair seat with some parts broken away for clearness;

Fig. 6 is an enlarged vertical sectional view showing the protective covering as folded on the chair;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the reversible cushion with the upholstered material exposed to view;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the reversible cushion with the side covered by the protective material exposed to view; and

Fig. 9 is an enlarged vertical sectional view of the reversible cushion taken on line 9—9 of Fig. 7.

As shown in the drawing, an upholstered chair has a seat 12, back 14 and arms 16 and 18. Overlying the seat 12 between the arms 16 and 18, and exposing to view that surface which is covered with a protective flexible material 20, is a reversible cushion 22.

As best seen in the extended plan view of Fig. 4, the protective covering 24 has a back panel 26, a front panel 28 and two arm panels 30 and 32 with extensions 34 and 36 which cover the front edge of each arm. Back panel 26 has one end 27 secured to back edge 38 of the seat frame 40 (Fig. 3) as by tacks 42. Similarly secured to the side edges 41 and 43 of seat frame 40 are the arm panels 30 and 32 having extensions 34 and 36 sewn to the front edges 44 and 46 of the arm panels. Along the front portion 48 of the seat 12 at a seam 50 between the upholstery covering 52 and seat covering 54, one end 56 of front panel 28 of the protective cover is secured to the seat covering.

When in stored position, each of the protective cover panels extend from the edge of the seat to which it is secured over the seat toward an opposite edge and is folded over other panels so all panels are covered by the reversible cushion 22. To accomplish this, back panel 26 may be extended over the seat 12 and then folded on itself along line 58 and the front panel 28 may be folded over the back panel from seam 50. With the back and front panels thus folded, the arm panels 30 and 32 may extend from edges 41 and 43 of the seat frame 40 over the seat with extensions 34 and 36 folded over the edges 44 and 46 of the arm panels to lie over the seat parallel with the arms of the chair. With the covering compactly folded and the cushion 22 placed with its upholstered side 59 exposed to view, all portions of the protective covering are conveniently stored in the chair and obscured from view.

To cover those portions of the upholstered furniture normally exposed to wear, reversible cushion 22 is removed and the several panels of the covering unfolded to overlie the different parts of the chair. Front panel 28 then extends from the end 56 that is anchored at seam 50 adjacent seat 12 downwardly over the front portion 48 of the chair, and has its free end 60 secured by fasteners 62 beneath the bottom edge of the front panel. Back panel 26 extends from the end 27 which is anchored by tacks 42 adjacent the back of the seat upwardly over the front panel of the chair back and over the top panel of the chair back with its free end 64 anchored by fasteners 66 along the top edge of the back panel of the chair back. Side panels 30 and 32 extend from their respective anchored ends 68 and 70 at the sides of the seat upwardly over the inner panels of the chair arms, across the tops of the chair arms and downwardly to cover the outer panels of the chair arms with their free ends 72 and 74 respectively fastened by fasteners 76 and 78 along the side edges of the chair bottom. Arm extensions 34 and 36 extend from the edges 44 and 46 of the side panels 30 and 32 over the front edges of the chair arms and downwardly where their free ends 79 and 80 are fastened along the front edge of the chair bottom by fasteners 82 and 84. As may be observed in Fig. 1, panels 34 and 36 have their inner edges contiguous the

outer edges of the front panel 28 to form a substantially continuous protective covering across the front of the chair.

Reversible cushion 22 is formed of a substantially rectangularly shaped cushion pad having two seat surfaces 86 and 88 with side surfaces 90 and 92 and end surfaces 94 and 96 extending between the two seat surfaces. A seat cover panel 59 of upholstery material extends over seat surface 86 and a seat cover panel 20 of protective material extends over the other seat surface 88. One end surface 94 is covered with a panel 98 of upholstery material and the other end surface 96 is covered with an end panel 100 of protective material. Side surface 90 is partially covered with a side panel 102 of upholstery material extending from the panel 98 on end surface 94 and the remaining part of side surface 90 is covered with a partial side panel 104 of protective material extending from the panel 100 on the end surface 96. On its other side, side surface 92 is partially covered with a panel 106 of upholstery material extending from the end panel 98 and the remaining portion of side surface 92 is covered with a partial panel 108 of protective material extending from the end panel 100. To permit the pad to be inserted within the reversible cover for the cushion, side panel 106 is formed with a zipper 110 and, as shown in Fig. 8, the upholstered panel 106 covering side surface 92 extends a greater length to accommodate the full length of the zipper closure.

Extending around the edges of upholstered seat panel 59 covering seat surface 86 at its junctures with the side panels 102, 104, 106, 108, and end panels 98, 100, is a welt 112 of upholstered material so arranged that, when upholstered seat panel 59 is exposed, and upholstered front panel 98 is at the front of the chair, only upholstered material of the reversible cushion 22 is apparent and all of the protective material is obscured. At the junctures of seat panel 20 of protective material covering seat surface 88 with end panel 100 of protective material and partial side panels 104 and 108 of protective material, a welt 114 is located covered with the same protective material. At the junctures of seat panel 20 of protective material with end panel 98 of upholstery material and partial side panels 102 and 106 of upholstery material a welt 116 is formed covered with upholstery material. Use of upholstery material along welt 116 at the juncture of seat panel 20 of protective material with end panel 98 of upholstered material is necessary in order that the welt of upholstery material will appear at the front of the chair when the seat panel 20 of upholstery material and the end panel 98 of upholstery material are exposed. When the seat panel of protective material and end panel 100 of protective material are exposed, welt 116 is at the back of the chair where it will receive little wear and will not materially effect the appearance of the chair with the protective cover exposed. With this arrangement the reversible cushion has all surfaces exposed to wear adequately protected with protective material when in one position and presents the appearance of a completely upholstered cushion when the upholstered surfaces are exposed. In this position, all protective coverings on the cushion are obscured from view.

With the arrangement of protective covering panels incorporated in the upholstered chair as described so they may be stored beneath their reversible cushion or arranged to overlie exposed surfaces of the upholstery material, users of upholstered furniture may protect the furniture from normal wear and tear by having the protective covering in position overlying exposed surfaces. For those occasions where the user desires the benefits of the attractive appearance of the upholstered furniture, several panels of the protective covering may be

detached at their free ends and folded one upon the other over the seat. Then, with the upholstered seat and front panels of the reversible cushion exposed the entire protective covering is obscured from view. In this way, the article of furniture may be used for everyday use and have its attractive appearance greatly prolonged.

As many changes may be made in the embodiment of the invention described in the foregoing specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, this embodiment is intended to be construed as illustrative, and not in a limiting sense.

What is claimed is:

1. In an upholstered article of furniture having a seat, a back, and a removable cushion on the seat, a storable protective cover of flexible material comprising a plurality of panels each having one edge secured to said article adjacent an edge of the seat, each of said panels being arranged to be folded flat over the seat for storing beneath said cushion and extended from the seat to overlie a part of the article, and means for releasably securing the free edges of said panels to the article with the panels overlying a part of the article.

2. In an upholstered article of furniture having a rectangular seat, a back, arms, and a removable cushion on the seat, a storable protective cover of flexible material comprising four panels each having one edge secured to the article along one side of the seat, said panels being arranged to be folded flat over the seat for storing beneath said cushion or extended from the seat to respectively overlie the front, back, and arms of the article.

3. In an upholstered article of furniture having a seat, back, arms, and a removable cushion on the seat, a storable protective cover of flexible material comprising a generally rectangular first panel having one edge secured to the article adjacent the seat and arranged to be folded flat over the seat for storing beneath said cushion, means for releasably securing the edge of said first panel opposite said one edge to the article with said first panel overlying the back, a generally rectangular second panel having a rear edge secured to the article adjacent said seat and arranged to be folded flat over said seat for storing beneath said cushion, means for releasably securing the front edge of said second panel to the article with said second panel overlying the front edge portion of said seat, a pair of generally rectangular side panels each having a side edge secured to said article adjacent said seat and arranged to be folded flat over said seat for storing beneath said cushion, and means for releasably securing the respective opposite edges of said side panels to the article with said side panels respectively overlying the arms of the article.

4. In an article of upholstered furniture, a reversible cushion comprising a generally rectangular pad having two seat surfaces with side and end surfaces extending therebetween, a first seat cover panel of one material covering one seat surface, a second seat cover panel of a second material covering the other seat surface, a first end panel of said first material covering one of said end surfaces, a second end panel of said second material covering the opposite end surface, first partial side panels of said first material extending from said first end panel and covering a portion of said side surfaces and second partial side panels of said second material extending from said second end panel and covering the remaining portions of said side surfaces.

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