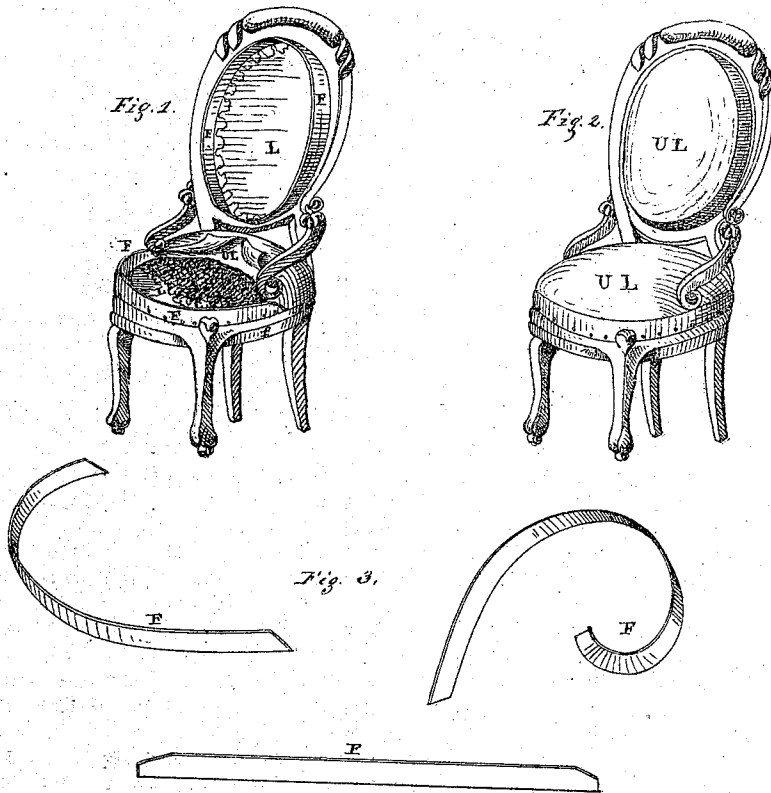


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMOS K. HOFFMEIER, of the city and county of Lancaster, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Process of Covering or Forming the Margins of Chairs, Sofas, &c., preparatory to stuffing the same, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in the cheapness and simplicity of the application of the improved edge piece, which requires no stitching or padding whatever, and produces the most finished effect, which for beauty and durability makes it especially valuable in upholstering the backs of sofas, lounges, chairs, &c., so easily put on that a novice in the business can accomplish the work usually requiring great skill and experience to perform, with equal neatness, and at a saving of time and labor by which four ordinary jobs can be finished during the period usually required for one by the old method, and at a great saving of material.

In the drawing two chairs are shown, the one having the strip of tar-board F around the frame of the back, and the outer or under lining L, as also around the seat, which is partially stuffed, and the upper lining U L ready for finishing, as shown in the other chair, preparatory for the final hair or cloth cover over the whole. Figures F are detached strips of tar-board ready for application.

The backs as well as the seats of sofas, lounges, and chairs, have a rabbet cut in the frames for the reception of upholstering cloths or covers and lining. My first step is to take

a piece of heavy tar-board, cut to size and shape. This I soak in water to render it pliable, and make it so that I can condense by pounding, or expand by stretching so as to fit up closely to the curve or shape of the rabbet forming the border of the frame, to which it is fitted and tacked at regular intervals, and, as it speedily becomes dry, it assumes a firm, smooth, and permanent set, all of which is easily and speedily performed, and my edge is finished without any stitching or padding whatever, and ready for the back lining, which, when tacked onto the inner edge on the tar-board, the outer lining or cover can be stretched over the tar-board edge and tacked down on the outer ledge of said frame, leaving an open space for the purpose of introducing the hair or stuffing between said linings, which is, of course, performed in the ordinary way preparatory to putting on the final or finishing cover.

By the use of the tar-board, repairs are easily made as well as all the difficulties obviated.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Forming the edge of seats and backs of chairs, sofas, &c., by means of the application of strips made of tar-board or its equivalent, preparatory to lining and stuffing the same, substantially in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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