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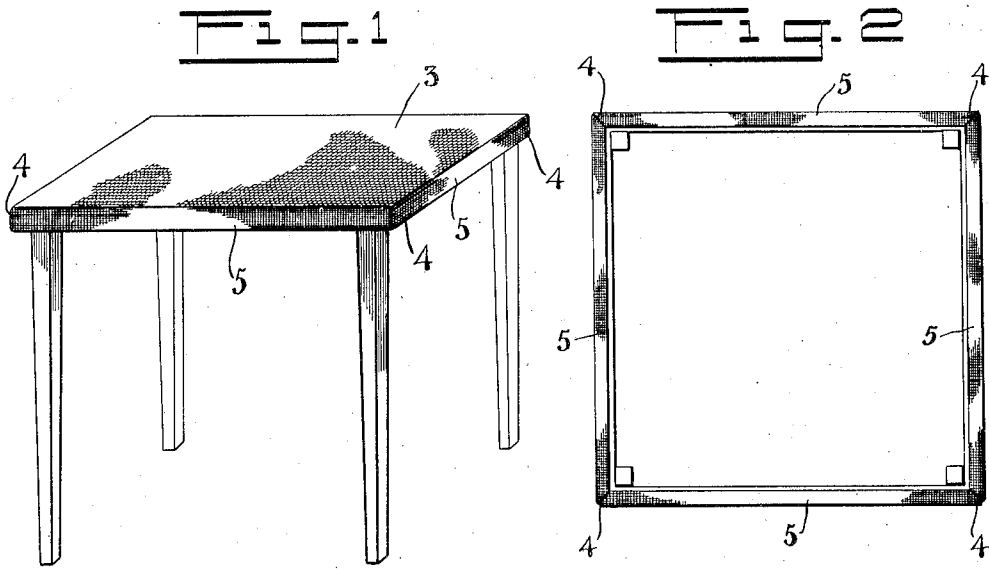


Fig. 3

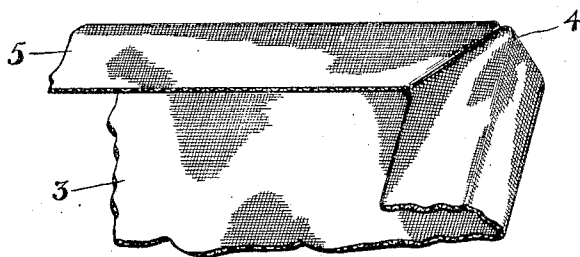


Fig. 4

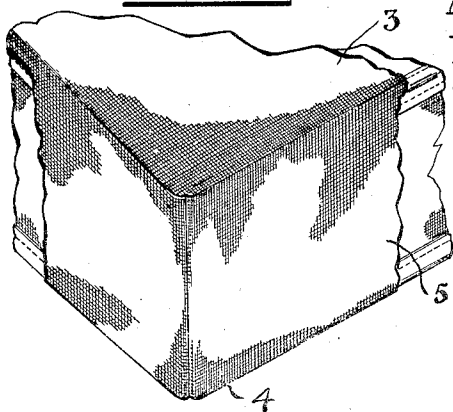
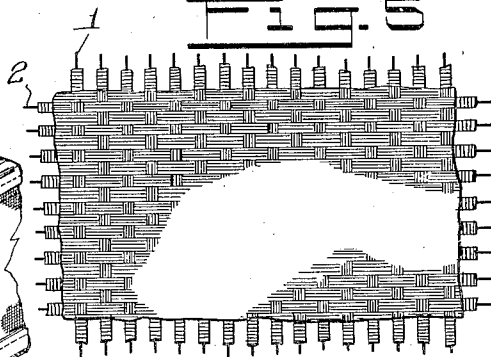


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to fabric covers adaptable to be removably applied over rectangular shaped top surfaces of furniture and other like articles.

5 The object of the invention is to provide a cover for furniture and other like articles having substantially rectangular shaped tops, which is made of a woven elastic fabric and so formed that it can be removably applied to the said top surface and securely maintained thereover in a smooth, taut and stretched condition.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a cover of this character which is simple in its construction, inexpensive to make and which is also strong and durable in use.

15 A further object of the invention is to provide a removable elastic fabric cover for top surfaces of furniture and other like articles which is applicable for use as a cover for surfaces of different rectangular dimensions.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement herein fully described, illustrated and claimed.

25 In the accompanying drawing I have shown my improved removable fabric cover applied to a table top and also as a covering for a bed mattress, but it is to be understood that said cover construction is not restricted to a use in connection with such specific articles alone but may be made applicable for use in connection with any other type of furniture construction or article which is provided with a substantially rectangular top surface which requires a cover.

35 Referring to the drawing, I have indicated in Figure 1 a perspective elevational view of a table with a removable fabric cover made in accordance with my invention, applied to the top thereof;

40 Fig. 2 shows a bottom plan view of the table illustrated in Figure 1;

Fig. 3 is a broken enlarged view in perspective of one of the corner pockets formed in the cover made in accordance with my invention.

45 Fig. 4 is a broken view in perspective of one corner of a bed mattress and showing my improved cover applied thereto;

50 Fig. 5 is an enlarged view of a piece of fabric of the type which may be used in connection with my improved cover construction.

The usual type of removable cover employed for covering such articles of furniture as a table for instance, is made of some suitable fabric which is cut to a proper length and width to completely cover the table top and is provided

with suitable means at the corners of the fabric to secure the same to said top. In such types of covers it is necessary to cut the fabric so that it has the same or approximately the same dimensions as the table top in order that it will have a smooth fit. Such a table cover made for a particular sized top is not adaptable for use in connection with a table having a top of somewhat larger rectangular dimensions. Also, covers of this type of construction made of ordinary fabrics, if applied tightly over the table top for which it is made, will become stretched out of its original shape and if removed and replaced again will not fit the table top properly.

A cover made in accordance with the present invention overcomes the above mentioned difficulties as will now be pointed out.

The fabric employed in my improved cover construction is formed of a plurality of rubber strands or threads interwoven with cotton or other types of threads so that the said fabric will have a substantial elasticity both in the direction of its length and width. The particular manner in which the fabric is woven or produced is not of importance so long as the same, in its completed form, is provided with the desired elasticity as above mentioned.

55 In Figure 5, I have indicated a piece of fabric of the character intended to be used in constructing the cover of my invention. The fabric shown in this figure is provided with rubber threads or strands 1 employed as warp threads and which are interwoven with other threads indicated at 2 which may be cotton or threads composed of any other suitable fabric material. The threads 2 may be also of rubber if desired.

60 Fabric woven in this manner is cut into a desired size sufficient to cover the top of a particular piece of furniture such as a table top 3 of the table shown in Figure 1. The rectangular dimensions of the cut elastic fabric may be slightly less than the dimensions of the top to be covered and the corner portions thereof are folded in any suitable manner and sewed so as to form pockets 4. The shape and construction of these corner pockets of a cover adapted to be used over a table top, is clearly indicated in Figure 3.

65 In applying a table cover constructed in the above mentioned manner and of an elastic woven fabric as above referred to; the cover is positioned over the top so that two of the corner pockets 4 are slipped over and cover adjacent corners of the table top. The elastic fabric of the cover is then stretched until the opposite

corner pockets 4 can be slipped over the opposite corners of the table top. The fact that the original rectangular dimensions of the cover are made slightly less than the dimensions of the table top to be covered causes the fabric of the cover in its stretched condition to lay over and cover the surface of the table top in a taut manner and to present a smooth covering for the top. The side edges of the rectangular shaped elastic fabric cover will be formed into side skirt portions 5 when the cover is in position on the table top and said skirt portions due to the elastic character of the fabric will tend to grip the side edges of the table.

In Figure 4, I have shown a cover made so that it can be applied to a bed mattress. In a cover having such a use the elastic fabric is cut in such a manner that it will be of such rectangular dimensions that the size of the corner pockets will be such that they will accommodate the corner portions of the mattress. Due to the thickness of the usual mattress these corner pockets would necessarily have to be larger in size than would be the case in a table cover. Also the size of the pockets would result in having a wider skirt portion 5 produced when the cover is in position with respect to the mattress and said skirt portion would overlap and cover the sides of the mattress in a stretched condition.

It will be seen that a table cover made of an elastic fabric in the manner above described may be constructed so that it will be adaptable for use as a cover for table tops of varying sizes, within reasonable limits, because of the elastic character of the fabric and when it is applied to said varying sized tops, it will present a smooth flat surface without wrinkles therein. The pocket formations produced at the corners of the cover provide simple and effective means for attaching the cover to the table top and will present a neat appearance when the cover is in place because the elastic fabric of the pockets will also be stretched tightly over the corners.

It is obvious that the cover construction contemplated by the present invention may be utilized as an efficient cover for any flat rectangular shaped surface which may be presented in various types of furniture constructions and other articles.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. A cover for rectangular shaped flat topped parts of furniture and other articles made of a fabric woven of an elastic material and cut to a size and shape substantially corresponding to the size and shape of the top surface of the rectangular shaped part to be covered, and provided with corner pockets adapted to fit over the corners of the rectangular shaped part, said pockets being arranged so as to hold the fabric of the cover over the top surface in a stretched condition when they are in position with respect to the corners of the rectangular shaped part.

2. A cover for rectangular shaped flat topped parts of furniture and other articles made of a fabric having a substantial elasticity in the direction of its width and length and cut to a size and shape which substantially corresponds to the size and shape of the top surface of the rectangular shaped part to be covered, and provided with corner pockets formed by stitching together portions of the fabric at the corners of the cover, said pockets being adapted to fit over the corners of the rectangular shaped part and being arranged

so that they will hold the fabric of the cover in a stretched condition, throughout its width and length, over the flat topped surface when in position with respect to the corners of the rectangular shaped flat topped part.

3. A cover for rectangular shaped flat topped parts of furniture or other articles, made of a woven elastic fabric and formed with a main surface covering for the flat top of said part, and corner pockets adapted to fit over the corners of said part, said pockets being arranged so as to secure said main surface covering section of said cover over the surface of said flat top, and in a stretched and taut condition, when said pockets are in position with respect to the corners of the rectangular shaped flat topped part of said furniture or other article.

4. A cover for rectangular shaped flat topped parts of furniture or other articles, made of a woven elastic fabric and formed with a main surface covering section for the flat top of said part, corner pockets adapted to fit over the corners of the rectangular shaped part, and a pendant flap or skirt sections adapted to cover the side portions of the rectangular shaped part, said corner pockets being arranged so as to secure said main surface covering section, and the side flap or skirt sections in a taut and stretched condition over the respective parts they are intended to cover, when said pockets are in position with respect to the corners of the rectangular shaped flat topped part of said furniture or other article.

5. A rectangular shaped table cover made of a woven elastic fabric and formed with a main table top covering section and corner pockets adapted to fit over the corners of the table, said pockets being arranged so as to secure said main table top covering section over the table top in a taut and stretched condition when they are in position with respect to the corners of the table.

6. A rectangular shaped table cover made of a woven fabric having a substantial elasticity in the direction of its width and length and formed with a main table top covering section and corner pockets adapted to fit over the corners of the table, said pockets being formed by stretching together portions of the fabric at the corners of the cover and being positioned so that they will hold the main table top covering section over the table top in a stretched condition lengthwise as well as in the direction of its width when they are in position with respect to the said corners of the table.

7. A rectangular shaped table cover made of a woven elastic fabric and formed with a main table top covering section, corner pockets adapted to fit over the corners of the table and pendant flap or skirt sections adapted to cover the side edges of said table top, said pockets being positioned so as to secure said main table top covering section over the surface of said top and said side flap or skirt sections over the side edges of said top, in a taut and stretched condition when they are in position with respect to the corners of the table.

8. A cover for rectangular shaped flat topped parts of furniture or other articles, comprised of a fabric made of elastic material and so that it has a substantial elasticity in the direction of its width and length, said cover being cut in a rectangular shape corresponding to the shape of the flat top of said part but of a size less in area than the area of the flat top of the rectangular shaped part, pockets formed in the corners of said cover adapted to be fitted over the corners

of the rectangular shaped part, said pockets being arranged so as to secure the fabric of said cover over the flat top of the rectangular part and in such a stretched condition that the area of the fabric will be increased to an extent which will permit it to completely cover said flat top of said rectangular shaped part.

9. A rectangular shaped cover for a table top made of woven elastic fabric and formed with corner pockets adapted to fit over the corners of

the table top and to secure said cover to said top in a taut and stretched condition.

10. A rectangular shaped cover for a table top made of woven elastic fabric and formed with corner pockets and side skirt portions, said pockets being adapted to fit over the corners of the table top and secure said cover to said top and said skirt portions to the sides of said top in a taut and stretched condition.

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