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Fig. 1.

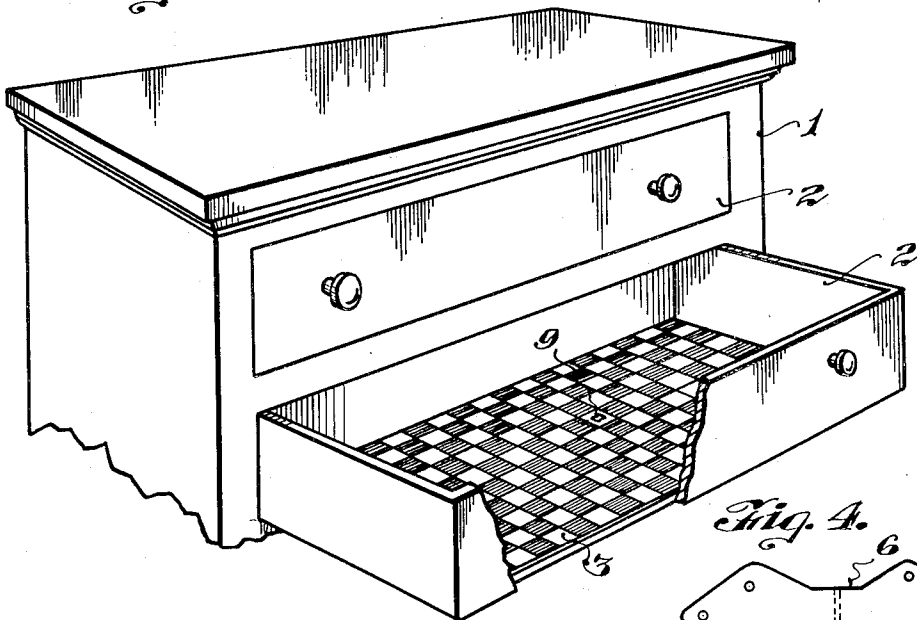


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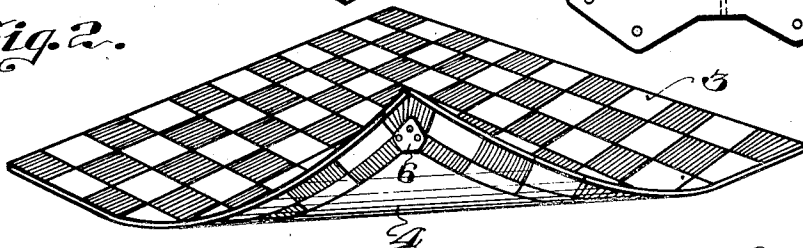


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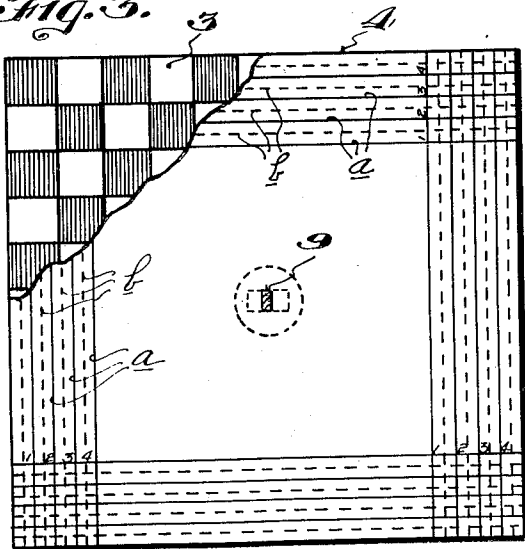


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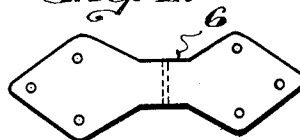
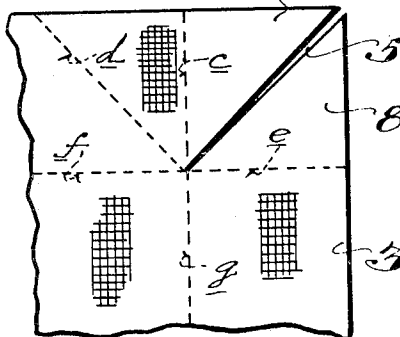


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4 Claims. (Cl. 45—68.4)

This invention relates to protective covering for kitchen cabinets, closet drawers and the like and it has particular reference to a removable mat to be placed in the drawers of kitchen cabinets, closets and other household furniture.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a protective mat or covering comprised of a material which resists moisture, stains and the like and generally protects the contents of the drawers and which is easily removed for cleansing.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the character specified having a stiffening medium which is provided with suitable markings for the direction of the purchaser in adapting the device to drawers of varying sizes and dimensions.

Another object of the invention is to provide a drawer mat of the character specified, which includes certain provisions for securing the protective covering about the stiffening medium and which securing means may be applied without the aid of tools or instruments of any character, thus making for simplicity and economy in construction, adjustment and application.

With the foregoing objects as paramount, the invention has particular reference to its salient features of construction and arrangement of parts which will become manifest as the description proceeds, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet drawer showing the invention applied.

Figure 2 is a perspective view.

Figure 3 is a detail view of the stiffening board with the covering partly torn away.

Figure 4 is a detail view of one of the corner clips, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary view of one corner of the covering showing the method of folding.

Continuing with a more detailed description of the drawing, 1 designates an article of furniture, such as a bureau, cabinet or the like having drawers 2, in the bottom of which the invention is shown.

The invention is comprised primarily of a waterproof covering 3, preferably of oil cloth, "cellophane" or other suitable materials and cut in any desired shape to conform to the bottom of a drawer. It is understood that the cover 3 is larger than the dimensions of the drawer in order that its edges might be folded under to such a degree that the exposed surface of the covering will be equal to the size of the drawer.

In order to lend body to the mat, a stiffening

board 4 is provided, on which is printed a series of lines *a* and *b*, representing guide lines in reducing the mat to fit into any size drawer. These lines are definitely spaced apart and are designated by numerals as shown in Figure 3, denoting inches or fractions thereof in order that the stiffening board may be sized to correspond with the drawer without requiring the use of a measuring instrument.

When the stiffening board 4 has been cut to conveniently fit into a drawer, the covering 3, which is already provided with a corner slit 5, is applied over the surface of the board 4 by folding the marginal edges thereof, over the edges of the board and securing the corners by means of a clip 6. If it is necessary to reduce the size of the board 4, the covering 3 may be applied by simply extending the corner slit 5 and folding the edges further under the board 4. In so forming the edges of the covering over the board 4, the flap 7 defined by slitting the corner is first folded on line *g*, thence on lines *c* and *d* while the other edge 8 is folded on lines *e* and *f*. The edges are thus folded to embrace the edges of the board 4 on all sides. The metal clip 6, comprised of the structure shown in Figure 4, is bent upon itself along the dotted lines and clamped upon the inwardly turned corners of the covering 3 beneath the board 4, as shown in Figure 2, to thus securely hold the covering on the board.

The mat thus produced is placed in the bottom of the interior of the drawer in the manner shown in Figure 1 and is provided with a tab 9 which passes through the covering 3 and is secured to the board 4 to effect its removal and replacement.

The drawing illustrates the invention in two definite shapes, one being rectangular to conveniently fit into the type of drawer shown in Figure 1, while the other is substantially square. It is understood that the invention is not limited to any definite shape but may be made in any form desired and adapted for a drawer of any design, size or shape.

It is apparent from the foregoing that the invention maintains a sanitary condition of the drawer as well as the contents thereof by keeping the latter out of direct contact with the drawer and in view of the material of which the invention is constructed, it may be quickly and conveniently removed for cleaning.

Should it be desired to remove the mat from one drawer and adapt it for application to a smaller drawer, it is simply necessary to deter-

- mine the dimensions of the latter drawer, remove the covering 3 from the board 4 and cut along the predetermined lines *a* or *b* in accordance with the dimensions of the drawer. The
- 5 slits 5 in the corners of the covering 3 are made longer by using a pair of scissors or the like and again applying to the board 4 and securing by the clips 6. The mat is then ready to be placed in the drawer.
- 10 Manifestly, the construction shown is capable of some modification and such modification as is considered within the scope and meaning of the appended claims is also considered within the spirit and intent of the invention.
- 15 What is claimed is:
1. A drawer mat including a stiffening board having sizing lines imprinted thereon, to predetermine the operation of conforming the same to a drawer; a moisture proof covering therefor
- 20 arranged to conceal one side of said board and having slitted corners whereby its edges may be folded under the edges of said stiffening board and means for securing said covering on said board.
- 25 2. A protective mat for drawers and the like including a stiffening board having guide lines imprinted thereon to predetermine the operation of sizing the same to a drawer, a covering of moisture resisting material having its edges folded to embrace the edges of said board and means for securing the folded edges of said covering at its corners to hold the same in fixed relation to said board.
3. A protective mat for drawers and the like including a stiffening board having guide lines in spaced relation one to another and to the edges of said board to predetermine the sizing of said board with respect to a drawer or the like, a covering for said board comprised of moisture proof material, having its corners slitted inwardly to enable its edges to be folded under the edges of said board and means for securing the corners of said covering.
4. A mat for drawers and the like including a semiflexible board having lines printed thereon in spaced relation to each other and to the edges of said board and numerically squared, a covering for said board, a tab secured to said board and passing through an opening in said covering and means for securing said covering in folded position to hold the same in relation to said board.
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