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Fig. 1.

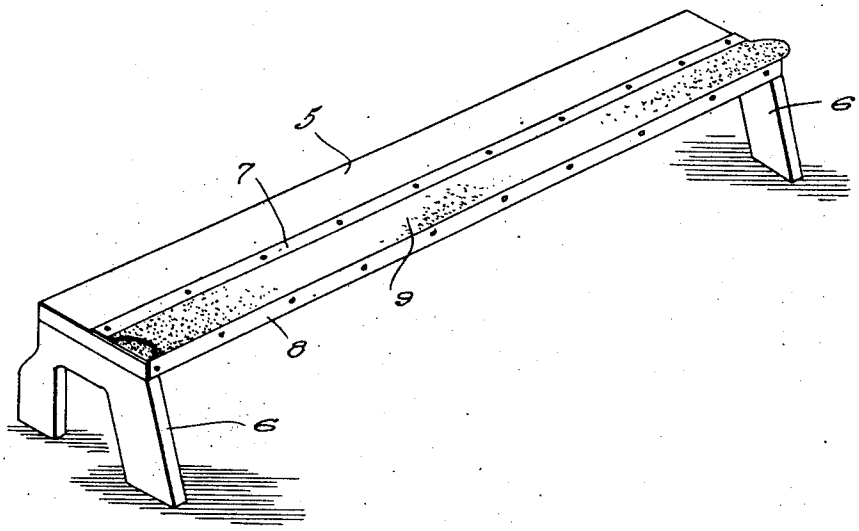
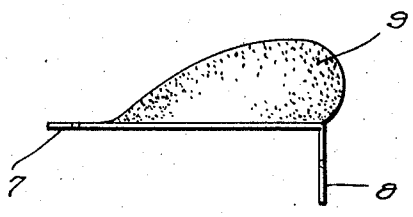


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates generally to church pews and has more particular reference to a highly novel, simple, and inexpensive knee cushion constructed for ready attachment to conventional designs of pews for obviously lessening the strain upon the knees while kneeling, and also to add materially to the comfort of the worshiper.

With the foregoing and other objects in view as the nature of the invention will be better understood the same comprises the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts through both of the figures:

Figure 1 is a perspective of a conventional church pew kneeling bench the kneeling board of which is equipped at its forward edge with my improved knee cushion, and

Figure 2 is an end elevation of the cushion per se.

Now having particular reference to the drawing, there is disclosed in Figure 1 a generally conventional church pew kneeling bench consisting of a kneeling board 5 supported at its opposite end by the usual short legs 6—6. My invention per se consists of a thin strip of metal 7 of a length equivalent to the length of the kneeling board 5 and adapted to be disposed upon the top side thereof and at the forward edge as clearly indicated in Figure 1. The forward edge of this metallic strip is formed with a depending flange 8 similar in length to the length of the strip. The inner edge of this strip 7 as well as the flange 8 is formed with openings to facilitate the attachment of the strip to the top and forward edge of the kneeling board through the medium of screws, nails, or the like.

Suitably attached to the top face of the metallic strip 7 by cement or in other desirable manner is a cushion 9 of any desirable material that is also of a length equivalent to the length of said base strip 7. The top surface of this cushion is of a rounded beveled shape, while the forward edge thereof is rounded as clearly disclosed in Figure 2. This being for the purpose of supporting the knees in such a manner that the feet will naturally droop downwardly and rest upon the floor of the church pew so that the entire weight of the worshiper will not be directly upon the knees. However, I do not desire to be limited to any particular shape of cushion as any shape may be had for producing the result just mentioned.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a highly novel, simple, and inexpensive knee cushion for church pews that is well adapted for all the purposes heretofore designated.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

In combination, a kneeling bench, a strip of metal of a length equivalent to the length of the bench and of a width materially less than that of the bench rigidly secured to the top of the bench adjacent the forward edge thereof, a depending flange formed on the forward edge of the strip for rigid attachment to the forward longitudinal edge of the bench, and a cushion arranged on the upper face of the strip of metal, the top surface of the cushion being inclined downwardly in a rearward direction, so that the feet will rest upon the floor while kneeling upon the cushion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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