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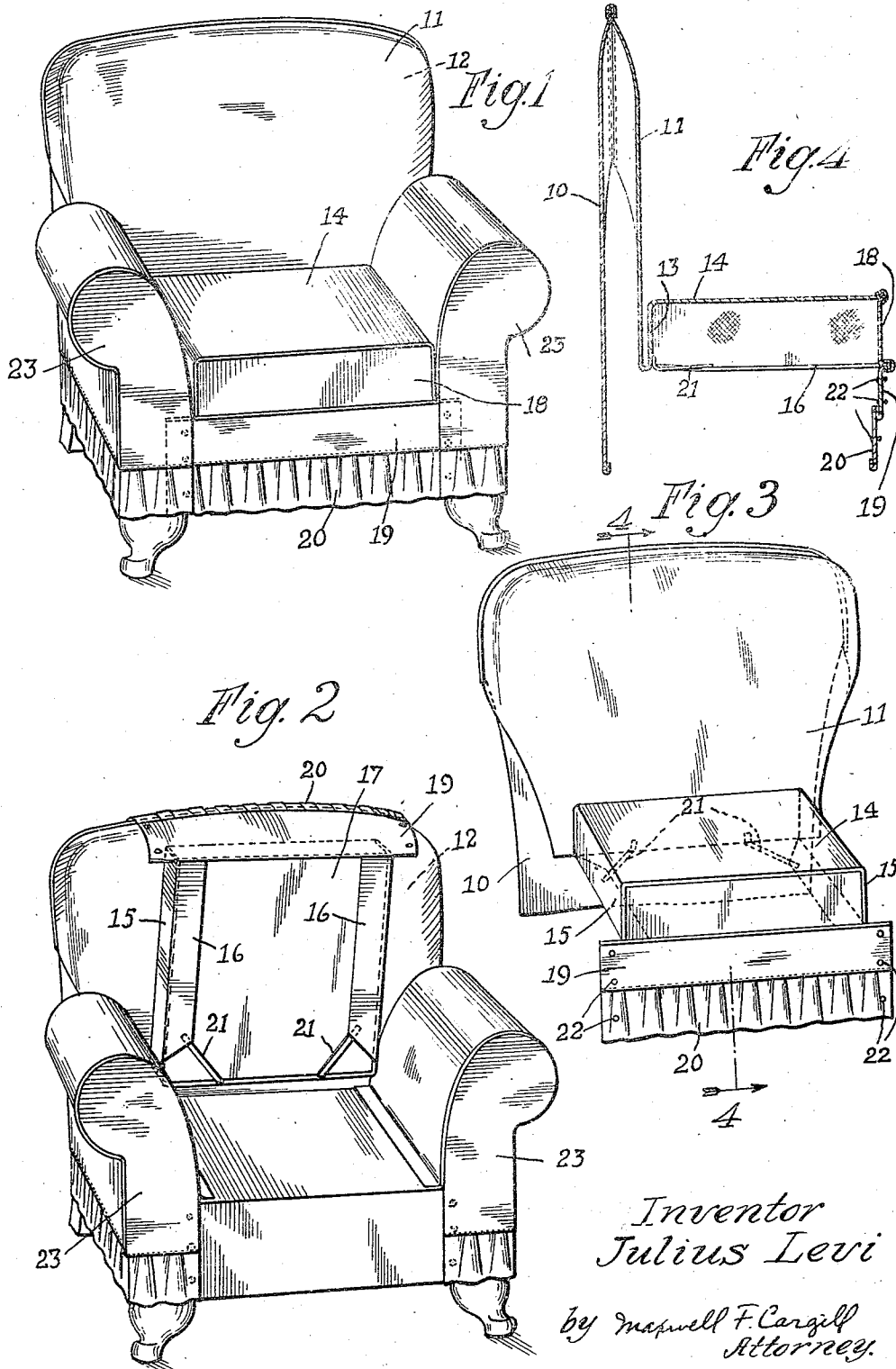
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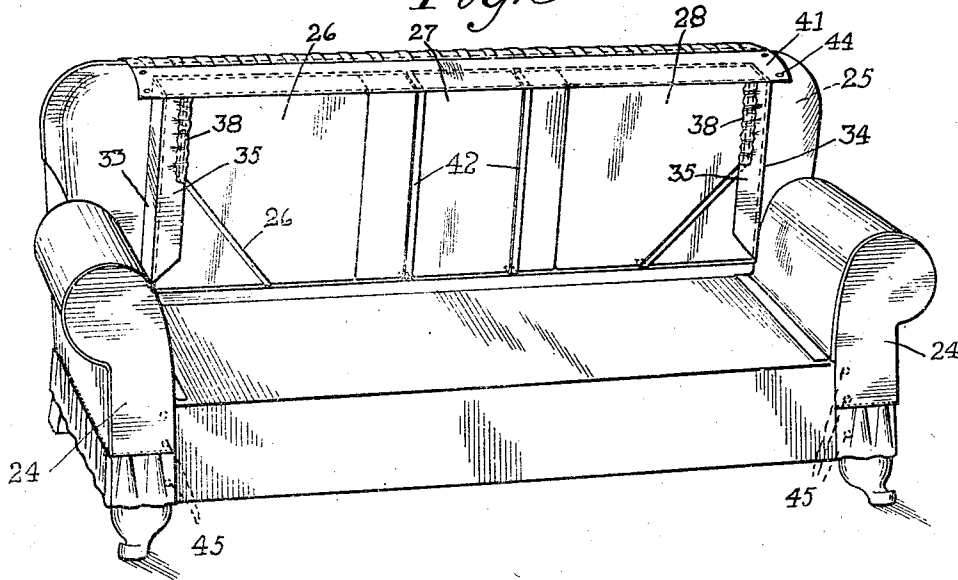
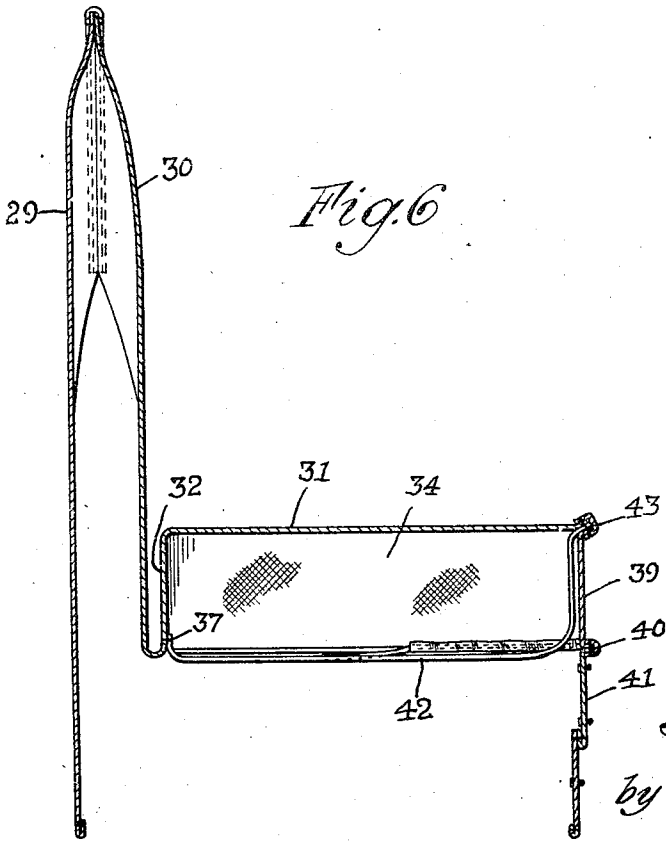


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This invention relates to improvements in furniture slip covers.

An object of the invention is to provide a slip cover comprising an enclosure for the back and an enclosure for a detachable cushion seat which can be readily placed in position and which so cooperates with the cushion seat that the latter assists in retaining the enclosures against disarrangement during use thereof.

10 In the accompanying drawings wherein an embodiment of the invention is illustrated as applied to a conventional overstuffed chair and a davenport,

15 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair with the cover in position.

Figure 2 is a perspective view with the conventional cushion seat in upright position to disclose the lower portion of the cushion enclosure and with the front skirt thrown back.

20 Figure 3 is a perspective view of the back and cushion enclosures, detached from the chair.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4-4 of Figure 3.

25 Figure 5 is a perspective view of a davenport and the improved slip cover applied thereto and showing the conventional cushions in upright position to disclose the construction of the lower portions of the cushion seat enclosure.

30 Figure 6 is a vertical sectional view through the davenport slip cover shown detached from the davenport.

35 In Figures 1 to 4, which illustrate a slip cover for an overstuffed chair, 10 is the rear panel and 11 the front panel of the enclosure for the chair back 12. These panels are secured together along the top and partially down the sides to form an enclosure which can be drawn downwardly over the chair back. The front panel 11 is connected to or formed as a continuation of the rear wall 13 of the enclosure for the cushion seat.

40 The rear wall 13 is connected to or formed as a continuation of the top panel 14 of the cushion seat enclosure.

45 The enclosure is also provided with side walls 15 which terminate in longitudinal flaps 16 which extend beneath the cushion 17 a variable distance depending on the width of the particular cushion. The cushion enclosure is also provided with a front wall 18 which is secured to a drop or skirt 19 having box pleats or ruffles 20 at the lower edge.

50 Fastening members 21 which preferably are elastic extend diagonally from the lower edge of the wall 13 to the flaps 16. These members exert tension on the cushion enclosure both longi-

tudinally and transversely and hold the cover material in smooth contact with the cushion seat.

The lower portion of panel 11 is preferably provided with enough surplus material to permit the back enclosure to be accommodated to chairs 5 having backs of different heights.

The cushion 17 can readily be inserted in the box-like enclosure formed by the top panel 14 and the side walls 13, 15 and 18, and flaps 16, as will be appreciated. 10

The securing members 21, as stated above, tend to hold the cushion seat enclosure in smooth contact with the cushion, and prevent wrinkling and disarrangement during use. Since these members preferably are elastic they will stretch as the cushion is in use and, unless the back 12 of the chair is so low that there is an excess of surplus material at the lower edge of the panel 11, the members 21 will exert a slight tension on the front panel 11 tending to draw the latter downwardly as well as tending to draw the seat enclosure rearwardly and thus preventing disarray of the cushion cover at the front. The friction of the cushion at the rear also assists in holding the front panel 11 against displacement upwardly. 15 20 25

The elastic members 21 may, if desired, be extended longitudinally of the flaps 16 from their points of connection therewith to the forward ends of the flaps, the latter of which will be shirred or gathered and secured to the elastic members by stretching as illustrated in Figure 5. This arrangement tends to retain the top panel 14 and the forward wall 13 of the cushion enclosure against disarray. 30 35

The skirt 19 and the depending pleated section 20 as shown in Figure 3 preferably extend laterally of the cushion and may be provided with fastening means 22 such as buttons or snap fasteners for securing the same to the arm covers 23. The arm covers 23 are made of separate pieces substantially as described in my prior Patent Number 1,825,909, granted Oct. 6, 1931. 40

Figures 5 and 6 illustrate the improved slip covers applied to a davenport. In this instance 45 the arms of the davenport are enclosed in separate covers 24. The cover for the back 25 and the cushions 26, 27 and 28, are secured together in the same manner as above described. Thus the davenport back enclosure is provided with a rear panel 29 and a front panel 30 secured together at the top and partially on the sides to enable the same to be drawn downwardly over the back 25. 50

The cushion seat enclosure comprises a top 55

panel 31 which may, of course, be made in sections to correspond and simulate the individual cushions 26, 27 and 28, and has a rear wall 32 which is connected to or formed as a continuation of the lower portion of the front panel 30.

End walls 33 and 34 are provided with flaps 35 which extend beneath the respective end cushions and provide for lateral expansion of the cushion seat enclosure to accommodate cushions of different width.

Diagonal elastic members 36 are secured as at 37 to the lower edges of the wall 32, and to the flaps 35, the latter of which preferably are shirred or gathered as indicated at 38. The shirred portions 38 are, of course, secured to the elastic members 36 which extend forwardly and may be attached to the front wall 39 at or adjacent the seam 40 formed by the stitching of the front wall 39 to the skirt 41.

Due to the length of the davenport cushion seat, I have found it desirable to use additional elastic members 42 which are attached to the lower portion of the rear wall 32 and extend forwardly and upwardly for attachment to the front wall 39 preferably at the seam 43 between the top panel 31 and the side wall 39.

The individual cushions of the seat can readily be inserted in the box-like enclosures thus provided as will be seen. The elastic members exert sufficient tension on the enclosure material to hold the same smoothly over the surface of the cushions.

In this instance also the skirt 41 extends laterally a short distance of each end of the cushion seat to underlie the forward portions of the arm covers 24, and may be provided with buttons or snap fasteners 44 for cooperation with buttonholes or snaps 45 carried by the arm covers.

The elastic members in cooperation with the friction against the lower portion of the front panels 11 and 30, when the cushions are in position, hold the panels against upward movement during use, and thus provide a neat appearing, smoothly fitting furniture slip cover which can readily be fitted on chairs or davenports of different sizes.

The outer side walls of the arm covers 23 and 24 are provided with suitable fastening means, not shown, similar to fastening members 22 or 45, by means of which the arm covers are attached to the rear panels 10 and 29 respectively. The arm covers are sufficiently long to provide material at the rear ends to be tucked into the space provided between the davenport arms and backs.

The parts of the covers can be readily removed

or attached by this arrangement, are convenient to handle during washing and ironing, and can readily be replaced.

By attaching the lower edge of the front panels 11 and 30 of the chair and davenport covers to the lower edges of the rear walls 13 and 32 respectively, of the cushion enclosures, the latter are given the appearance of being separate from the back enclosures when in use.

While I have shown and described an embodiment of my invention for the purpose of illustration, I do not wish to be restricted specifically thereto except as so limited by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A slip cover for an overstuffed article of furniture having a back and a detachable cushion seat comprising connected front and rear panels forming an enclosure for the back of the article, and a cover section for said cushion seat having a top panel and depending side walls terminating in flaps arranged to underlie the longitudinal margins of the seat and having depending front and rear walls secured to the end portions of said side walls to provide a box-like enclosure for the cushion seat, the lower edge of said rear wall being connected to the lower edge of said front panel whereby the rear end of the seat tends to retain said panel against dislodgment upwardly, and diagonally extending means secured to said rear wall and to said flaps for exerting tension on said top panel both transversely and longitudinally to retain said top panel against disarray with respect to said cushion seat.

2. A slip cover for an overstuffed article of furniture having a back and a detachable cushion seat comprising front and rear panels forming an enclosure for the back of the article, and a box-like enclosure for the cushion seat, said enclosure comprising a top panel covering said seat and having depending side walls terminating in inwardly turned flaps and depending front and rear end walls secured to the end portions of said side walls, said enclosure having an opening in the bottom for accommodating the insertion of said seat and provided with elastic means extending from said rear wall diagonally to said flaps for exerting tension both longitudinally and transversely of said top panel for retaining the same in smooth contact with said seat, said front panel being connected at its lower edge to the lower edge of said rear wall of said seat enclosure to give the semblance of separate parts and whereby said cushion seat tends to retain said panel against upward dislodgment.

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