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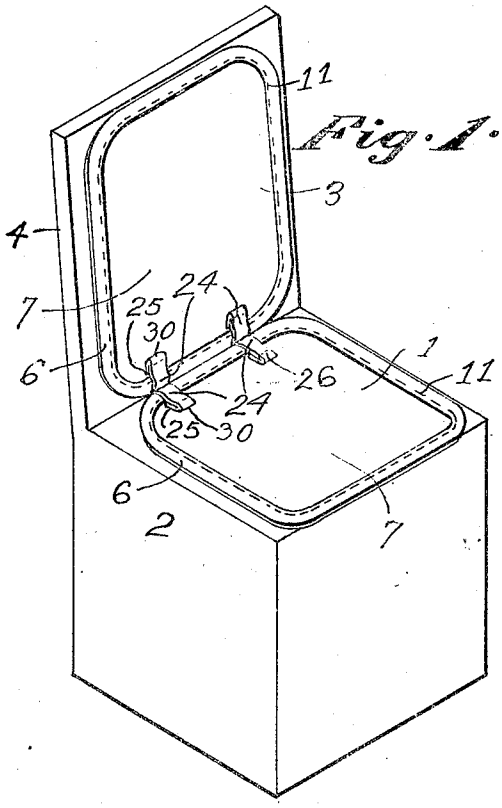


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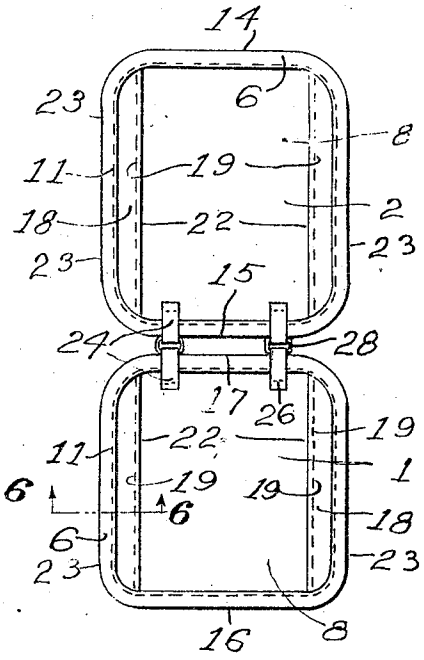


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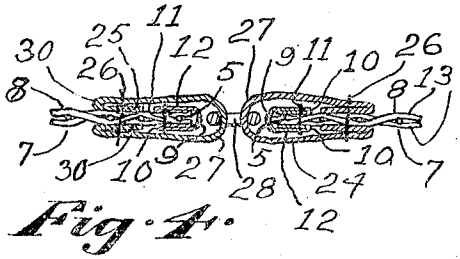


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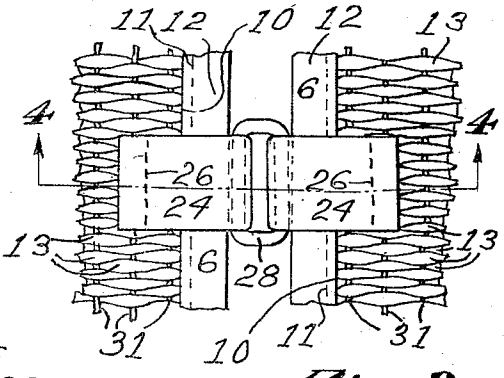


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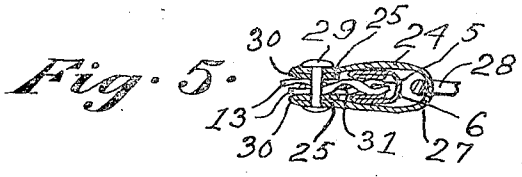


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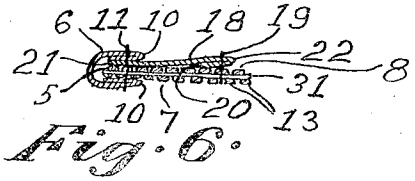


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH S. LOPEZ, a subject of the King of Spain, residing at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Seat Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to covers and pertains more particularly to portable seat covers capable of being carried with the user and of being folded and rolled together in compact form when not in use.

This invention consists generally of a part for covering the seat proper and a part for covering the back of the seat, and one of its objects is to provide a novel form of joint for connecting these two component parts, whereby they may be folded upon each other.

Another object is to devise a cover whose back part shall be sufficiently stiff or rigid in the direction of its height to prevent its crumpling or collapsing, and yet be sufficiently flexible in a transverse direction to permit its being rolled into a compact form when not in use. It is, also, preferred to stiffen the seat part in a forward and backward direction while permitting lateral flexibility thereof, so that after being folded together, both back and seat may be, also, rolled up together.

Another object is to provide suitable reinforcing means for the margin of the cover.

Other objects will appear in the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which like numbers of reference denote like parts wherever they occur,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cover as it appears when applied to a seat;

Figure 2 is a view of the underside of the cover as it appears when fully spread out or extended;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary detail enlargement view, particularly showing the details of the joint and of the cover material;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary sectional view showing an alternative means of securing the loop to the cover; and

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 2, but on a large scale.

The cover comprises a section 1 adapted for covering the seat 2 proper of a chair, bench, davenette or other suitable means for supporting one in a sitting posture, and a section 3 adapted to cover the back 4 of the said chair or other said means. Sections 1 and 3 are preferably formed of matting, preferably fabricated of straw or other suitable material, and have their margins or edges 5 reinforced with bands 6 of cloth or other suitable material. The said bands 6 pass around the edges 5 so as to overlap the outer sides 7 and the under sides 8 of the sections or parts 1 and 3. The longitudinal edges 9 of the bands 5 are folded or tucked under at 10 between the bands and the matting, and sewing stitches 11 pass through the overlapping portions 12 of the bands 6 and their tucked-under edges 9 and through the matting, thus securing to the matting a substantial reinforcing shield along its edges. The warp 13 of the matting preferably extends from top 14 to bottom 15 on the back section 3, and from front 16 to back 17 on the seat section 1. Auxiliary reinforcing strips 18 of cloth or other suitable material are preferably secured to the undersides 8 of the sections 1 and 3 by threads 19 along their inner edges 20 and by the threads 11 along their outer edges 21, the outer edges 21 being tucked under the bands 6, and the inner edges 20 being preferably, also, tucked under at 22. The strips 18 are wider than the bands 6, and run along the side edges 23 of the sections 1 and 3, parallel to the warp 13 of the matting.

Flexible bands or straps 24 have their ends 25 secured, preferably by threads 26, to the outer and under sides 7 and 8, respectively, of the sections 1 and 3, so as to form loops 27 to straddle the sections 1 and 3. Seat section 1 has a pair of these straps 24 along its rear edge 17, and back section 2 has a pair of these straps along its lower edge 15, the edges 15 and 17 being juxtaposed parallel to one another. Wire loops 28 pass through the loops 27, linking the straps 24 of the seat section 1 with their mates 24 of the back section 2, thus forming a pair of flexible joints for pivotally connecting these sections together. An alternative manner of securing the straps 24 to the matting by rivets 29 is depicted in Figure 5. The ends 25 of straps 24 are preferably tucked under at 30.

When the cover is placed over a seat, as depicted in Figure 1, the clothes of the sit-

ter are protected from being soiled, if the seat 2 be unclean, by the section 1, and if the back 4 be unclean, by the section 3. When the sitter arises to depart, he folds the back section 3 against the seat section 1, thus placing the outer sides 7 of the two sections face to face, and thereby shielding them from dust and dirt. The back section 3 is preferably longer or higher than the seat section 1, so that when folded over, its upper edge 14 projects beyond the forward seat edge 16. The matting is relatively stiff or rigid in the direction of the warp 13, and relatively flexible in the direction of its woof or weft 31, so that the back section 3 will maintain its upright position when placed against the back 4 because of this rigidity. However, by virtue of the flexibility in the direction of the weft 31 the seat cover may be rolled up, after folding the sections 1 and 3 together, in a compact roll, the axis of the roll being parallel to the warp and transverse to the pivoted edges 15 and 17, in which form it may be kept clean and conveniently carried about from place to place.

Having thus described this invention, I hereby reserve the benefit of all changes in form, arrangement, order, or use of parts, as it is evident that many minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of this invention or the scope of the following claim.

I claim:

A seat cover comprising two separate sections each consisting of a strip of matting, each of said strips being provided with a U-shaped reinforcing binding extending completely around its periphery, said strips being arranged in spaced relation with the warps of the strips in alinement, pairs of flexible U-shaped hinge straps straddling the adjacent edges of the strips, the ends of said straps resting on the matting adjacent the binding fastening means each extending entirely through the two ends of a respective strap and the matting therebetween, the flexible straps of one section being alined with the flexible straps of the other section, and rectangular wire loops each connecting a respective pair of alined hinge straps.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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