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Fig. 1

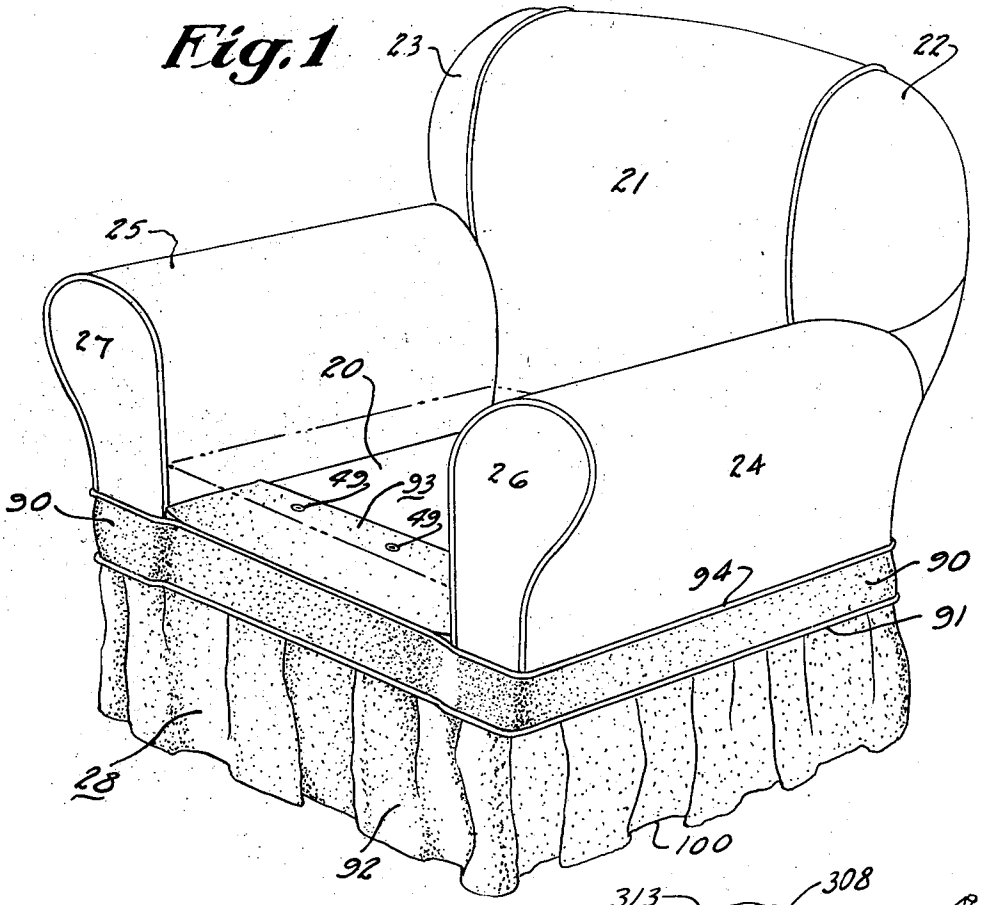
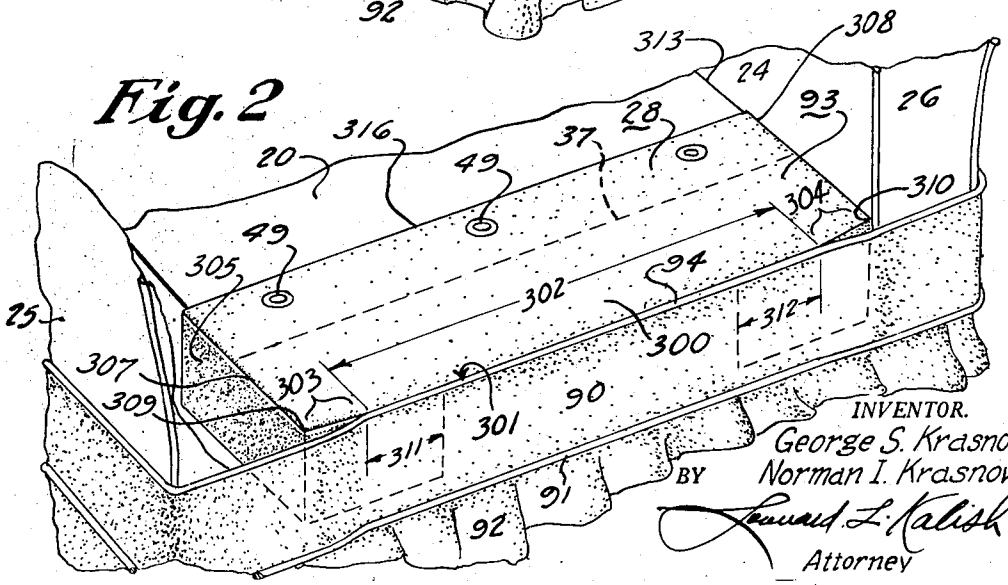


Fig. 2



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Fig. 3

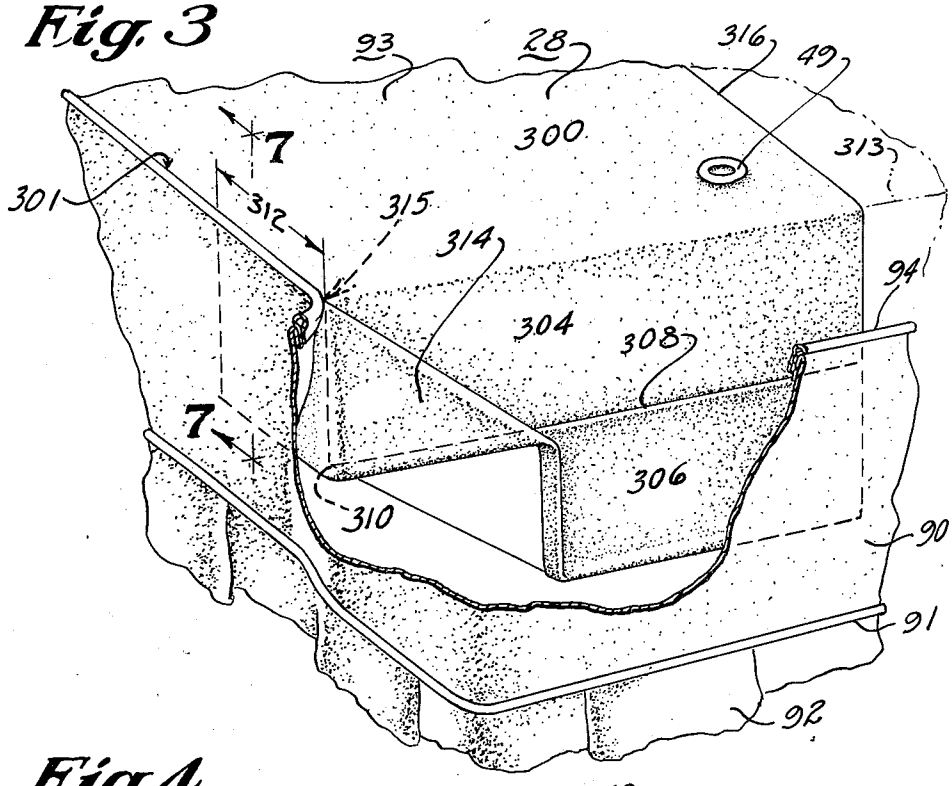
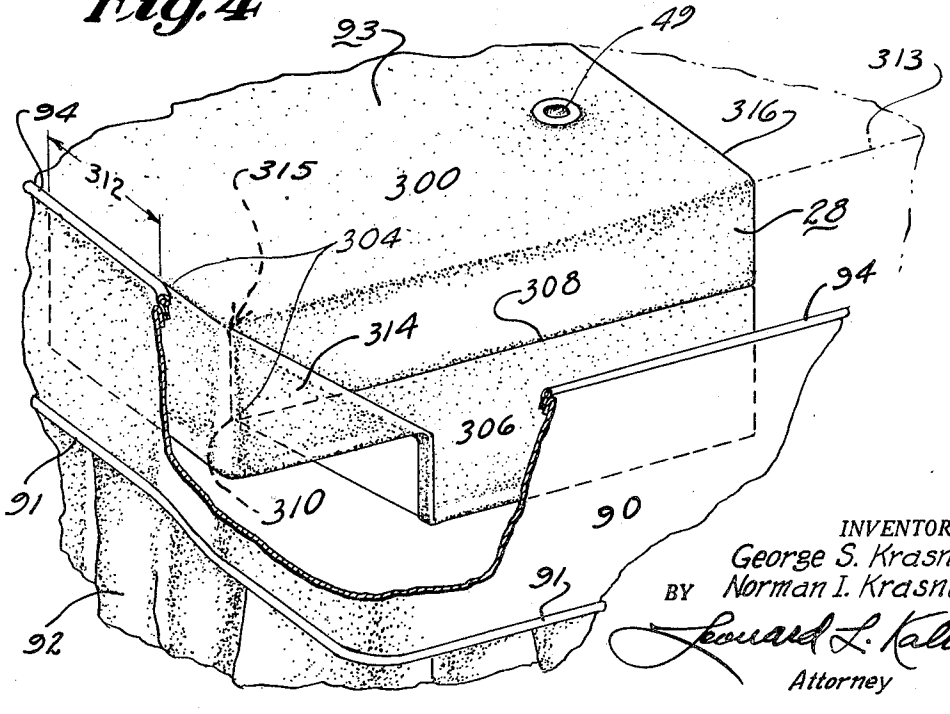


Fig. 4



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Fig. 5

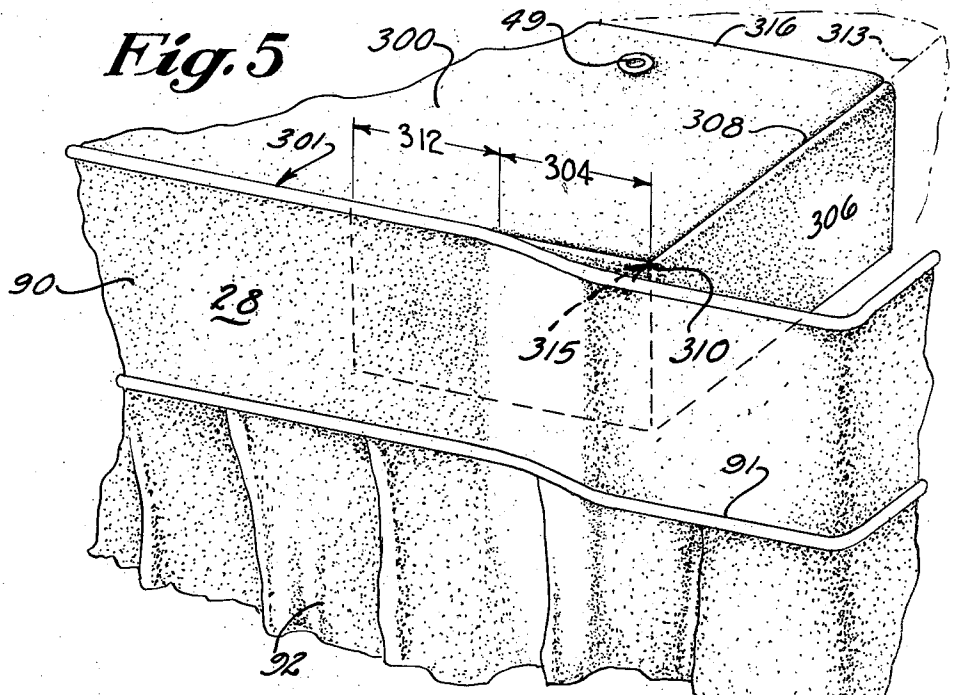
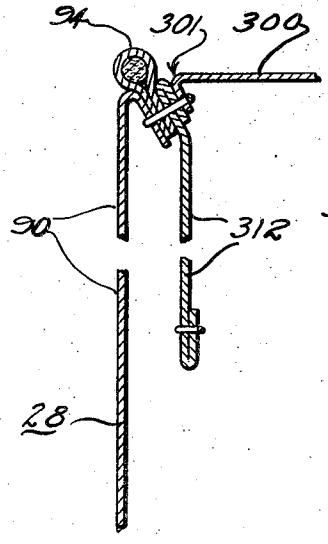


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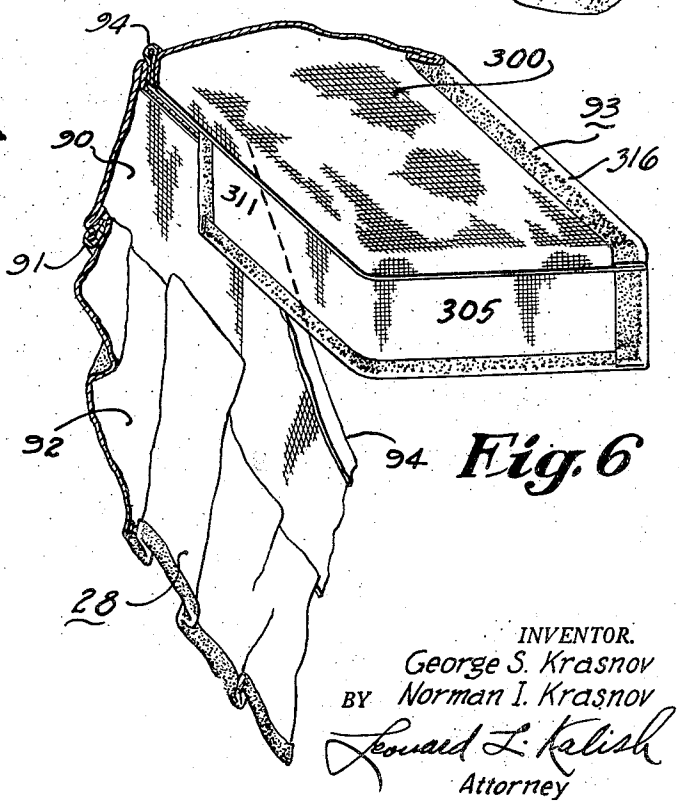


Fig. 6

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The present invention relates to ready-made slip-covers for upholstered furniture such as sofas, chairs, and the like and particularly to ready-made slip-covers composed partly of generally non-stretchable or non-elastic woven textile fabric panels such as chintz or cretonne or the like.

An object of the present invention is a ready-made slip-cover for upholstered furniture such as an upholstered chair, upholstered sofa or the like, formed mainly, or to a substantial extent, of woven and generally non-stretchable or non-elastic fabric, such as cretonne, and which may be readily applied to the furniture and which will fit the furniture piece smoothly and uniformly, notwithstanding variations in the dimensions of the furniture piece, within a fair range of variations, so that one size of such ready-made slip-cover may be used for a number of different pieces of upholstered furniture of the same general type but varying in its several dimensions, and so that the slip cover, when applied, will remain neatly upon the furniture piece while in use and not become baggy or wrinkled after continued use, and so that the slip-cover also may be more durable and not as readily subject to tearing, while in use.

The present invention relates particularly to the construction of a skirt adapted to surround the lower portion of the furniture-piece so as to conceal the legs and lower body-portion, and to the manner of securing the front portion of the skirt to the furniture-piece in the area between the arms thereof.

An object of the present invention is to provide a skirt adapted to be secured to a chair or sofa or the like and supported, at its front, between the arms of the piece of furniture, and adapted to fit furniture of varying widths between the arms thereof so that a single skirt may be adapted for use with chairs of varying sizes and shapes while yet permitting a neat and smooth application of the skirt to the piece of furniture.

The present invention is a continuation-in-part of our co-pending application, Serial No. 58,952, filed November 8, 1948.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention, there is shown in the accompanying drawings one form thereof which is at present preferred although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which the invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that the invention is not limited to the precise arrangements and organizations of the instrumentalities as herein shown and described.

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Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like reference characters indicate like parts,

Figure 1 represents a front perspective view of the ready-made slip-cover of the present invention applied to an upholstered club-type chair.

Figure 2 represents a front perspective view, taken generally at a right angle to the view of Figure 1, but on larger scale, of the front end of the skirt of the ready-made slip-cover of the present invention, more clearly to reveal the details of construction thereof.

Figure 3 represents a perspective view, partly in section, of the left front corner of the skirt of the slip-cover of the present invention, viewed generally at the same angle as that of Figure 1, but on a larger scale, showing the skirt-securing means adapted to be secured to an upholstered chair of less-than-average width between the arms thereof.

Figure 4 represents a front perspective view, partly in section, similar to the view of Figure 3, showing the ready-made slip-cover skirt-securing means of the present invention adapted for use upon an upholstered chair of generally average width between the arms thereof.

Figure 5 represents a front perspective view, partly in section, similar to Figures 3 and 4, showing the ready-made slip-cover skirt-securing means of the present invention, adapted for use upon an upholstered chair of greater-than-average width between the arms thereof.

Figure 6 represents a perspective view of the right front corner of the skirt-securing means of the slip-cover of the present invention, as viewed from the inside, more clearly to reveal the details of construction of the box-like skirt-retaining portion.

Figure 7 is a sectional view along lines 7—7 of Figure 3.

The ready-made slip-cover for upholstered chairs, divans or like furniture, of the present invention, generally comprises a seat panel 20, a panel 21 adapted to cover the front of the back of the chair, left and right shoulder encasing portions 22 and 23 and left and right arm encasing portions 24 and 25 (which have secured, to the front ends thereof, respectively, the end panels 26 and 27) and a back panel (not shown) all secured together and adapted to co-act whereby to cover the upper portion of an upholstered chair or sofa or the like, all as more clearly revealed in our co-pending application Serial No. 58,952, filed on November 8, 1948, of which the present application is a continuation-in-part.

A skirt 28 is adapted to surround the lower portion of the chair or sofa or the like so as to conceal the legs and the lower portion thereof and to cooperate with and co-act with the aforementioned panels of the body of the slip-cover so as to provide a complete covering for the chair or sofa or the like.

The lower edges of the arm panels 24 and 25 and of the front panels 26 and 27 terminate somewhat above the lower edge of the body of the furniture-piece, as described in our copending application Serial No. 58,952. The skirt 28 is adapted to cover the furniture-piece not covered by the body-portion of the slip-cover. When the skirt 28 is in desired position on the chair, as shown in Figure 1, the upper edge 94 of the skirt 28 will overlap the lower edges of the arm panels 24 and 25 and the front panels 26 and 27 so as to provide a complete covering for the chair or sofa. In this position the lower edge 100 of the pleated portion 92 of the skirt 28 is slightly above or just touching the floor or supporting surface upon which the chair or sofa is standing.

A band or strip 90 may be secured to the pleated portion 92 by the cord-welt seam 91.

To the upper edge 94 of the band 90, in the generally central area of the skirt which is adapted to cover the lower portion of the front of the chair between the arms, a panel 300 (of the box-like skirt-securing portion 93) is secured, to which panel 300 a plurality of snap fasteners or similar fasteners 49 are attached. The fasteners 49 are detachably secured to complementary mating fasteners attached to the seat-panel 20 of the body of the slip-cover, whereby to hold the upper edge 94 of the front portion of the skirt 28 aligned with the forward front edge of the seat of the chair. The panel 20 terminates short of the forward edge of the seat of the chair, along the line 37, and is adapted to be overlapped and covered by the rear portion of the panel 300 which extends to the edge 316 of the panel 300, when the fasteners 49 (secured to the panel 300) are engaged with the complementary mating portions of the fasteners (carried by the panel 20). The panel 20 can be adjusted forwardly or rearwardly by tucking in or letting out some of the material between the seat and the back of the chair, whereby to adjust the lower edge 100 of the skirt so that it will hang at or near floor-level.

The ready-made slip-cover of the present invention is adapted to fit upon chairs or sofas of varying sizes and shapes, and, in order to adapt the skirt of the present invention to furniture of varying sizes, the skirt-securing portion 93 is adapted to fit upon chairs of average width between the arms as well as upon chairs of lesser than or greater than average width between the arms thereof.

The skirt-securing portion 93 of the present invention is a three-sided box-like seat-encasing member which is adapted to cover the forward portion of the top of the seat of the chair, the forward portions of the upper side-edges of the seat, adjacent the arm of the chair, and to cover the vertical front surface of the seat of the chair, as is shown particularly in Figures 1 and 2.

Referring particularly to Figures 2 to 6, inclusive, the skirt-securing portion 93 includes a generally rectangular upper panel 300 which is secured along the greater portion of its forward edge 301 to the skirt-band-panel 90 by means of the cord-welt seam 94. The central portion 302

of the edge 301 which is secured in the cord-welt seam 94 is generally the same length as the width of the smallest chair-seat to which the skirt-securing portion 93 of the present invention may be applied. The box-like end-portions 303 and 304 which protrude beyond the central portion 302 of the edge 301 are not secured to the cord-welt seam 94 as is shown particularly in Figures 2 and 5.

A right side-panel 305 and a left side-panel 306 are secured to the top panel 300 along the right and left edges 307 and 308 thereof, respectively, and continue around the corners 309 and 310 where they are secured to the portions 303 and 304, respectively, of the edge 301. An extension 311 of the panel 305 continues along the edge 301 where the edge 301 is secured in the cord-welt seam 94 so that the seam 94 along the extension 311 embraces within itself a portion of the panel 300, a portion of the panel 305 and a portion of the panel 90, all secured in the cord-welt seam 94. Similarly, the panel 306 is secured to the panel 300 and to the panel 90 by the cord-welt seam 94 along the extension 312.

Thus, the panel 300 and the panels 305 and 306, in conjunction with the panel 90, form a three-sided box-like envelope which is adapted to fit over the forward portion of the seat of the chair, as shown particularly in Figure 2. Inasmuch as the forward edge of the seat of the chair is not always aligned with the forward surfaces of the front of the arms of the chair, the panel 90 may be pulled forwardly around the arms of the chair, as shown in somewhat exaggerated fashion in Figure 2, and expose the seat of the chair. With the panels 305 and 306 secured to the seat panel 300 and the band panel 90, the seat of the chair will be covered even though the band panel may be pulled forwardly around the front of the arms of the chair.

Moreover, the box-like construction heretofore described permits the skirt-securing portion 93 to be adapted to upholstered furniture of varying width between the arms, as is shown particularly in Figures 3 to 5, inclusive, and as will hereinafter be described.

The fragmentary sectional view of the skirt-securing portion of the present invention, shown in Figure 3, represents the left front corner of the skirt-portion of the slip-cover of the present invention as applied to a chair of less-than-average width between the arms thereof. Thus, the seat of the chair upon which the slip-cover is adapted to fit, as shown in Figure 3, is (for purposes of illustration) no wider than the portion 302 of the front edge 301 of the panel 300. The left edge of the seat is represented by the dash-dot lines 313 in Figure 3.

To adapt the slip-cover of the present invention to a narrow seat such as shown in Figure 3, the portions 306 and 304 of the skirt-securing portion 93 may be folded into the space between the left vertical side of the seat of the chair and the left arm of the chair without distending, distorting or generally causing the slip-cover to become bulky in the space between the seat and the arm of the chair. The portion 304 of the panel 300 may be down-turned along the left edge 313 of the seat of the chair, as is shown in Figure 3, with the panel 306 hanging downwardly therefrom. This brings the corner 310 into position shown in Figure 3, and that portion of the panel 306 which appears between the corner 310 and the portion 312 may be turned back, as at 314 and pleat-folded whereby it will fit nearly and flatly

against the portions 304 and 306 between the left arm and the seat of the chair.

The same procedure may be followed with regard to the right side and right front corner of the skirt-securing portion 93.

If the chair is of average width between the arms thereof, the skirt-securing portion 93 may be folded as shown in Figure 4. The forward corner of the edge 313 of the seat of the chair may appear midway or part way along the portion 304 of the edge 301 of the panel 300, as is shown at 315. In this position, a portion of the part 304 of the panel 300 is reposing on top of the seat of the chair and a portion thereof is reposing between the seat and the arm of the chair, with the panel 306 depending therefrom in a manner similar to that disclosed in reference to Figure 3. As is shown in Figure 4, the pleated fold may be made around the corner 315 so that the panel 306 will lie flatly and neatly around the forward edge of the seat of the chair and around the side of the seat of the chair, as pictured in Figure 4.

However, when the seat of the chair is of greater than average width, the entire panel 300 may be extended so as to lie completely on the top of the seat of the chair, with the corner-line 308 of the box-like skirt-securing portion 93 being generally along the edge 313 of the seat of the chair. In this position only the depending side panel 306 (of the box-like skirt-securing portion 93) intervenes the seat and the arm of the chair, with the corner 310 of the box-like skirt-securing portion 93 placed directly over the front corner 315 of the seat of the chair.

In each of the positions shown in Figures 3, 4 and 5, the panel 306 hangs downwardly behind the skirt panel 90, around the corner 315 of the chair, so that if the panel 90 is inadvertently or otherwise stretched away from the box-like skirt-supporting portion 93, the forward edge of the seat of the chair will not be exposed, but will be covered neatly by the front portion of the panel 306 of the box-like skirt-securing portion 93.

Of course, the depending panel 306 may be folded at any point intermediate those shown in Figures 3 to 5, inclusive, so that the skirt-supporting portion 93 will fit upon a chair of any seat-width between the maximum position shown in Figure 5 and the minimum position shown in Figure 3. The panel 300 may be made as wide as it is deemed necessary to cover the widest chair-seat upon which the slip-cover is intended to fit, and the juncture points between the unsecured portions 303 and 304 and the secured portion 302 of the panel 300 may be substantially nearer the center of the panel 300 than is shown in the drawings so that a chair of very narrow seat-width may be satisfactorily covered by the slip-cover of the present invention.

The fragmentary perspective view of Figure 6 shows the inside appearance of the skirt-supporting portion 93 and the method of interfolding the panels 300, 305, and 90 so as to form the three-part juncture in the zone 311 along the cord-welt seam 94.

It is to be understood that the panel 300 may be as wide, or as narrow as desired, at right angles to the edge 301, so that the rear edge 316 may be as near to or as far from the forward edge 301 of the seat as desired. However, we prefer to have the edge 316 spaced a substantial distance away from the edge 301 so that the fasteners 49 will be completely concealed beneath the pillow or cushion of the chair after the snap fasteners 49 are secured to the complementary mating fasteners carried by the panel 20, with the cushion or pillow of the chair in position thereupon.

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof, and it is therefore desired that the present embodiment be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, reference being made to the appended claims rather than to the foregoing description to indicate the scope of the invention.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is the following:

1. A slip-cover for upholstered furniture having arms, seat and back-rest, including a body-member having a seat panel and a skirt member; said skirt member having a securing portion detachably connected to said seat panel along a line spaced substantially inwardly from the front edge of said seat, and including a skirt-band panel adapted to surround said furniture with an upper edge above the lower edge of said body member and with a lower edge below the lower edge of said body member, said securing portion including a top panel and side panels and a front panel formed by said skirt-band panel, said top panel secured to said skirt-band panel along only a portion of the forward edge of said top panel, said side panels secured to the side edges of said top panel and to the portion of the forward edge of said top panel which is unsecured to said skirt-band panel, and forming a four-sided box-like seat-encasing skirt-anchorage.

2. A slip-cover for upholstered furniture having arms, seat and back-rest, including a body-member having a seat panel and a skirt member; said skirt member having a securing portion detachably connected to said seat panel along a line spaced substantially inwardly from the front edge of said seat, and including a skirt-band panel adapted to surround said furniture with an upper edge above the lower edge of said body member and with a lower edge below the lower edge of said body member, said securing portion including a top panel and side panels and a front panel, said top panel secured to said skirt-band panel along only a portion of the forward edge of said top panel, said side panels secured to the side edges of said top panel and to the portion of the forward edge of said top panel which is unsecured to said skirt-band panel, and forming a four-sided box-like seat-encasing skirt anchorage.

3. A slip-cover for upholstered furniture having arms, seat and back-rest, including a body-member having a seat panel and a skirt member; said skirt member having a securing portion detachably connected to said seat panel along a line spaced substantially inwardly from the front edge of said seat, and including a skirt-band panel adapted to surround said furniture with an upper edge above the lower edge of said body member and with a lower edge below the lower edge of said body member, said securing portion including a top panel and side panels, said top panel secured to said skirt-band panel along only a portion of the forward edge of said top panel, said side panels secured to the side edges of said top panel and to the portion of the forward edge of said top panel which is unsecured to said skirt-band panel, and forming a four-sided box-like seat-encasing skirt-anchorage.

4. A slip-cover for upholstered furniture having arms, seat and back-rest, including a body-

member having a seat panel and a skirt member; said skirt member having a securing portion detachably connected to said seat panel along a line spaced substantially inwardly from the front edge of said seat, and including a skirt-band panel adapted to surround said furniture with an upper edge above the lower edge of said body member and with a lower edge below the lower edge of said body member, said securing portion including a top panel and side panels, said top panel secured to said skirt-band panel along only a portion of the forward edge of said top panel, said side panels secured at least to a portion of the side edges of said top panel and to the portion of the forward edge of said top panel not secured to said skirt-band panel, and forming a four-sided box-like seat-encasing skirt-anchorage.

5. A slip-cover for upholstered furniture having arms, seat and back-rest, including a body-member having a seat panel and a skirt member; said skirt member having a securing portion detachably connected to said seat panel along a line spaced substantially inwardly from the front edge of said seat, and including a skirt-band panel adapted to surround said furniture with an upper edge above the lower edge of said body member and with a lower edge below the lower edge of said body portion, said securing portion including a top panel and side panels, said top panel secured to said skirt-band panel along only a portion of the forward edge of said top panel, said side panels secured to the portion of the forward edge of said top panel not secured to said skirt-band panel, and forming a seat-encasing skirt-anchorage.

6. A slip-cover for upholstered furniture having arms, seat and back-rest, including a body-member having a seat panel and a skirt member; said skirt member having a securing portion detachably connected to said seat panel along a line spaced substantially inwardly from the front edge of said seat, and including a skirt-band panel adapted to surround said furniture with an upper edge above the lower edge of said body member, said securing portion including a top panel and side panels secured thereto and depending therefrom, said top panel secured to said skirt-band panel along more than half but less than all of the forward edge of said top panel, with said side panels secured to said top panel along the portion of the forward edge of said top panel not secured to said skirt-band panel, the sides of said top panel and said side panels adapted to be folded between the arms and seat of said furniture when said furniture-seat is narrower than said top panel.

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