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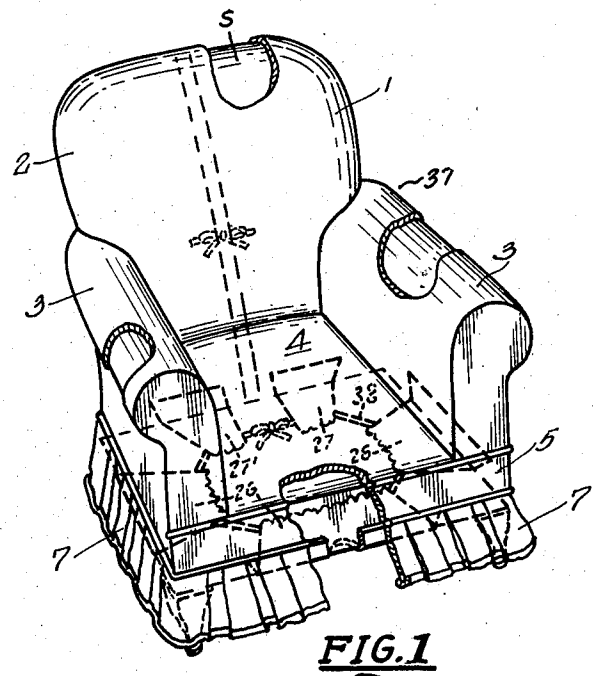


FIG. 1

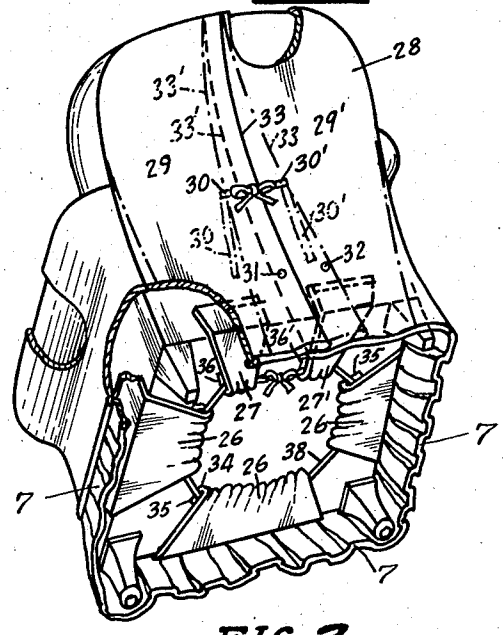


FIG. 2

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This invention relates to covers for articles of furniture such as chairs, sofas, etc. (herein generically designated by the term "chair") and has for its general object the provision of a cover which can quickly and easily be attached to and detached from the article of furniture with which it is to be associated without marring either the furniture or making holes in the cover.

Another object of this invention is to provide a furniture cover which may be freely and easily adjusted after it has been secured upon the article of furniture with which it is to be associated but which will resist unintentional displacement when subjected to normal use.

Another object of this invention is to provide a furniture cover which will readily and snugly fit any one of a number of articles of furniture of the same type but of differing size or style.

In one of its broad aspects my novel cover consists of a body member which wholly encases the article of furniture on all sides as shown and terminates in free hanging pendant portions which extend below the lower edge of the seat portion of the said article of furniture. The said body member has attached thereto at a point above the lower edge of the said seat portion, fastening elements which are joined together under the said seat and which set up a tension in the said body member above the point of the attachment of the said fastening elements to the said body member but not below the said point.

In another of its broad aspects my novel cover consists of a body member of the type hereinabove described wherein the fastening elements consist of an anchoring skirt which has tie means so associated therewith as to produce equal but opposite tensions on oppositely disposed points on the said anchoring skirt.

In still another of its broad aspects my novel cover consists of a body member of the type hereinabove described wherein the fastening elements consist of independent anchoring tabs which have tie means so associated therewith as to produce equal but opposite tensions on oppositely disposed points of any two anchoring tabs. The tie means may take the form of a draw string which is slidably attached to each of the said tabs.

In still another of its aspects my novel cover member may consist of a body member which encases the article of furniture on all of its sides and which terminates in free hanging pendant portions which extend below the lower edge of the seat portion of the said article of furniture. The rear element of the said cover is split to form at least two independent panels the adjacent edges of which are free to overlap each other. At least one anchoring tab is attached to each of the side elements and to the front element of the body member at a point above the lower edge of the said seat. At least one anchoring tab is similarly attached to each of the rear panels but at a point spaced from the free edges thereof as shown. The free ends of the anchoring tabs are connected by a fastening means which exerts an equal pressure on all of the anchoring tabs. This anchoring means may advantageously consist of a tie cord such as shown in Figures 1 and 2 or its equivalents.

My novel concepts may be incorporated in a diversity of structures some of which may include therein some but not all of my novel ideas. For the purpose of illustrating my invention I have shown in the drawing, which is attached hereto and forms a part hereof, some of the many structures into which my concepts may be embodied.

In the said drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my novel cover upon an upholstered chair as it appears when viewed from a point in front of the chair with the chair in a normal position upon a floor. Portions of the cover have been broken away for the purpose of more clearly showing its structure. The cushion which forms a part of the chair has been removed for the purpose of more clearly showing my novel cover structure.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the chair and cover shown in Figure 1 as they appear when viewed from a point in the rear of the chair with the chair in a tilted position. Portions of the cover have been broken away for the purpose of more clearly showing its structure. The full and dotted lines show the positions which the cover takes on the chair of the size herein shown while the dot and dash lines show the position which the cover elements would assume on a smaller chair. Full lines show the back tie in their active position while the dot and dash lines show these strings in their inactive positions.

Referring more particularly to the drawing wherein similar reference numerals denote similar parts reference numeral 1 denotes my cover as a unit which is shaped generally so as to conform with the outline of the chair with which it is to be associated. The cover 1 consists of the back rest cover portion 2, the arm cover portions 3, the seat cover portion 4, and chair front cover portion 5. The rear member 28 of the back rest portion 2 consists of the two overlapping panels

29 and 29' each of which extends practically to the end of the legs of the chair S. The panels 29 and 29' have attached thereto one or more tie strings 30 and 30' respectively. The panel 29 has buttonholes 31 formed therein which cooperate with the series of buttons 32 carried by the panel 29' to hold the panels together after the cover has been adjusted. The elements 3 and 5 have attached thereto the portion 7 which forms a skirt for the cover at the front and sides of the chair as clearly shown in Figures 1 and 2. Attached to each of the elements 3 and to the element 5 near their respective lower edges and above the lower edge of the seat of the chair S are the anchoring tabs 26. Similarly attached to the flaps 29 and 29' are the anchoring tabs 27 and 27' respectively.

It is obvious that this cover can readily be attached to and detached from the chair with which it is to be associated without in any way marring the chair structure. Further this cover can be used with and will fit chairs varying in size over a considerable range. Differences in chair size will be compensated for by an inward or outward movement of the respective edges 33 and 33' of the flaps 29 and 29' as the case may require. The fact that each flap has attached thereto an independent anchoring tab will permit the relative movement of the flaps. Perfect fit will be assured because of the tension caused by the anchoring tabs and resilient draw strings which extend through the loops or tubular passageway 34 formed in the anchoring tabs by bending the free ends 35 and 36 and 36' respectively of the tabs 26 and 27 and 27' respectively over and fastening the same to the body member of the tab by sewing, stapling, or in any other manner desired as is clearly shown in Figure 2.

The above disclosure is to be understood as being by the way of illustration only and not by the way of limitation since many changes may be made in the disclosure herein shown without departing from the spirit of my invention. These changes may include among other things changes in material, the substitution of equivalents for the elements here disclosed and the production of covers having some but not all of my novel concepts incorporated therein. It is for this reason that it is my desire that the claims which are hereunto appended for the purpose of refining my invention should be limited only by the prior art.

Definition.—The term "chair" as used in the claims and specifications is to be understood as defining broadly a chair, sofa and the like.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and useful is:

1. A readily attachable and detachable cover for a chair having a back rest, arms, and a seat the lowermost portion of which is spaced from the surface which supports the chair, the said cover consisting of a pocket like back rest portion the rear element of which is split vertically along a line removed from the edges of the chair with which it is to be associated to form two normally overlapping panels; arm cover portions; a seat cover portion intermediate and attached to said back rest and arm cover portions; free hanging pendant elements attached to each said arm cover portion and to the said seat portion; at least one anchoring tab attached to each of the said pendant elements and to the said panels at a point above the lowermost surface of the said chair seat with each panel anchoring tab being spaced from the free edge of the panel to which it is attached; and a continuous tension element joining together the free edges of all of the said tabs beneath the said chair seat.

2. A readily attachable and detachable cover for a chair having a back rest, arms, and a seat the lowermost portion of which is spaced from the surface which supports the chair, the said cover consisting of a pocket like back rest portion the rear element of which is split vertically along a line removed from the edges of the chair with which it is to be associated to form two normally overlapping panels; arm cover portions; a seat cover portion intermediate and attached to said back rest and arm cover portions; free hanging pendant elements attached to each said arm cover portion and to the said seat portion; at least one anchoring tab attached to each of the said pendant elements and to the said panels at a point above the lowermost surface of the said chair seat, each of said panel anchoring tabs being spaced from the free ends of the panel to which it is attached; a tubular element formed near the inner edge of each anchoring tab; and a continuous tension element slidably positioned in the said passageways and joining the said tabs together beneath the surface of the said chair.

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