

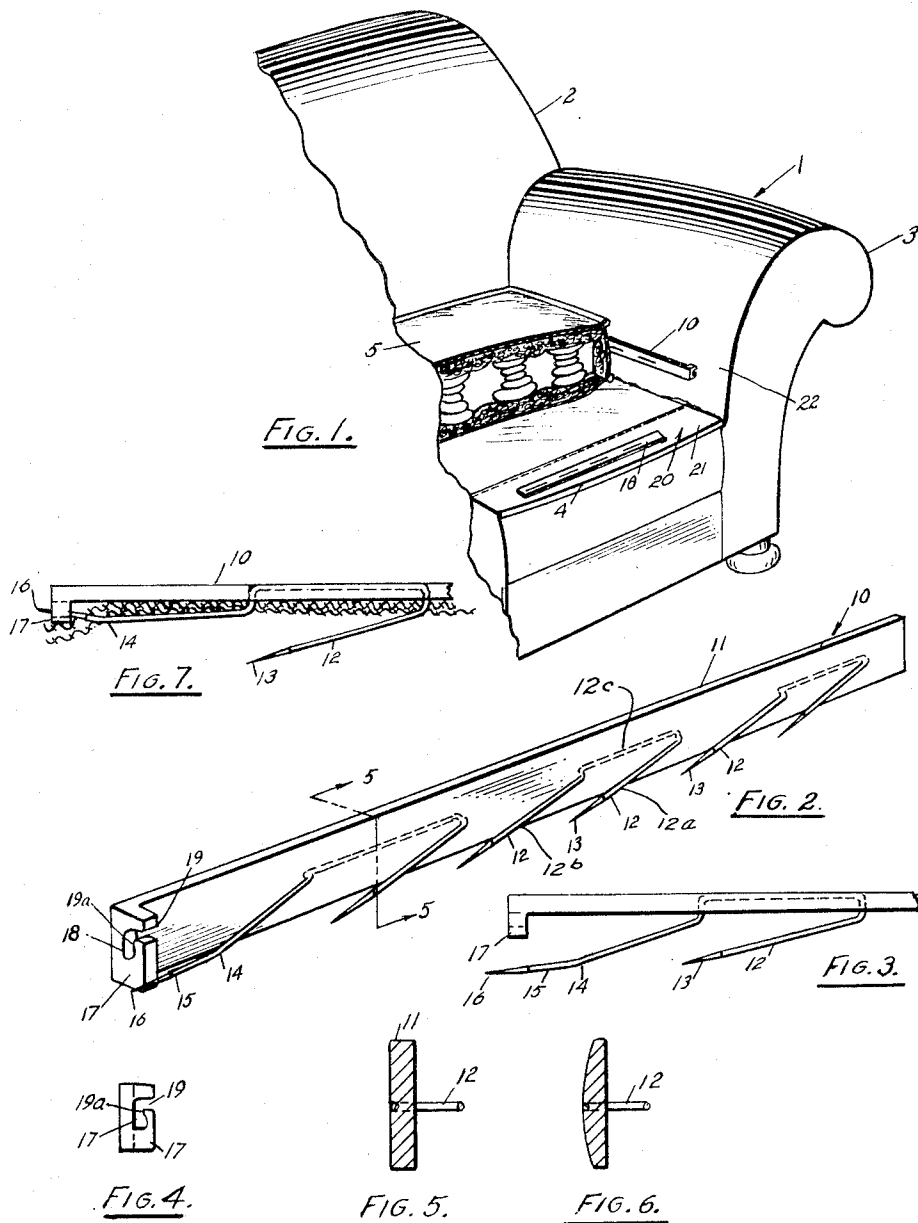
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This invention relates to fastening means for fabric material and more particularly to fasteners for fastening slip covers or seat covers to upholstered furniture.

One type of slip cover which is in common use today is a covering which is tailored to fit a chair by extending over the contour of the chair back, chair arms, and under the seat cushion. The slip cover which extends over the arms of the chair or settee is allowed to hang freely and is held in place by the force of the chair seat cushion pressing against the slip cover. When slip covers are put on chairs in this manner and the weight of a person is placed on the seat cushion, the seat cushion is compressed and the upper edge of the seat cushion slides down past the seat cover. When the person removes his weight from the seat cushion, the upper edge of the seat cushion rises to its original position and the friction of the cushion against the cover forces the slip cover up, resulting in wrinkling and bunching of the cover along the inner side of the chair arm.

It is an object of this invention to provide a novel fastening means to attach two fabric materials or the like together.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel fastening means or device which can be used on a variety of applications.

A more specific object of the invention is to provide a novel type fastening device which can be used to hold slip covers for upholstered furniture in place and the fastening device can be located on an upholstered chair in such manner that it will be out of sight when the chair is in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fastening device for slip covers for upholstered furniture which will be economical in manufacture, neat in appearance, and it will not detract from the appearance of the furniture.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a fastening means for fabric material or the like wherein a plurality of pin connectors are retained in the material by a single fastener.

These and other detailed objects will appear from the following description and obtained by the structure illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an upholstered chair having certain parts broken away to illustrate the use of the novel fastening means with the chair and slip cover;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the novel fastening means in accordance with this invention;

Figure 3 is a detailed elevational view of a part of the novel fastening means; Figure 7 is similar to Figure 3;

Figure 4 is an end elevational view of the catch for holding the fastening means in place;

Figure 5 is a cross sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 2; and

Figure 6 is a view similar to Figure 5 showing a modification of the device shown in Figures 1 to 5 inclusive.

Figure 1 shows a chair 1 having back 2, arm 3, seat 4, and seat cushion 5. Fastening means 10 is shown holding a slip cover 20 in place on the chair arm 3. It will be noted that the chair 1 is provided with a slip cover or seat cover 20 having an edge 21 extending over the front edge of the chair 1 and up over the upper front corner and edge 22 extending down over the arm 3 of the chair 1. The slip cover 20 is attached to the upholstered material of the chair 1 by means of the fastener 10. The fastener 10 is made up of an elongated body 11 which may be

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made of plastic, metal, or any suitable material. Pin members 12 are disposed on the body member 11 in spaced relation. The pin members 12 are made up of prongs 12a and 12b joined by member 12c and are provided with points 13 which facilitate the insertion of the pins into the slip cover and the upholstered material of the chair. The pin member 14 is preferably made slightly longer than pin members 12. The end 15 containing the point 16 is bent toward the body member 11 in order for the end 15 to engage the catch member 17. The catch member 17 is provided with an opening 18. The member 15 and opening 19 are provided in the member 17 through which the member 15 can be inserted and retained behind hook member 19a. It will be noted that when the pin members 12 are inserted through the slip cover and upholstery of the chair and the member 14 is inserted through the slip cover and upholstery in a similar manner and member 15 is locked behind hook member 19a, the member 17 will prevent the entire fastening member 10 from moving in such direction as to remove the pin members 12 from the upholstery and slip cover.

In Figure 5, a cross sectional view of the member 10 is shown wherein the body 11 is substantially rectangular in cross section; however, the cross sectional shape of the body member 11 can be made in any preferred shape. For example, it can be rounded as shown in Figure 6 in order to prevent wear on the upholstery.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art after reading the foregoing specification and description that I have provided a novel fastening means which can be used to fasten the edges of a slip cover to an upholstered chair, which utilizes present slip covers for anchoring purposes, which has novel fastening features, and which may easily be attached and detached to and from the seat covers. It will also be apparent to those skilled in the art that the novel fastening device disclosed is not limited in any way to use with upholstered furniture but it has a large number of applications. For example, it could be used for attaching sheets and blankets to a bed mattress and for many other purposes.

Various changes may be made in the specific embodiment of my invention which I have disclosed without departing from the spirit thereof or from the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. In a fastening device for holding slip covers on chairs, a body member, and a pin member disposed on said body member and having a first and a second prong inclined at an angle of less than ninety degrees to the longitudinal axis of said body member, said pin comprising a piece of wire bent at two spaced points to form said two prong members, the first of said two prong members being bent toward the second prong member and the second of said prong members bent away from said first prong member.

2. The fastening device recited in claim 1 wherein a plurality of said pin members is disposed in spaced aligned position on said body member with said prong members aligned in the same direction.

3. The fastening device recited in claim 2 wherein means is provided on one end of said body member to engage a fabric material and prevent the removal of said prong members therefrom.

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