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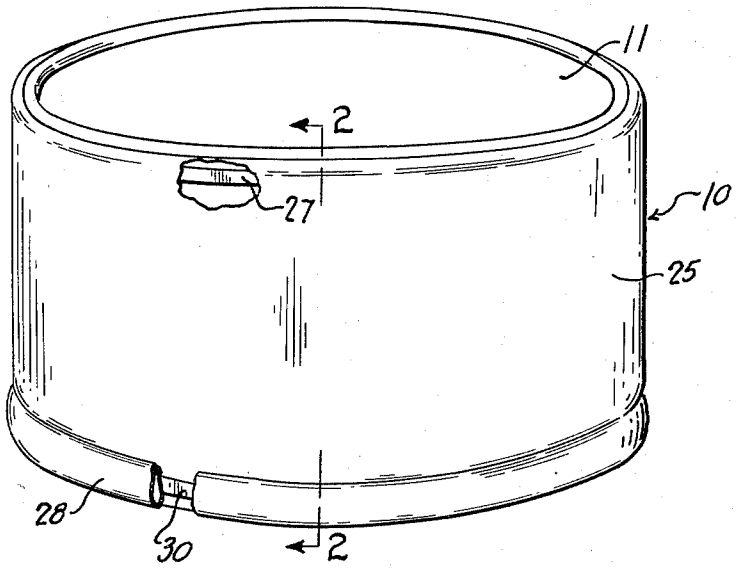
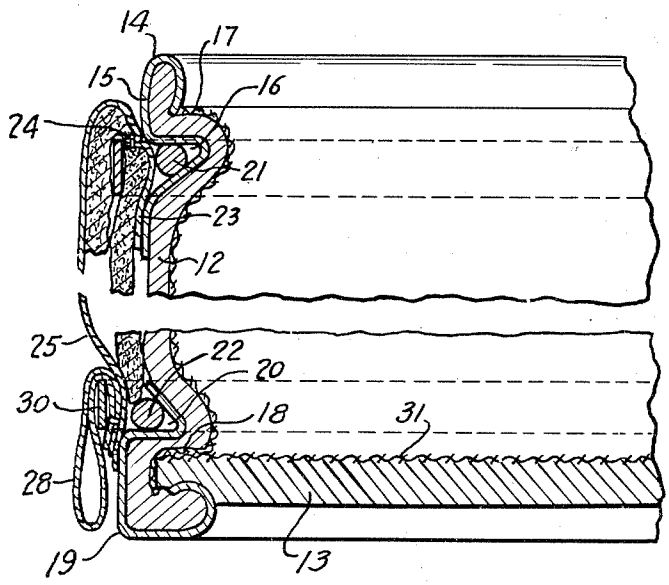


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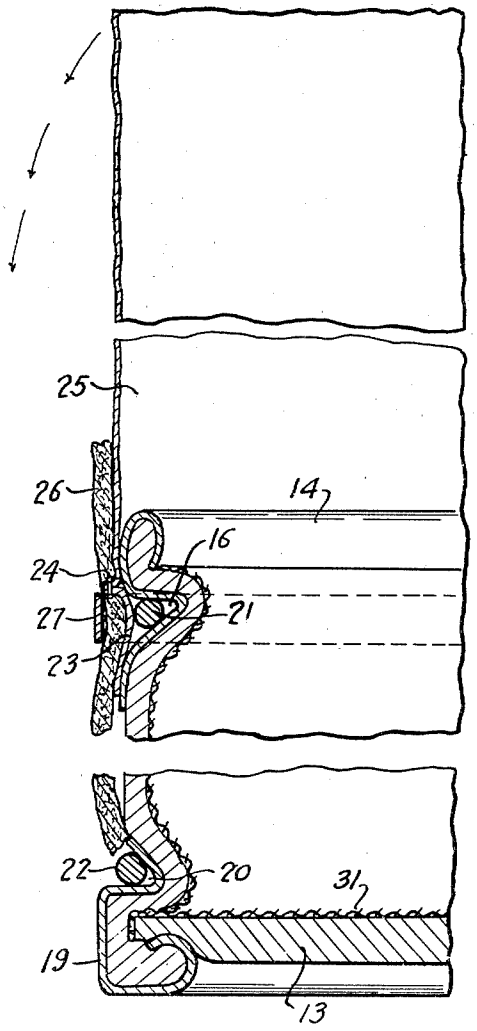


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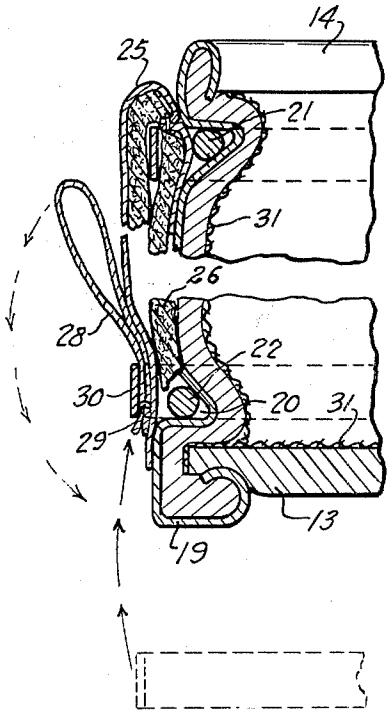


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This invention relates to hassocks, and an object is to produce a new and improved hassock which is sturdy in construction and relatively inexpensive to produce.

Another object is to produce a hassock having a rigid cylindrical body portion, the side walls of which are upholstered to present an exceedingly neat and finished appearance, the upholstery being held in place without the use of tacks or similar fasteners, bands being employed for retaining the upholstery and padding securely in place.

A further object is to produce a simple and efficient method for upholstering hassocks or the like having relatively rigid side wall portions.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and for the purpose of illustration but not of limitation, an embodiment of the invention is shown on the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a side perspective view of a hassock, the cover of which is removed and portions of the side wall being broken away for purposes of clarity;

Figure 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional elevation on the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an enlarged vertical sectional elevation somewhat similar to Figure 2, showing a step in the upholstering of the side walls of the hassock; and

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3, but showing a succeeding step in the upholstering method.

The illustrated embodiment of the invention comprises a hassock 10 of generally cylindrical form, the inside 11 of which is open for the reception and storage of articles. Although not shown, a suitable cover is mounted on the top of the hassock covering the open end and providing a seat, as will be readily understood.

The body of the hassock is made up of a one-piece cylindrical side wall portion 12 of any suitable material but preferably of fibrous moldable material, and a bottom wall or panel 13 of similar material. The upper edge of the side wall 12 is edged by a sheet metal covering 14, a portion of which embraces the mouth or open end of the hassock so that a portion thereof covers the adjacent inner wall and a depending portion 15 on the outer wall.

By a suitable pressing operation, the depending metal skirt portion 15 and the adjacent side wall portion 12 are pressed inwardly to form a substantially V-shaped notch 16 extending circumferentially of the hassock and in so doing, an

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annular ledge or shoulder 17 is formed internally of the hassock suitable for supporting the cover as above mentioned.

The lower end portion of the side wall 12 is pressed to form an annular recess 18 into which the peripheral edge portion of the bottom wall 13 fits. A similar sheet metal edge portion 19 encloses the lower end of the side wall 12 and curls into the recess 18 thereby to reenforce and protect the floor engaging portion of the hassock. In the formation of the recess 18, the sheet metal 19 and the side wall 12 are similarly formed into an external annular recess or groove 20 similar to the groove 16 above described, only reversely positioned.

Fitting the annular grooves or recesses 16 and 20 are cords 21 and 22 respectively of cotton or other similar compressible material. As shown, the cords are of substantial diameter in order substantially to fill the major portion of the respective groove.

In the upholstering operation, a band 23 of upholstery material such as plastic sheet material, snugly embraces the outside of the wall 12 in the region of the recess 16, a portion extending below the recess and the upper edge portion being attached by a sewed seam 24 to a sheet 25 which is of substantial length or a length sufficient substantially to cover the side wall 22. As above mentioned, the band 23 snugly embraces the side wall but there is added fullness in the band 25, it being understood that the band 25 may be of similar plastic sheet material and is preferably of one-piece cylindrical form. While the band 25 is held in its elevated position, such as shown in Figure 3, a padding 26 is applied entirely around the side walls extending downward substantially to the cord 22, the upper portion extending substantially above the open mouth of the hassock. The padding may be of any suitable construction such as matted fibers in sheet form so that as finally upholstered, the sides have a certain amount of resiliency and body as will be readily understood by those skilled in the upholstery art.

With the parts in the position shown on Figure 3, a flat metal band 27 is applied to the padding in the region of the notch 16 and is then drawn tightly into place, forcing the band 23 and padding toward the inside of the notch and thereby somewhat compressing the cord 21 which serves as a backing. After the metal band 27 has been drawn tightly, it is then secured in place. Metal bands of this character are used to a large extent about boxes for shipping purposes to hold the boxes or containers sealed. However, in place

of the metal band 27, a wire may be used. The ends of the wire or metal band are secured together in any suitable and well-known manner.

In the next step, the band or sheet 25 is reversely folded and the upwardly extending portion of the padding 26 then folds upon itself and over the metal band 27. As shown in Figure 4, as reversely folded the free end of the band 25 terminates slightly below the V notch or recess 20. A finishing strip 28 is then applied, this strip being of similar sheet plastic material and consisting of a strip of such material folded upon itself with the free end portion secured together by a sewed seam 29. In the application of the finishing strip 28, the looped end is uppermost and the sewed seam being disposed in the region of the recess 20. Thereupon, another metal band 30 is applied to the outside of the finishing strip 28 to force the adjacent portion of the band 25 and the sewed end portion of the finishing strip 28 into engagement with the cord 22. Thereupon, the looped or folded end of the finishing strip 28 is folded downwardly as shown in Figure 2, thereby concealing the metal band 30 as well as the lower edge of the band 25. This affords an attractive finish for the lower portion of the hassock.

The inside of the side walls 12 and the bottom wall 13 are covered with a suitable fabric 31 which may be adhesively secured in position.

From the above description, it will be manifest that I have produced an exceedingly simple means by which the outside of a rigid wall may be upholstered without the use of tacks or similar fasteners, it being merely necessary to employ two bands which, after they are secured in place, retain the upholstery including suitable padding, in the desired position. This not only produces an exceptionally neat appearance, but enables the article to be upholstered readily by inexperienced workmen. It will be understood that the workmen will commence with a cup-shaped article which provides the side walls and bottom wall of the hassock, the side walls being provided with the annular grooves or recesses adjacent the top and bottom. Then the cords 21 and 22 are suitably positioned and thereafter, the snugly fitting band 23 is applied, that band being connected by a sewed seam to a longer band which has additional fullness which permits it to be reversely folded over the padding and clamping band. Then in the final operation, the looped finishing strip is applied to the free end portion of the band 25 by the second clamping band 30. The final step is a downwardly folding of the looped end of the finishing strip 28.

It is to be understood that numerous changes in details of construction, arrangement and operation may be effected without departing from the spirit of the invention especially as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A hassock comprising a body having substantially rigid side walls, padding in sheet form substantially covering the side walls with the upper edge portion thereof folded downwardly upon itself, flexible sheet upholstery material having a portion interposed between the upper portion of the padding and the adjacent side wall and extending upwardly and downwardly over the folded padded portion and terminating adjacent the lower end of the side walls, a securing band interposed between the folded padding portion and the upholstery material for urging the latter and the padding toward the adjacent side wall portion, and a finishing strip folded upon itself to cover the lower edge portion of the side walls and another band interposed between the folds of the strip and forcing the same and the adjacent portion of the upholstery material into engagement with the adjacent side wall portion.

2. A hassock as claimed in claim 1, in which the finishing strip comprises a length of material folded upon itself, and the sewed seam securing the free end portions of the strip, the portion of the strip having the sewed seam being engaged by the securing band.

3. A hassock comprising a body having substantially rigid side walls provided with a pair of external peripheral grooves adjacent the top and bottom thereof, padding in sheet form substantially covering the side walls with the upper edge portion thereof folded downwardly upon itself, flexible sheet upholstery material having a portion interposed between the upper portion of the padding and extending upwardly and downwardly over the folded padded portion and terminating adjacent the lower end of the side walls, a securing band interposed between the folded padding portion and the upholstery material for urging the latter and the padding into the upper peripheral groove, and a finishing strip folded upon itself to cover the lower edge portion of the side walls and another band interposed between the folds of the strip and forcing the same and the adjacent portion of the upholstery material into the lower peripheral groove.

4. A hassock comprising a body having substantially rigid side walls provided with a pair of external peripheral grooves adjacent the top and bottom thereof, a yieldable backing member in each groove, padding along the side walls, flexible sheet upholstery material interposed between the upper end of the padding and the backing member, a band urging the padding and upholstery material toward the upper groove and against the backing member, the upper end portion of the padding being folded upon itself over said band, said upholstery material being also folded upon itself and extending over and in contact with the folded padding portion and downwardly to the lower end portion of the side walls, and a finishing strip covering the lower portion of the hassock, and a second metal band forcing the finishing strip and lower edge portion of the upholstery material toward the lower groove and against the respective backing member.

5. The method of upholstering a hassock having substantially rigid side walls consisting in applying to the upper portion of the side walls a snugly fitting band of upholstery material, to the upper edge portion of which is connected by a sewed seam the main body of upholstery material and of such dimensions as to afford additional fullness to the material, applying to the side walls padding in sheet form with the upper portion thereof extending above the snugly fitting band, applying a securing band to the padding to force the padding and annular band tightly against the adjacent side walls, reversely folding the upwardly extending padding portion and the upholstery material and causing the upholstery material to extend to the lower portion of the side walls, laying a finishing strip alongside the lower edge portion of the upholstery material, applying a securing band to the lower portion of the finishing strip to clamp same and the adjacent portion of the upholstery material

to the side walls, and turning the free end portion of the finishing strip downwardly to conceal the lower edge portion of the side walls.

6. A hassock comprising a body having rigid side walls, padding in sheet form engaging the side walls with the upper edge portion thereof folded downwardly upon itself, flexible plastic sheet upholstery material having a portion interposed between the upper portion of the padding and the adjacent side wall and extending upwardly and downwardly over the folded padded portion, a securing band interposed between the folded padding portion and the upholstery materterial for clamping the latter and the adjacent padding against the side walls, and means for clamping the lower portion of the upholstery material and the padding against the adjacent side wall portion.

7. A hassock comprising a body having substantially rigid side walls provided with a pair of external vertically spaced peripheral grooves, padding in sheet form engaging the side walls

with the upper edge portion thereof folded downwardly upon itself, flexible sheet upholstery material having a portion interposed between the upper portion of the padding and the side wall and extending upwardly and downwardly over the folded padded portion, a securing band interposed between the folded padding portion and the upholstery material for urging the latter and the padding into the upper peripheral groove, and another band for forcing the adjacent portion of the upholstery material and padding into the lower peripheral groove.

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