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FIG. 1

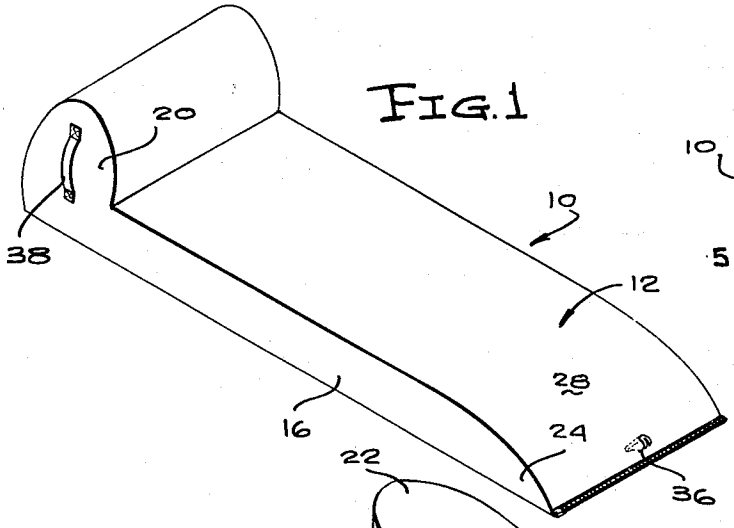


FIG. 4

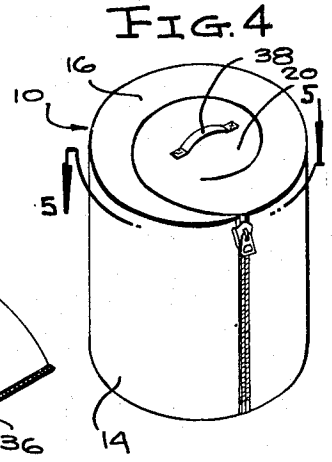


FIG. 2

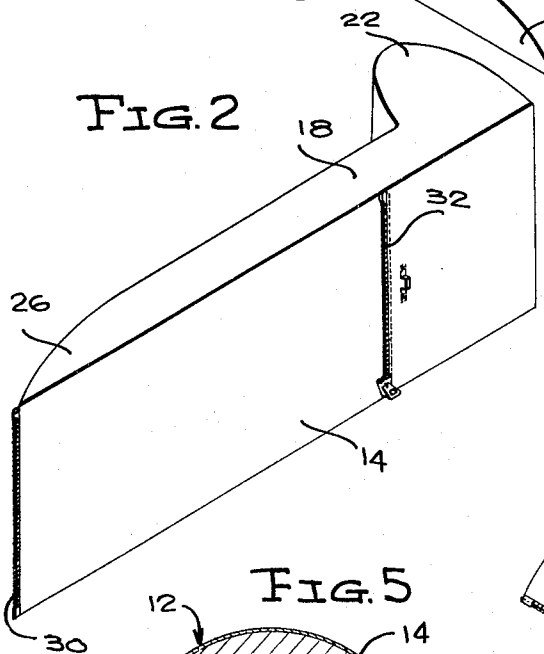


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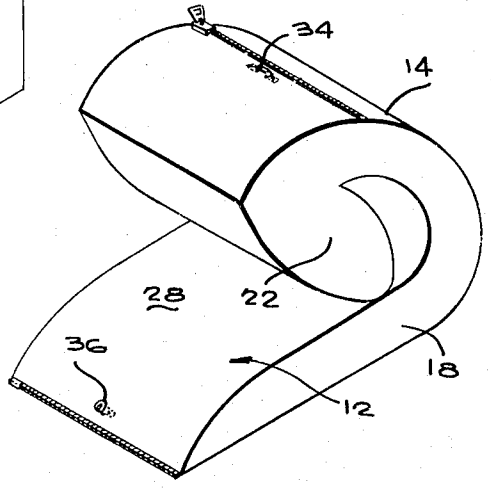
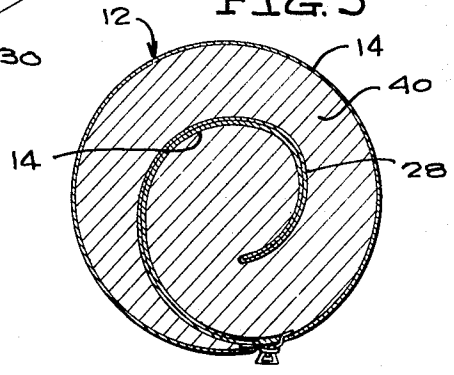


FIG. 5



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This invention relates to an article of furniture and, more specifically, the instant invention pertains to furniture of a convertible type especially designed for a plurality of functions.

One of the primary objects of this invention is to provide an article of furniture of the mattress type together with an integral portion forming an enlarged head rest at one end of the article, the mattress being of such dimension as to provide adequate cushioning means for the body of the user when reclining or in a supine position, the mattress being readily convertible to an ottoman or hassock to support the body of the user in still other positions.

Another object of this invention is to provide a convertible article of furniture of the type generally described above wherein the cushioning means is formed of foam rubber, or of other similar resilient materials, adapted to substantially fill a flexible encompassing cover member which may, if desired, be made of a suitable plastic or of other materials which have related physical characteristics.

A further object of this invention is to provide an article of furniture of the kind described supra which may be converted to a mattress, to a hassock or ottoman to facilitate the storage of same when not in use.

It is still another object of this invention to provide a convertible article of furniture of the mattress-hassock type together with means for effecting the transference thereof with ease from one location to another.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a convertible article of furniture of the mattress-hassock type with quick releasable means operable to permit the article to expand to its mattress forming position and quickly operable upon conversion to an ottoman to retain the article in particular form. This invention contemplates, as a still further object thereof, the provision of a convertible article of furniture of the type referred to in general above, the article being non-complex in construction and assembly, inexpensive to manufacture, and durable in use.

Other and further objects and advantages of the instant invention will become more evident from a consideration of the following specification when read in conjunction with the annexed drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a convertible article of furniture constructed in accordance with the instant invention, Figure 1 illustrating the article in its extended mattress forming position;

Figure 2 is a bottom perspective view of the article of furniture illustrated in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the article of furniture illustrated in Figure 1, Figure 3 illustrating the same as it is being rolled to form a hassock or ottoman;

Figure 4 illustrates the mattress of Figure 1 as fully converted to a hassock or ottoman, Figure 4 illustrating quick detachable means for securing the hassock in its folded position and also illustrates means for facilitating

the transfer of the hassock from one position to another; and

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail cross sectional view of the hassock shown in Figure 4, Figure 5 being taken substantially on the horizontal plane of line 5—5 of Figure 4, looking in the direction of the arrows.

The present invention comprises a continuation-in-part of my co-pending application, Serial No. 740,661, filed June 9, 1958, now abandoned, and entitled "Television Mattman and Ottoman." As has been set forth in generalities above, this invention pertains to an article of furniture **10** of the convertible mattress-hassock type and is seen to include an elongated substantially hollow rectangular flexible cover member **12** the component elements of which comprise an elongated substantially rectangular bottom wall **14** to the opposed longitudinally extending marginal edges of which are secured a pair of normally upright side walls **16, 18** of which a pair of adjacent ends thereof terminate in enlarged substantially semi-circular bosses **20, 22** adjacent one end of the bottom wall **14**. The other adjacent pair of ends of the side walls **16, 18** arcuately taper at **24, 26** toward the other end of the bottom wall **14**.

An elongated substantially rectangular top wall **28** has one of its ends fixedly secured to the bottom wall **14** adjacent the bosses **20, 22**. The longitudinally extending marginal edges of the top wall **28** are fixedly secured to the adjacent marginal edge portions of the side walls **16, 18** and of the semi-circular bosses **20, 22**, the top wall also following the arcuate upper edges of the side walls **16, 18** adjacent the aforementioned other end of the bottom wall **14** to which it is fixedly secured. To this last mentioned end of the bottom wall **14** is rigidly connected one connector member **30** of a convention zipper fastener, the connector member **30** being adapted to coact with a second zipper connector member **32** which extends transversely across the bottom wall **14** at points spaced inwardly from the other end thereof.

Adjacent the zipper member **32** and fixedly secured to the bottom wall **14** is a hasp **34** which, under certain conditions to be explained below, is adapted to cooperate with the hook **36**.

As is seen in Figures 1 and 4, a flexible handle member **38** is fixedly secured to the semi-circular boss **20** to serve a function to be described.

The cover member **12** is filled with any suitable resilient padding material **40** such as, for example, foam rubber or other materials having similar characteristics.

While the convertible article of furniture described and illustrated in the instant specification drawing may be used in many ways, the primary function of the present invention is to provide a suitable padded support for use by an individual when viewing television. For example, and referring now more specifically to Figures 1 and 2 of the drawing, the article of furniture or body support **10** is illustrated as being in its extended position wherein the user may recline at ease while viewing entertainment on television the elongated substantially rectangular main body portion of the article of furniture providing adequate support for the body of a user while the arcuate bosses and the adjacent end of the top wall **28** form a suitable head or arm rest.

Assuming that the user no longer desires to recline thereon in a supine position, the article **10** may be rolled into a substantially cylindrical hassock or ottoman by first folding inwardly the bosses **20, 22** (see Figure 3) and continuing the rolling operation until the zipper fastener elements **30, 32** are brought into proximity relative to each other. At this point, the hook **36** is engaged with the hasp **34** to temporarily secure the article of furniture **10** in its rolled position and thereafter, the user joins the zipper fastener elements **30, 32** employing both

hands which are freed by the interlocking action of the hook **36** with the hasp **34**. The article of furniture **10** has now been converted into a hassock shown in Figure 4.

The advantages of converting the mattress type of body support into the cylindrical hassock are deemed obvious, but by way of explanation it is seen that the rolled cylindrical form of this article of furniture makes the storage thereof in closets or other similar compartments very simple and reduces the amount of storage volume which would be required to place the article of furniture **10** in a closet should the same not be foldable. At the same time, the provision of the handle member **38** facilitates the lifting of the article of furniture **10** for storage on a shelf or for the transportation of the article from one room to another.

Having described and illustrated one embodiment of this invention in detail, it will be understood that the same is offered merely by way of example, and that the instant invention is to be limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A convertible mattress-hassock type article of furniture, said mattress comprising an elongated substantially hollow rectangular cover member having an elongated substantially rectangular bottom wall from the longitudinally extending opposed marginal edges of which project an elongated pair of substantially rectangular normally upright side walls disposed in laterally spaced and substantially parallel relation, said side walls at one of their respective adjacent ends terminating in opposed confronting enlarged semi-circular bosses, said side walls at their other respective adjacent ends terminating in arcuately shaped upper edges, respectively, tapering toward one end of said bottom wall, and a top wall fixedly secured to the longitudinal opposed ends of said bottom wall and extending in spaced parallel relation relative thereto, said top wall having its laterally spaced longitudinaly extending marginal edges secured to the outer marginal edges of said side walls and said bosses, resilient material disposed within and encompassed by said cover member to form an elongated substantially rectangular mattress having an integral semi-circular head rest at one end thereof, said head rest being foldable and rollable inwardly of said mattress and over said top wall in a plurality of convolutions to form a substantially cylindrical hassock, a hook fixedly secured to said top wall adjacent that end remote from said head rest, a hasp fixedly secured to said bottom wall at a point adjacent to but spaced inwardly from its other end, said hook and hasp cooperating to releasably and temporarily prevent said convolutions from opening away from each other, a zipper fastening element fixedly secured to said bottom wall adjacent that end thereof remotely disposed from said head rest, a second zipper fastening element fixedly secured to said bottom wall adjacent said hasp, and handle means fixedly connected to one of said bosses.

2. A convertible mattress-hassock type article of furniture, said mattress comprising an elongated substantially hollow rectangular cover member having an elongated substantially rectangular bottom wall from the longitudinally extending opposed marginal edges of which project an elongated pair of substantially rectangular normally upright side walls disposed in laterally spaced and substantially parallel relation, said side walls at one of their respective adjacent ends terminating in confronting enlarged semi-circular bosses, said side walls at their other respective adjacent ends terminating in arcuately shaped upper edges, respectively, tapering toward one end of said bottom wall, and a top wall fixedly secured to the longitudinal opposed ends of said bottom wall and extending in spaced parallel relation thereto, said top wall having its laterally spaced longitudinally extending marginal edges secured to the outer marginal edges of said side walls and said bosses, resilient material disposed within and encompassed by said cover member to form an elongated substantially rectangular mattress having an integral semi-circular head rest at one end thereof, said head rest being foldable and rollable inwardly of said mattress and over said top wall in a plurality of convolutions to form a substantially cylindrical hassock.

3. A convertible mattress-hassock type article of furniture as defined in claim 2, and releasable connecting means to prevent said convoluted cylindrical hassock from unrolling and converting to said substantially rectangular mattress.

4. A convertible mattress-hassock type article of furniture as defined in claim 3, wherein said releasable connecting means comprise a zipper fastening element fixedly secured to said bottom wall adjacent that end thereof remotely disposed from said head rest, and a second zipper fastening element fixedly secured to said bottom wall intermediate the ends thereof, said first and second zipper fastening elements extending transversely across said bottom wall.

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