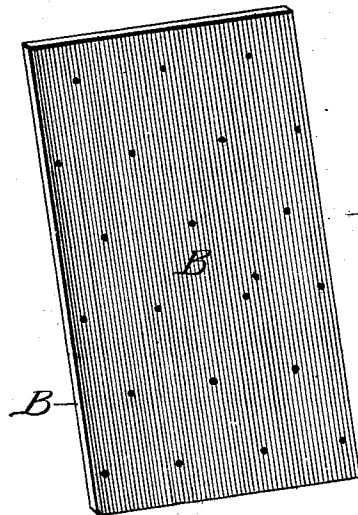
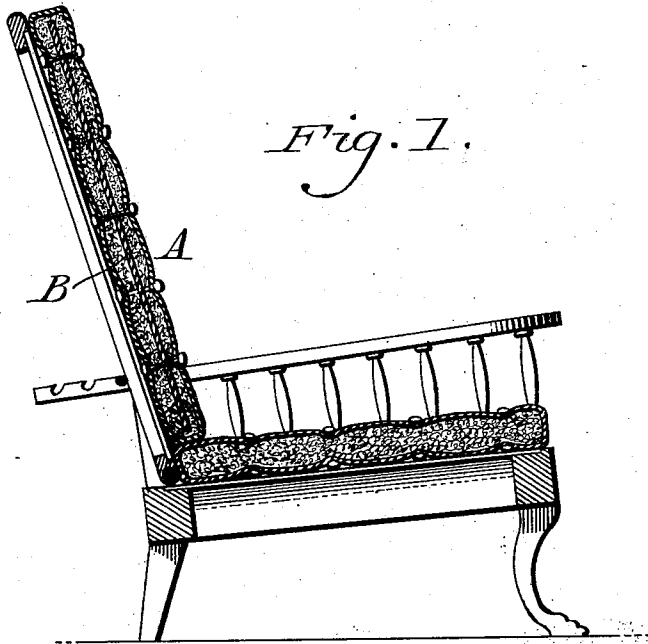


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM RITTER and BENJAMIN RITTER, citizens of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cushions for Chairs, &c., which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

10 Our invention consists in providing a cushion, more particularly of the kind adapted to be placed in an upright position, with means for stiffening and sustaining the same, so that it is prevented from breaking down, and said
15 means are not liable to corrode, they also admitting of the direct connection of the tufting or quilting cords or threads in the interior of the cushion, thus relieving said tufts of strain and assisting in preventing the shifting of said device.

20 Figure 1 represents a vertical section of a cushion embodying our invention. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of a detached portion thereof.

25 Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a cushion of usual construction, adapted more particularly for the backs of chairs of the order of Morris chairs, so as to stand upright,
30 or approximately so.

In the cushion is the piece or sheet B of pasteboard, cardboard, or other sufficiently stiff but pliable material, preferably paper or
35 paper-stock, the same being embedded within the stuffing or upholstering material of the cushion, whereby the cushion is braced from

within in vertical direction, and thus rendered more stable, so that it will not buckle nor break down, while its flexibility is not affected and its primary appearance is preserved, the stiffener not being liable to corrode or rust when the cushion becomes moist through perspiration. Furthermore, the cords or threads of the quilting or tufting are passed
40 through the part of the piece B just where the cords present themselves thereto, and thus the cords will not slip from said piece, while they are sustained on the interior of the cushion and the piece is suspended within
45 the cushion by said cords, whereby its normal and operative position is retained and a non-corrosive stiffener provided for the cushion.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A cushion having an upright sustaining member therein, the same consisting of a piece of stiff paper-stock material which is embedded in the stuffing of the cushion
60 throughout the same.

2. A cushion having an upright sustaining member therein, the same consisting of a sheet of stiff paper-stock material which is embedded in the stuffing of the cushion, and
65 cords connected with the covering of the cushion and passing through said stuffing and sheet.

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