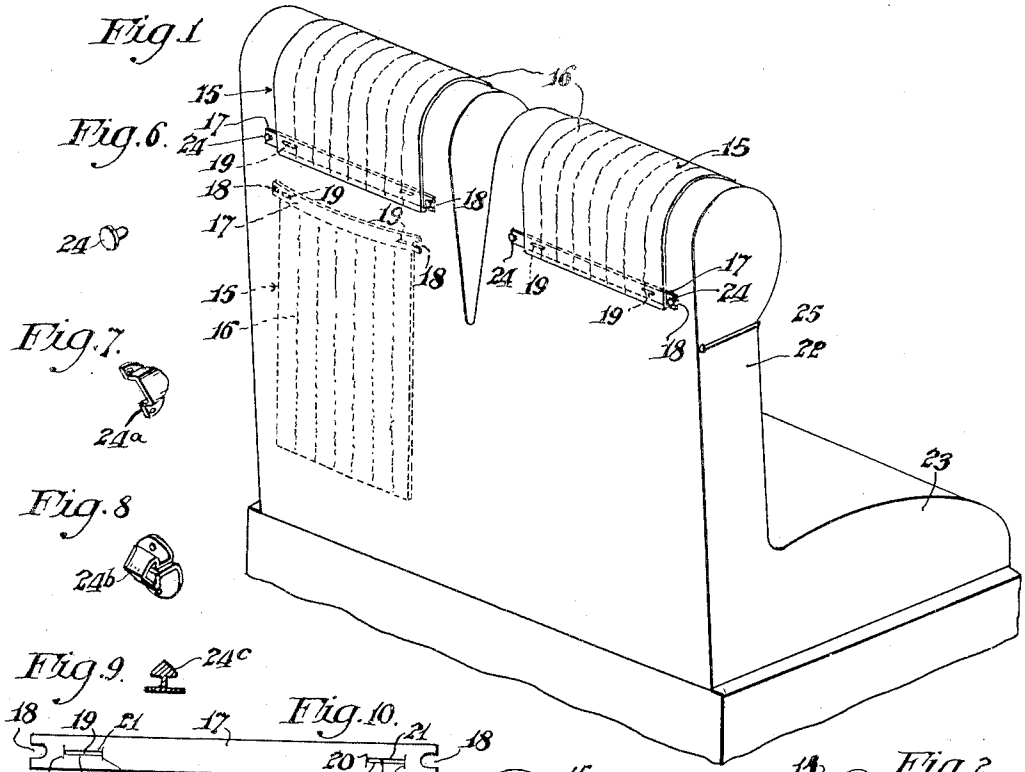
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Our invention relates to new and useful head rest covers and has for one of its objects to provide a reinforcing hanger for one end of a sheet or strip of pliable material whereby the latter may be temporarily attached to the back of a seat to prevent the upholstery from being soiled by oil on a person's head or dirt on a person's clothing, and also prevent the transfer of any marring substance from the back of the seat to any contacting part of clothing of the person occupying the seat.

While the invention is not to be limited to the particular use made of it, it is especially adapted to be employed in connection with the seats of transportation vehicles which are occupied at various times by many different persons of different degrees of cleanliness. Wherefore another object of this invention is to provide a cover to protect both, the upholstery and clothing or parts of a person's body.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an exceedingly simple and effective device of this character that may be readily and quickly attached to and removed from a seat back for renewing the cover when desired, as when one person leaves the seat which is to be occupied by another.

Another object of the invention is to provide an inexpensive cover of the type mentioned consisting of a sheet or strip of paper connected with a reinforcing hanger member of relatively cheap material whereby the entire structure can be discarded or disposed of without the necessity of laundering which is an expensive operation and requires much handling for transportation to and from the locations of distribution.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the cover, particularly the reinforcing hanger, that it may be temporarily and removably installed on several types of supporting devices or fasteners.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a reinforcing hanger of a flexible or resilient material capable of flexion so that the cover can be attached to certain types of supporting devices.

Still another object of our invention is to provide a device of the kind mentioned comprising the combination of a cover having a reinforcing hanger and supporting means of different types so that the cover is interchangeable to any one of the several types of supporting means.

With the above and other objects in view this invention consists of the details of construction

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and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same we will describe its construction in detail, referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, in which—

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a conventional vehicle seat, looking at the rear thereof, and showing head rest covers installed thereon as well as one in dotted lines about to be mounted in place.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view, on a reduced scale, of the same structure looking at the front thereof.

Fig. 3 is a face view of the head rest cover by itself.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of a seat looking at the rear thereof and showing a different way of mounting the head rest cover.

Fig. 5 is a similar view illustrating another mounting arrangement.

Figs. 6, 7 and 8 are perspective views of several types of supporting devices.

Fig. 9 is a sectional view of a supporting device similar to Fig. 8 but formed of a solid mass.

Fig. 10 is a face view of a reinforcing hanger, per se.

In carrying out our invention as herein embodied 15 represents a head rest cover comprising a sheet or strip 16 of suitable pliable material, preferably paper or some relatively inexpensive paper-like substance, of oblong shape, to one end of which, crosswise thereof, is attached a reinforcing hanger 17. This reinforcing hanger is composed of cardboard, pasteboard, a thin strip of wood or even an inexpensive metal having some inherent resiliency or elasticity and flexible so that it may be bowed and then return to its normal straight condition.

The cover strip or sheet 16 and the reinforcing hanger 17 may be fastened together in many approved ways but a desirable method is to paste them together by the use of a suitable adhesive, particularly when the cover sheet is of paper or paper-like material and the reinforcing hanger is of cardboard or similar material or wood. The ends of said reinforcing hanger may extend beyond the sides of the cover strip or they may, in some instances, terminate short of or flush with the side edges of said cover strip.

Each end of the reinforcing hanger 17 has an open end aperture or notch 18 formed therein, preferably extending lengthwise but such notch may extend in some other direction, as laterally

or obliquely from either longitudinal side edge. Also intermediate the ends of the reinforcing hanger and preferably adjacent each end is formed a closed aperture, hole or slot **19**. For purposes of illustration, said aperture **19** is shown as an oblong slot with slits **20** at both ends, Fig. 10, to provide opposed resilient wings **21** at opposite sides of the slot between the slits.

On the rear surface of the back **22** of a seat **23** which is conventionally shown as a double stationary seat, such as used in some types of transportation vehicles, for purposes of illustration only, is fixed one or more, preferably a pair, of supporting devices in the form of a button or headed pin **24**, Figs. 1 and 6, a socket **24a**, Figs. 4 and 7, or a plug **24b** having a beveled head or a modification **24c** of the latter, Figs. 5, 8 and 9. The plug supporting device **24b** is shown as stamped or formed from a strip or sheet of metal and will have a certain amount of resiliency whereas a similar plug supporting device **24c** being of solid formation will be rigid and the reinforcing hanger must be solely depended upon for any desired resiliency.

In actual practice, the cover sheet **16** is pasted on only one face of the reinforcing hanger **17** which strengthens said cover sheet and when the head rest cover is to be mounted on the seat back, said cover is positioned with the reinforcing hanger exposed while the cover sheet is in a depending position at the rear of the seat back. The reinforcing hanger **17** is then attached to the supporting means on the rear surface of the seat back and finally the cover sheet **16** is folded upward over the formerly exposed face of the reinforcing hanger to conceal the major portion of the latter and draped over the top and front surface of the seat back. If the seat back is provided with an elastic or other type of holding cord **25**, the free end of the cover sheet **16** may be placed thereunder to assist in holding said cover sheet in place, especially to prevent it being blown about by drafts through open windows or doors.

Where the supporting devices are in the form of buttons, Fig. 1, the reinforcing hanger **17** is flexed or bowed outwardly as shown in dotted lines and the ends thereof inserted under the button heads. Upon release of the hanger it will return to its normal straight condition and cause the slotted or bifurcated ends to straddle the button shanks so that the head rest cover will be temporarily maintained in position.

Should the supporting devices be of socketed formation, Fig. 4, the reinforcing hanger **17** is flexed or bowed outwardly as above stated and the ends thereof guided into said supporting devices. Upon release of said reinforcing hanger it will return to its straight condition and project the ends thereof into the sockets and the head rest cover will be attached to the seat back.

If the supporting devices are of the plug type, Fig. 5, the closed apertures in the reinforcing hanger are brought into alignment with the supporting devices and the hanger forced over said supporting devices so as to penetrate the cover sheet disposed over the apertures and displace the wings **21** which afterwards spring back and engage the shoulders under the heads of the supporting devices to retain the head rest cover against accidental displacement.

In every case, after the head rest cover has been used, it may be easily removed and discarded or disposed of in any well known manner thereby eliminating the necessity of expense of laundering.

Of course we do not wish to be limited to the exact details of construction herein shown and described as these may be varied within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of our invention.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new and useful is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a head rest cover adapted to be applied to a chair and comprising a cover sheet of pliable fabric material, and a thin resilient reinforcing hanger capable of deflection in one plane and pasted to and along one edge of said cover sheet, said reinforcing hanger having formations for engaging supporting devices on the back of the chair.

2. The structure of claim 1 wherein the reinforcing hanger has apertures therein to receive cooperating supporting means on the back of the chair.

3. As an article of manufacture, a head rest cover adapted to be applied to a chair and comprising a cover sheet of pliable paper, a thin flat reinforcing hanger, and means rigidly securing said sheet to one face of said hanger, said reinforcing hanger having formations for engaging supporting devices on the back of the chair.

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