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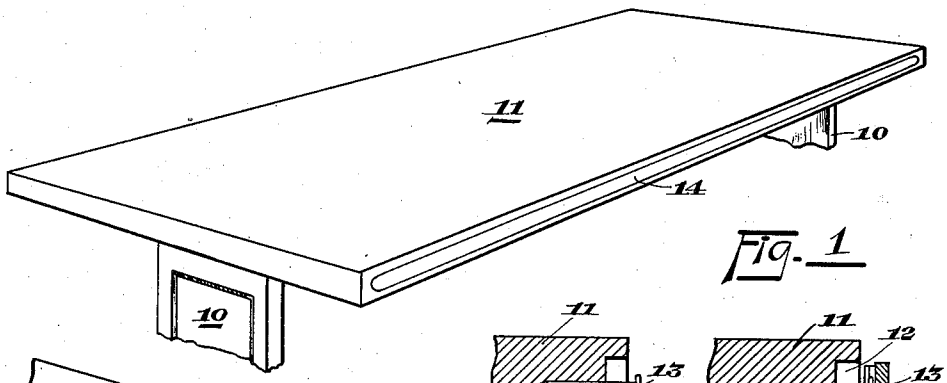


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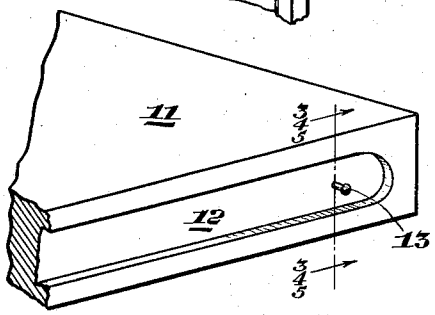


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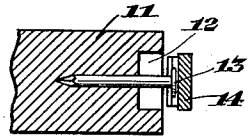


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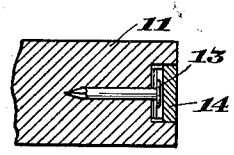


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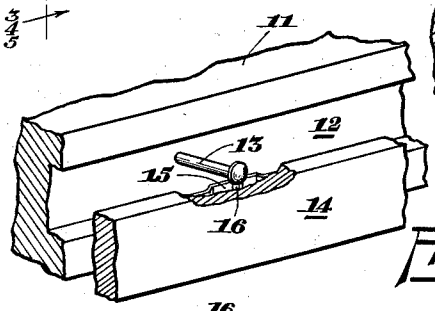


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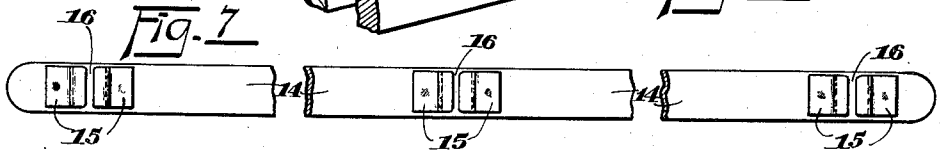


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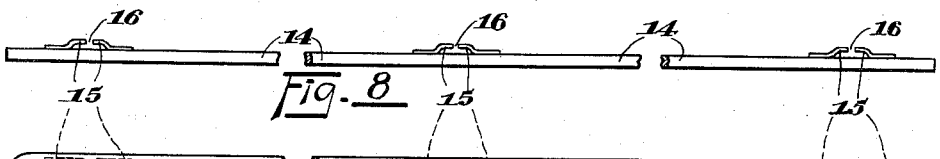


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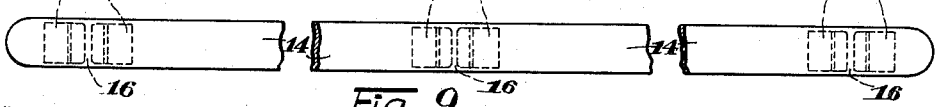


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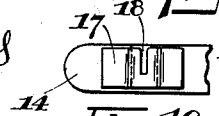


Fig. 10

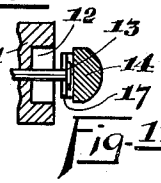


Fig. 11

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The present invention relates to furniture and more particularly to pieces of furniture provided with decorative moldings, strips or panels secured thereto for enhancing its ornamental appearance.

The primary objects of the instant invention are to provide a piece of furniture of the character above indicated whose decorative molding, strip or panel is secured thereto in a novel manner; to provide such a piece of furniture whose decorative molding, strip or panel may be conveniently secured thereto; to provide such a piece of furniture whose decorative molding, strip or panel may be economically secured thereto; and, to provide such a piece of furniture whose decorative molding, strip or panel adds to the eye appeal thereof.

Illustrative embodiments of the invention are shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a piece of furniture here shown as a table, the marginal width of its top being provided with a decorative strip of the character above indicated;

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view of the table top provided with a groove within its marginal width within which the decorative strip is secured;

Figure 3 is a sectional view thereof on line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a sectional view similar to Figure 3 but showing the manner in which the decorative strip is located before being secured within its retaining groove;

Figure 5 is a sectional view similar to Figure 3 but showing the decorative strip in its secured position within its retaining groove;

Figure 6 is an enlarged fragmentary view of the table top, its decorative strip retaining groove and the decorative strip per se prior to being affixed within the retaining groove;

Figure 7 is a rear elevational view of a decorative strip adapted to be affixed within the retaining groove of a piece of furniture;

Figure 8 is a side elevational view thereof;

Figure 9 is a front elevational view of the decorative strip;

Figure 10 is a modified form of the clip construction for securing the decorative strip within the groove of a piece of furniture; and

Figure 11 is a sectional view of a modified form of a decorative strip and the groove in a piece of furniture within which it is to be secured.

Referring then to the drawing wherein like parts of the piece of furniture and its decorative strip are designated by the same numerals in the several views, a piece of furniture, here shown as a table, has supporting legs 10 and a top 11 whose marginal width is provided with a groove 12.

A pair of nails are partially driven into the groove in spaced relation to each other adjacent its opposite ends as by the use of a template (not shown) and project laterally therefrom beyond the surface of the marginal width of the table top as best shown in Figures 3, 4 and 11.

A decorative element 14 of metal or the like of substantially the same length and width as the groove 12 and preferably of contrasting color to the color of the table top and shown as a strip or panel in Figures 1 and 4 to 9, inclusive, and as a molding in Figure 11, is provided with pairs of spaced clips secured adjacent its opposite ends. In Figures 4 to 9, inclusive, these clips each comprise a pair of spaced plates 15 having a reversely bent portion disposed in spaced relation to the surface to which each plate is affixed and whose inner ends are spaced apart to form a guide 16, as best shown in Figures 4, 6 and 8. In Figure 10, the clip 17 is a single plate, the intermediate portion of which is disposed in spaced relation to the surface of the molding to which it is secured and which intermediate portion is provided with a slot 18.

The guides 16 or slots 18 of these clips register with the shanks of the nails 13 with which they are adapted to slidably embrace as best shown in Figures 4, 5, 6 and 11, permitting the panel or molding to be slid into registration with the groove prior to driving the decorative element into the groove.

It will thus be seen that the piece of furniture herein shown and described is provided with a decorative and ornamental panel or molding which is conveniently and economically secured thereto in a novel manner.

While but several embodiments of the invention have been herein shown and described, it will be understood that certain details of the constructions shown may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit of this invention as the same is defined by the following claims.

I claim:

1. The method of decorating a piece of furniture, which consists in cutting a groove in the piece of furniture; driving a nail partially into said groove; shaping a decorative element to fit within said groove; securing a clip to said element in a position corresponding to the position of the nail in said groove; securing the clip to

the nail; and thereafter driving the element into the groove.

2. The method of decorating a piece of furniture, which consists in cutting a groove in the piece of furniture; driving a plurality of nails partially into said groove; shaping a decorative element to fit within said groove; securing clips to said element in positions corresponding to the positions of the nails in said groove; securing the clips to the nails; and thereafter driving the element into the groove.

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