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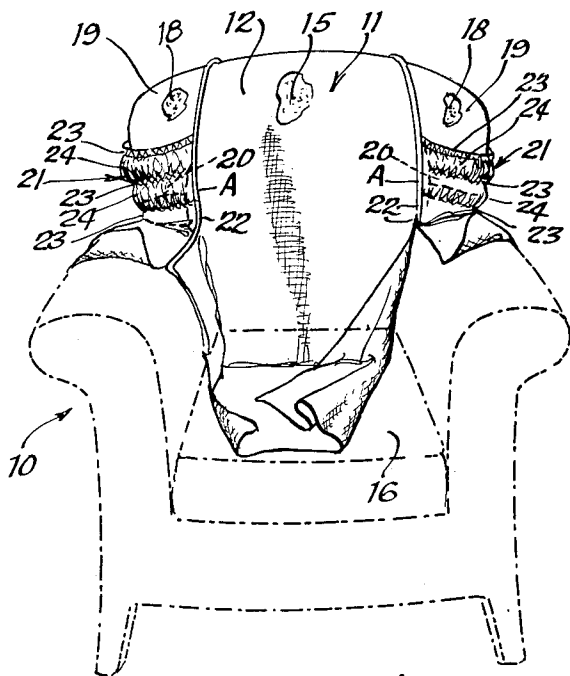


FIG. 1

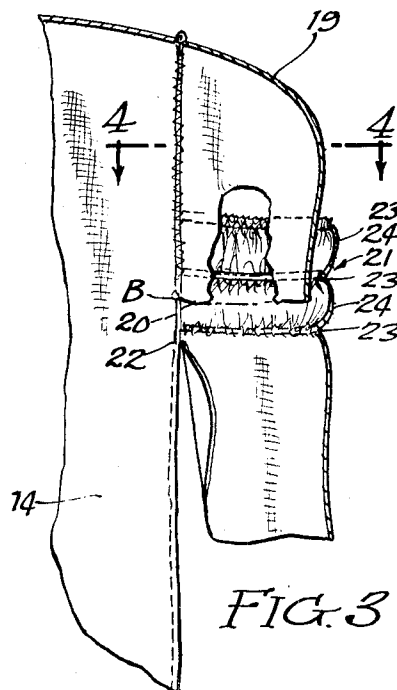


FIG. 3

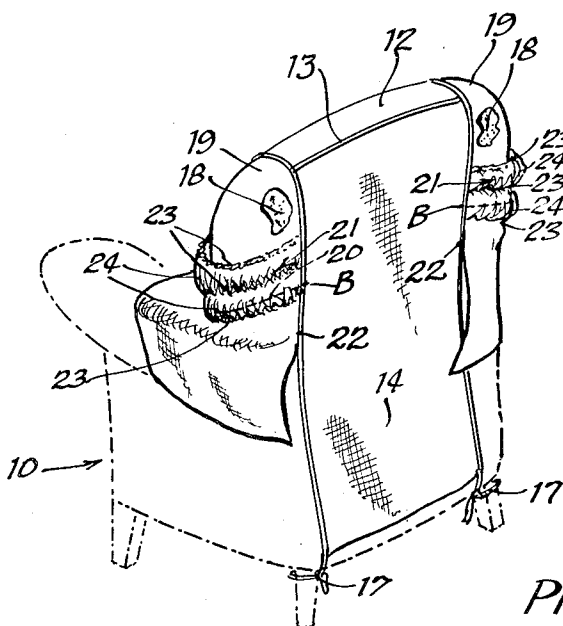


FIG. 2

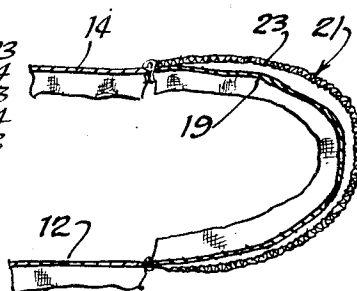


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This invention relates to improvements in furniture slip covers.

One object of the invention is to provide an improved construction of the back rest covering portion of a slip cover which can be adjusted in position on the back rests of articles of overstuffed furniture which vary in dimensions and contour so as to present a neat fitted appearance.

In the manufacture of slip covers commercially for articles of overstuffed furniture, the variations in contours or lines of curvature of the back rests, particularly of the shoulders thereof, has presented problems in providing slip covers which will fit with acceptable neatness. In the accompanying drawing a back rest covering portion of a slip cover is shown of a construction which enables the shoulder covering sections thereof to be adjusted into neatly fitted relation on an article of furniture and which tends to retain the shoulder covering portions in the adjusted relation.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view (somewhat in perspective) of a chair showing an improved slip cover portion in position on the back rest of the chair;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the chair and slip cover shown in Fig. 1, but viewed angularly from the rear;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged broken vertical sectional view taken medially of one of the shoulder covering sections;

Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 4-4 of Fig. 3.

A chair 10 is shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2 with the improved slip cover section generally in position thereon. The slip cover section 11 of the present invention is shown as a unit separate from a section (not shown) for covering the seat, arms, front and side walls of a chair. The illustrated section 11 of the slip cover may thus form a separate portion of a two-part slip cover assembly for a chair, or the improved back rest portion may be united with the portion of a slip cover which fits over the arms, seat, front and side walls or the body portion of a chair or other article of furniture, as a davenport.

In the drawing, the cover section 11 comprises a back rest covering panel 12 secured along a seam 13 (Fig. 2) to a back panel 14. The panel 12 is of a length to provide surplus material at the lower end which can be tucked into the crevice at the lower end of the back 15 of the chair and the seat 16 to retain it in position. The rear panel 14, as shown in Fig. 2, is provided with tie strings 17 which protrude from the bindings at the edge of the panel and which may be tied to the rear legs of the chair for anchoring purposes.

The panels 12 and 14 are of a width to cover the major portions of the back rest, except the shoulder portions 18 thereof. In some chairs the back rests are of greater than average width, and in others the width is less than average, but such variations will be accommodated by the improved cover section as will later appear.

For the purpose of covering the shoulders 18 of the back rest, there are secured to the edges of the connected panels 12 and 14, shoulder covers 19. The covers 19

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each may comprise a piece of material generally of rectangular form with one edge thereof secured to the adjacent portions of the edges of the panels 12 and 14. For example, one edge of the cover 19 is secured to the adjacent edge portions of panels 12 and 14 from approximately the point A shown in Fig. 1 to the point B shown in Fig. 2. The remaining edges of the cover 19 hang free, as indicated generally by dotted lines 20 in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

Cooperating with each shoulder cover portion 19, there is provided a cover section 21, each overlying the lower portion of one of the shoulder covering portions 19, and each secured at the vertical edges to the edges of panels 12 and 14, as by stitches. The lines of stitches extend from the upper edge of the portions 21 down to approximately the point indicated at 22 at both the panels 12 and 14. Below the points indicated at 22, the edges of the portions 21 are free.

The upper portions of the sections 21 are provided with elastic. In fact, the drawing indicates that three rows of elastic 23 are provided. The elastic may be sewn to the inner surface of the members 21 while the elastic is stretched so that upon contraction there will be provided gathers 24, as indicated, in the members 21. As stated, the lower portions of the members 21 are free at the edges and hence can be spread out to avoid wrinkling as the shoulder covering portions are adjusted in position on a chair.

After the slip cover section shown in the drawing has been initially placed on a piece of furniture, the strings 17 may be tightened and tied as indicated in Fig. 2. The shoulder cover section 19 may initially contain wrinkles, but these sections can be smoothed out over the surface of the shoulders of the arms without difficulty. Thus, for example, it may be found convenient in smoothing out the visible area of portion 19 to tuck the excess wrinkle forming material thereof under the edges of panels 12 and 14. In any event, the relatively small exposed area of the portion 19 presents no substantial difficulty in adjusting the portion to a smooth, neat fit over the curved shoulder portion of the chair. The elastic strips 23 exert tension crosswise of the shoulders of the chair and draw the panels 12 and 14 into smooth contact with the contacting portions of the chair back and hold in position any surplus material of the section 19 which may be tucked under the edges of the panels.

As will be understood, a slip cover section for the body of the chair, that is, for the arms, seat, front and the outer sides of the arms, is used with the back rest and shoulder covering portions above described, but is not shown since the present invention relates specifically to the back rest cover section and the improved portions which cover the shoulder portions of the back rest. Actually, the rear panel 14 may overlie portions of the undisclosed portions of the complete cover at the rear of the chair as shown in my application filed concurrently herewith.

While I have shown the present improvements for the purpose of illustrating the invention, various changes in details may be resorted to without departure from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. A slip cover for the front and rear surfaces of the back of an article of furniture comprising a front and a rear panel secured together by a seam along the upper edges thereof and each of a width to span the major portion of the respective surface of the article back, shoulder cover sections each secured to said slip cover only along one edge thereof to the upper portions of the edges of both said panels and extending laterally over and depending over the respective shoulders of the article, and a supplementary shoulder cover section at each side of said panels having front and rear vertical edges secured to the

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side edges of said panels and an upper edge overlapping and confining the depending portions of the respective shoulder cover section.

2. A slip cover for the front and rear surfaces of the back of an article of furniture comprising a front and a rear panel secured together by a seam along the upper edges thereof and each of a width to span the major portion of the respective surface of the article back, shoulder cover sections each secured to said slip cover only along one edge thereof to the upper portions of the edges of both said panels and extending laterally over and depending over the respective shoulders of the article, and a supplementary shoulder cover section at each side of said panels having front and rear vertical edges sewn to the side edges of said panels and provided with horizontal elastic inserts to which the material of the shoulder cover sections is gathered, the upper horizontal edge of each supplementary shoulder cover section being at an elevation to overlap the depending portions of the respective shoulder cover sections for retaining the same in adjusted position upon the shoulders of the article.

3. A slip cover for the front and rear surfaces of the back of an article of furniture, the section comprising a front and a rear panel secured together by a seam along

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the upper edges thereof and each of a width to span the major portion of the respective surface of the back of an article, shoulder cover sections each comprising a rectangular shaped piece of material secured to said slip cover only along one edge thereof to the upper edge portions of the panels at opposite sides thereof adjacent said seam, and extending outwardly and downwardly to cover the shoulder of an article, and a supplemental cover section at each side of said panels and secured thereto for overlapping relation with the lower portions of the respective shoulder cover sections, each supplemental cover section being provided with horizontal elastic gathered inserts to effect transverse contraction of said sections and panels snugly about an article back and for retaining the lower edges of the respective shoulder cover sections in adjusted relation.

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