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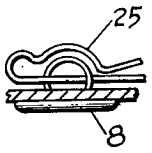


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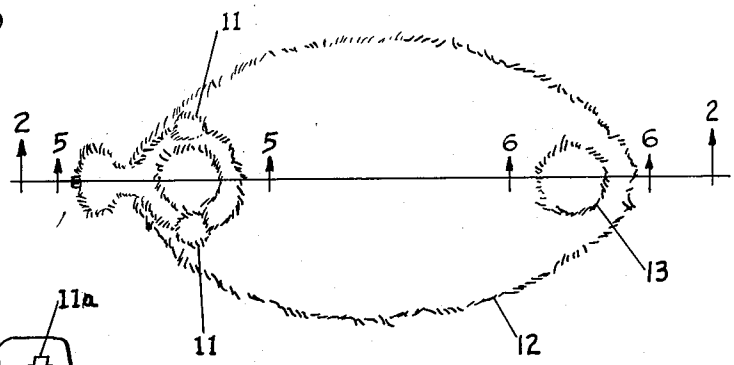


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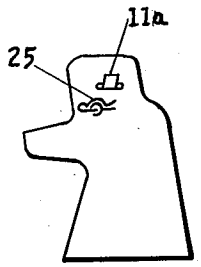


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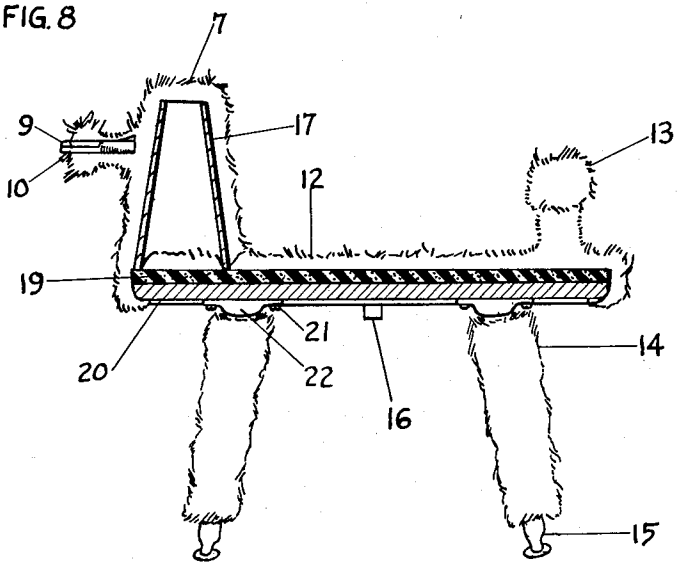


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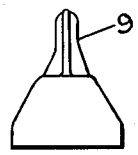


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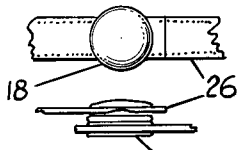


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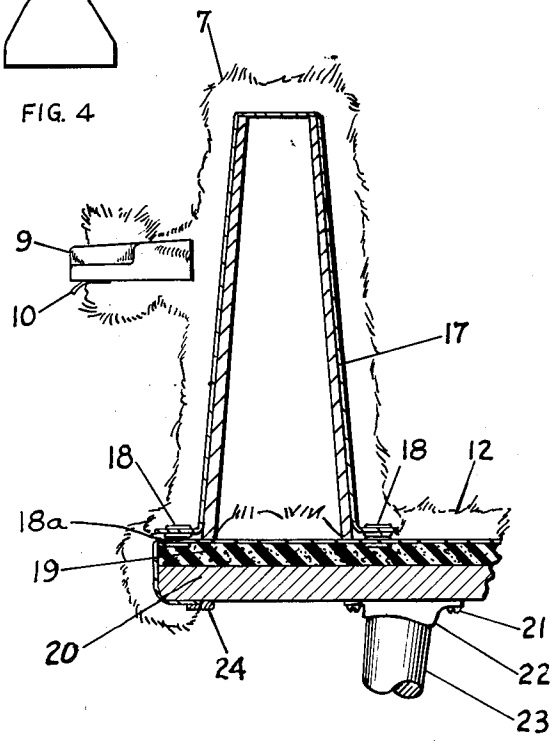


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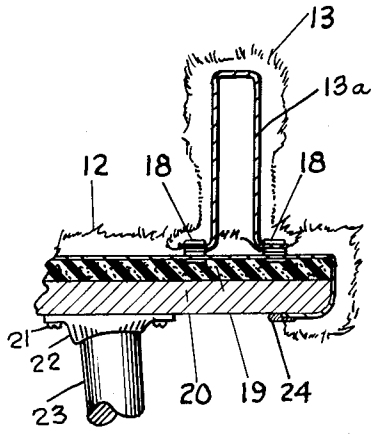


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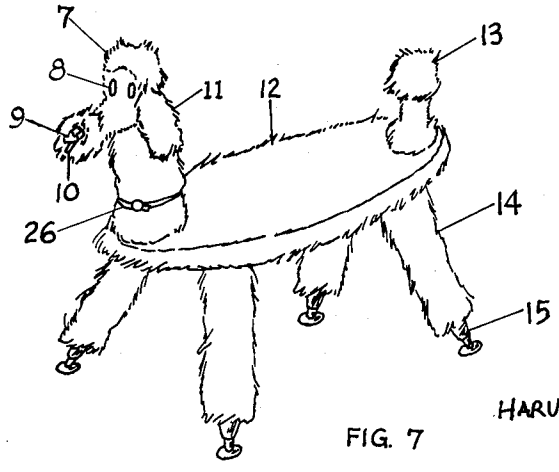


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This invention relates to a convertible bench and table. In particular, it relates to a novel low table of the coffee table type which can be readily and simply converted into a decorative and comfortable bench, and more particularly to such a convertible table and stool which has the form and appearance of an animal as, for example, a poodle dog.

The convertible table of this invention comprises a low table having a flat top extending beyond its legs. The table top has a smooth peripheral contour and preferably a lower edge which bevels inward. In detachable combination with the table are a head member, a stool pad member and a tail member. The stool pad member has a decorative outer surface as, for example, synthetic fur, fabric or the like, and is arranged to be positioned on the top of the table. The head member is also covered with a similar decorative outer surface, is shaped like an animal head with a snout and neck portion and is detachably positioned on top of the pad member with cooperable attaching means.

The tail member is similarly covered with decorative material and is detachably positioned on top of the pad member with cooperable attaching means.

The pad member comprises a backing portion made of cloth or similar flexible material which carries on its periphery an elastic means, such as elastic tape, whose normal circumference is less than the normal circumference of the backing portion. Enclosed between the backing and the tape is a flat slab of yieldable material such as foam or urethane rubber, or the like, which is of similar surface area and shape as the table top. The outer surface of the backing is decorative. This can be accomplished in a number of ways, e.g. finishing the surface with leather or plastic, attaching a separate decorative member (e.g. fur or synthetic fur), flocking on fibers which resemble furs, carpets, rugs and the like, etc. The dimensions of the backing are selected so as to permit the elastic tape portions to be positioned underneath the table top.

The head member comprises interior stiffening means such as a head form and separate or integral snout form. Surrounding the stiffening means is a backing portion with a decorative outer surface similar to the pad member except at the bottom which is open and provided with means for attachment to the pad member. The tail member is of similar construction as the head member except for its smaller size and lack of a snout portion. The head and tail members are positioned at opposite ends of the table so that the result is an upholstered seat in the form and shape of an animal, which can be readily converted by detachment of the head and tail members to form an upholstered seat and, further, by removal of the pad member to provide a table. The legs of the table are similarly covered with a decorative material. Thus the complete assembly can be used as a bench or as a decorative object. By removal of the head and tail members a large decorative flat bench is provided. If, in addition, the pad member is removed, the result is a table. The ready removal of the various components permits washing or other cleaning of the fabric, yet permitting continued usage of the remaining structural portions.

A preferred embodiment of this invention is illustrated in the drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 is a top view of the complete assembly.

FIG. 2 is a section along line 2—2 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a combination top and side view of the collar attachment.

FIG. 4 is a top view of the snout member alone.

FIG. 5 is a partial side view of the head member area in partial section.

FIG. 6 is a side view of the tail member area in partial section.

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of the complete assembly.

FIG. 8 is a diagrammatic view of the head member showing attachment means for the ears and eyes.

FIG. 9 is a partial section showing eye detail.

With reference to the drawings there is illustrated therein a low elliptical table having a table top **20**, which has an inner bevelled edge and extension beyond its legs **23**. The legs **23** are attached by metal plate **22**, and screws **21**, to the underside of the table top **20**. The legs terminate in brass ends **15**. Superimposed on the table top is a pad member **12**, which comprises a backing portion having flocked fibers resembling fur and terminating on its periphery in a stitched elastic tape member **24**. Enclosed by the backing member is a flat foam pad **19**.

Superimposed at one end of the so covered table is the head member **7**. This head member comprises a frustro-conical shell **17**, made of cardboard or the like, covered with an ornamental surface comprising a backing member having flocked fibers resembling fur. The ornamental covering is preferably attached to the head form **17**, as, for example, by adhesive. On the very front end of the head member, the ornamental covering is arranged to project out and include a snout stiffener **9**, which can also be made of cardboard, or the like. The head member also has a flexible tongue such as a fabric tongue **10**, ornamental ears **11**, attached by tabs **11*a*** and buttons **8** held by cotter pins **25**, which buttons serve as eyes. The base of the head member is pushed down through the ornamental covering on the table top so that its fastener elements **18**, engage fastener elements **18*a***, on the backing member **12**. These fastening elements **18** and **18*a*** can be co-operating snap fasteners.

The tail portion has a similar stiffener **13*a***, in the form of a cardboard shell and also ornamental covering and fastening elements at the bottom. The manner of its attachment and detachment is similar to the head member.

Additional decorative means can be provided as, for example, a dog collar **26**, having snap fastening members **27** and **27*a***, also additional reinforcing members can be provided as, for example, cleat **16** to brace the table top.

Thus, the yieldable pad can be omitted where the ornamental covering material provides sufficient comfort. Also, although the elastic means for holding the pad member on the table is far superior in convenience to other means, it can also be held in poistion by co-operable fastening means, although less preferable.

While the preferred embodiment of my invention has been described in detail it is not to be limited to the particular construction set forth since various changes in form, material, proportions and arrangement of parts and in details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as heretofore described and as hereinafter defined in the claims which follow.

I claim:

1. A convertible bench and table in ornamental form

comprising a table having a flat top extending beyond the legs, a pad member detachably positioned on said top, a head member detachably positioned on said pad member and a tail member detachably positioned on said pad member; said pad member comprising a flexible backing member attached to fold over the entire said table top, terminating in an elastic means along its periphery and enclosing a flat yieldable pad of approximately the same surface area and shape as said table top, said backing member having a decorative outer surface; said head member comprising interior stiffening means and exterior ornamental surface in the shape of a head and snout and being provided with lower fastening means for attachment to registering attachment means on said pad member; said tail portion comprising interior stiffening means surrounded by an ornamental covering and provided with lower fastening means for attachment to registering attachment means on said pad member.

2. A convertible bench and table in ornamental form comprising a table having a flat top extending beyond the legs, a pad member detachably poistioned on said top, a head member detachably positioned on said pad member and a tail member detachably positioned on said pad member; said pad member comprising a flexible backing member attached to fold over the entire said table top, terminating in an elastic means along its periphery and having a decorative outer surface; said head member comprising interior stiffening means and exterior ornamental surface in the shape of a head and snout and being provided with lower fastening means for attachment to registering attachment means on said pad member; said tail portion comprising interior stiffening means surrounded by an ornamental covering and provided with lower fastening means for attachment to registering attachment means on said pad member.

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