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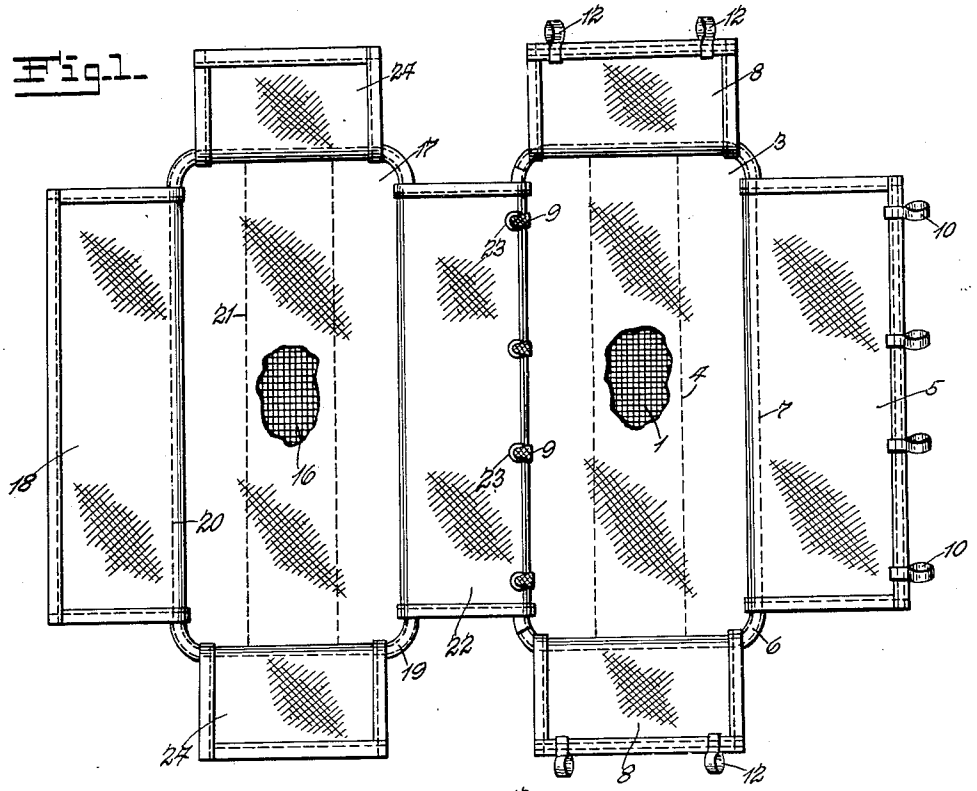
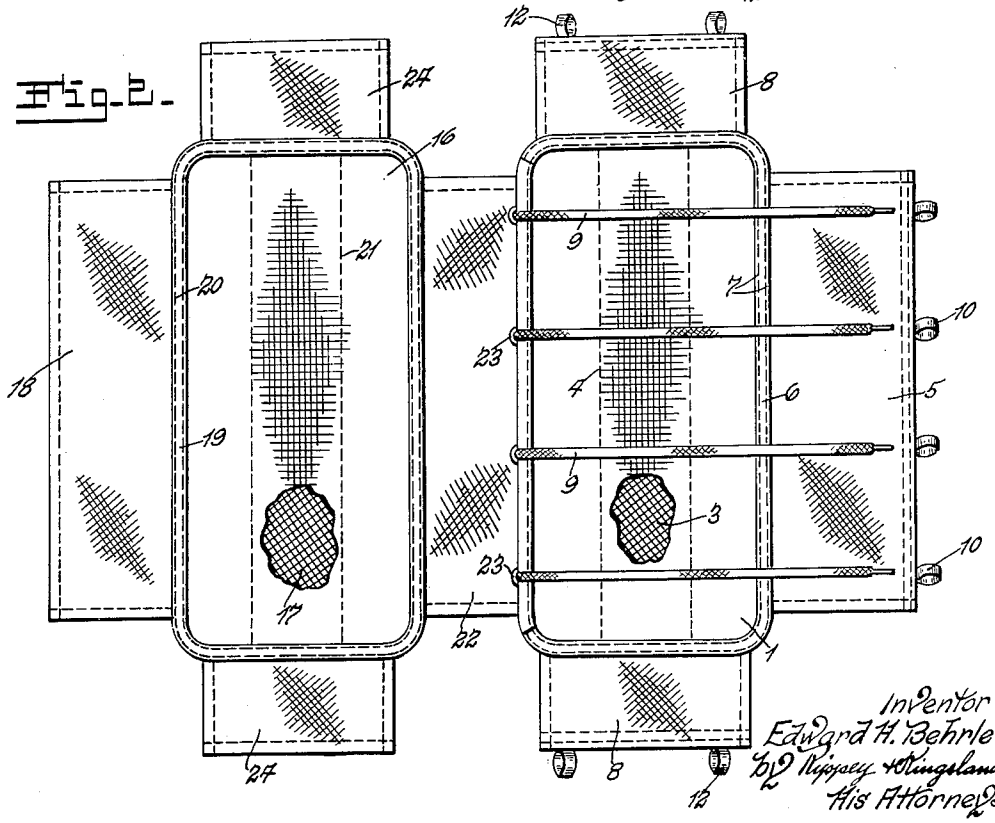



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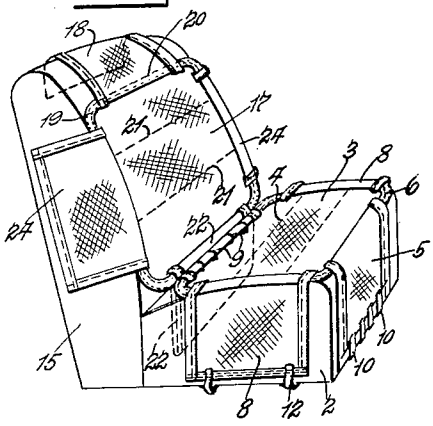


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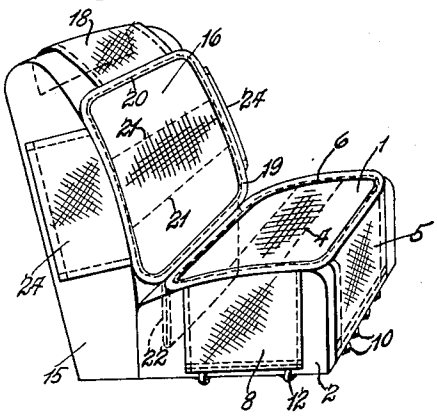


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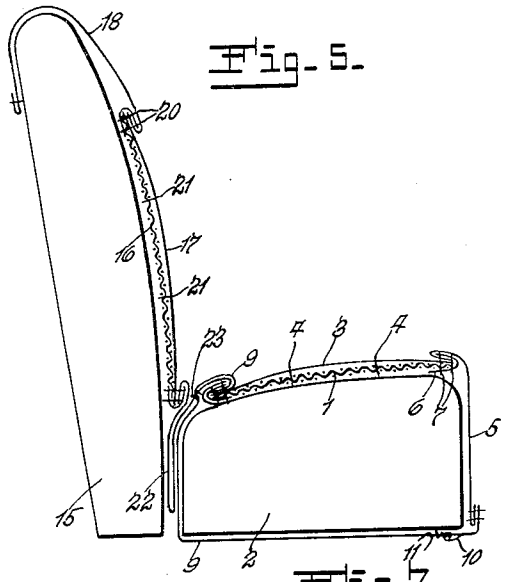


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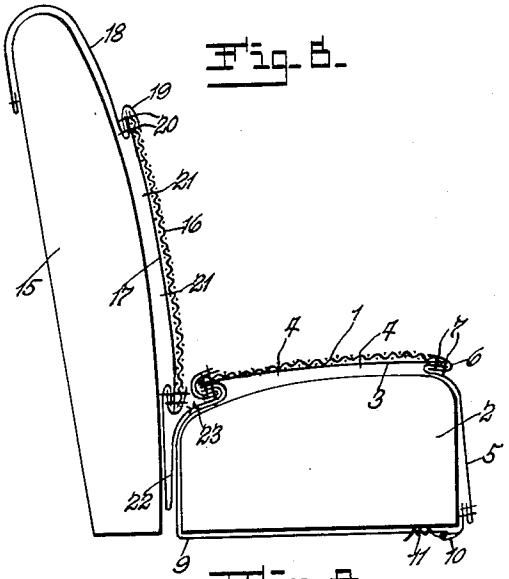


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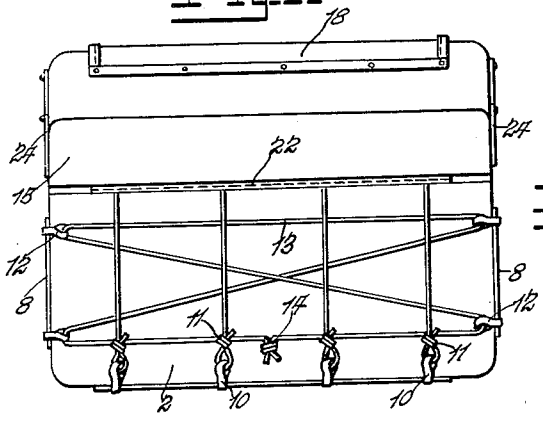


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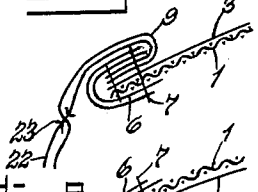


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This invention relates to seat covers.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved seat cover of the removable and replaceable and interchangeable type with opposite surfaces adapted for use in reverse positions upon the seat to which the seat cover is applied in conformity with the needs or requirements of the season of the year during which the seat cover is used. My improved seat cover for this purpose comprises a section of flexible and pliable material, also characterized by a degree of resiliency, so that said section will not readily become rolled or wrinkled or creased when in use but will resist such distortions, in combination with a section of different material attached to one side of said first section and forming a finished surface. The first section of material is well designed and adapted for use as the exposed surface of the seat cover during warm weather, including the summer season, while the second section rests upon the seat and is covered and concealed by the first section; and the position of the seat cover is reversed during the winter season or cold weather, the first section being placed on the seat and the second section exposed.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved seat cover comprising two separate members, each including two sections of material of the type and possessing the qualities and characteristics stated, one of which members is applied to the upper surface of the seat and the other of which is applied to the front of the seat back, in combination with an elongated hinge device of flexible, pliable and substantially non-resilient material attaching the rear edge portion of the seat covering member to the lower edge portion of the back covering member and adapted to extend downwardly between and be clampingly engaged by the seat and the seat back and thereby hold the two members of the seat cover in proper cooperative relationship.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved seat cover of the type designated having means in connection therewith and arranged in a novel cooperative relationship for securing the seat cover to the seat, irrespective of which surface of the seat cover is exposed.

Various other objects and advantages of the present invention will be readily apparent from the following description, reference being made to the annexed drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of one side of my improved seat cover comprising the separate members for the different parts of the seat connected by a securing hinge, parts of the upper section being broken away to disclose the cooperating section of each member.

Fig. 2 is a similar plan view of the opposite side of the seat cover, parts of the upper section being broken away to disclose the cooperating section of each member.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my improved seat cover applied to a seat with the surface for winter service exposed.

Fig. 4 is a similar perspective view of my improved seat cover applied to a seat with the surface for summer service exposed.

Fig. 5 is a front to rear sectional view of my improved seat cover applied to a seat with the surface for winter service exposed as in Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a front to rear sectional view of my improved seat cover applied to a seat with the surface for summer service exposed as in Fig. 4.

Fig. 7 is an inverted view of a seat having my improved seat cover attached thereto.

Fig. 8 is an enlarged diagrammatic sectional view showing the connection of the seat covering member with the hinge and one of the fasteners in the relationship of these parts when the surface of the seat cover for winter service is exposed.

Fig. 9 is an enlarged diagrammatic sectional view showing the connection of the seat covering member with the hinge and one of the fasteners in the relationship of these parts when the surface of the seat cover for summer service is exposed.

The seat covering member comprises a section 1 of flexible and pliable material, also characterized by a degree of resiliency, so that said section will not become rolled or wrinkled or creased when in use but will resist such distortions. This section 1 is approximately of the same length and width and of the same shape as the upper portion of the seat 2 to which it is applied.

This section 1 is in combination with a section 3 of different material attached to one side of said section 1 and forming a finished surface.

The section 1 is characterized by a greater degree of resiliency and porosity than the section 3 and is well designed and adapted for use as the exposed surface of the seat cover during warm weather, including the summer season, and may be woven material composed of relatively large strands in both the warp and woof elements to provide numerous openings or interstices, affording ventilation and circulation of air and providing an appropriate device for use as a seat cover in warm weather. The section 3 may be of textile fabric, or other appropriate material, and is of approximately the same shape and size as the section 1. The sections 1 and 3 may be attached together intermediate of their front and rear edges by transverse rows of stitches 4, which hold the intermediate portions of said sections in proper cooperative relationship, irrespective of which surface of the material is exposed. The section 3, being of closer weave than the section 1, is well designed and adapted for use as the ex-

posed surface of the seat cover during the winter season, or cold weather.

A valance 5 of flexible and pliable material, and having substantially the same characteristics as the section 3, is attached to the front edge of the seat covering member comprising the sections 1 and 3. A binder strip 6 of flexible and pliable material is folded to enclose all of the marginal edges of the sections 1 and 3 and also the upper edge of the valance 5. The binder strip 6 forms and constitutes a frame extending along the upper end and front corners of the seat 2. This frame, consisting of the binder strip 6, is attached to the seat covering member comprising the sections 1 and 3 by rows of stitches 7.

A depending flap 8 may be attached to each end of the seat covering member, comprising the sections 1 and 3, by extending the upper edges of the flaps 8 between the frame 6 and the section 3 and engaging the stitches 7 therewith in the manner in which said stitches 7 engage the upper edge of the valance 5. These end flaps 8 extend downwardly at the ends of the seat 2 while the valance 5 extends downwardly at the front of said seat, irrespective of whether the section 1 is uppermost, as in Fig. 6, or whether the section 3 is uppermost, as in Fig. 5.

A number of straps 9 may be provided in connection with this seat covering member having their upper ends engaged between the section 3 and the frame 6 at the rear edge of the seat covering member. These straps may be of such length as to extend downwardly at the rear and forwardly under the seat 2 and engaged with loops 10 attached to the lower edge of the valance 5. The front ends of the straps may be passed through said loops and doubled backwardly and tied, as indicated at 11 (Figs. 6 and 7).

If desired, loops 12 may be attached to the lower edges of the flaps 8 and engaged by a string or tape 13 laced through the loops 12 on the respective flaps 8 and having its ends attached by a knot 14, or otherwise. By these fastening devices, the seat covering member may be securely held in position upon the seat 2, irrespective of which surface of the seat covering member is exposed upwardly.

To this extent the invention is complete. However, in many instances it is desirable to provide a cover for the back 15 of the seat. The cover for the back may comprise a section 16 of the same material and possessing the same characteristics as the section 1, and a section 17 of the same material and possessing the same characteristics as the section 3. An extended flap 18 is attached to the upper edge of the covering member for the seat back by having its lower edge extended and engaged between the section 17 and a frame, comprising a flexible and pliable binder strip 19, attached to the marginal edges of the sections 16 and 17 by rows of stitches 20. Longitudinal spaced rows of stitches 21 attach together intermediate portions of the sections 16 and 17 and hold said sections in proper cooperative relationship just as the rows of stitches 4 hold the sections 1 and 3 in proper cooperative relationship.

A hinge device, comprising a section 22 of flexible, pliable and substantially non-resilient material, has its forward edge extending between the section 3 and the frame 6 at the rear of the seat covering member and engaged by the stitches 7 and has its rear edge extending between the section 17 and the frame 19 and engaged by the stitches 20. This hinge 22 is of relatively considerable width, so that it will extend downwardly a considerable distance between the edge of the seat 2 and the lower edge of the seat back 15 and be clampingly engaged thereby to cooperate with the remaining elements of the seat cover to hold the two members of the seat cover in proper cooperative relationship with each other and with the seat elements. In such proper cooperative relationship, the seat covering member on the seat 2 does not extend downwardly between said seat 2 and the seat back 15, and the lower edge of the covering member for the seat back 15 is also out of clamping engagement with the seat members.

The extended flap 18 is of sufficient width to extend upwardly beyond the sections 16 and 17 and drape over the upper edge of the seat back 15, irrespective of which of the sections 16 or 17 is exposed forwardly.

The hinge 22 is provided with a number of eyelets 23, corresponding to the straps 9 and providing openings through which said straps may be extended when the sections 3 and 17 are exposed. However, when the sections 1 and 16 are exposed, the straps 9 do not extend through the eyelets 23. In Fig. 5, the straps 9 are shown extended through the eyelets 23, because the sections 3 and 17 form the exposed surface of the seat cover; whereas, in Fig. 6, the straps 9 do not extend through the eyelets 23, because the sections 1 and 16 form the exposed surface of the seat cover.

End flaps 24 have their forward edges extended between the section 17 and the frame 19 and engaged by the stitches 20 at the ends of the seat back covering member. These flaps 24 are of sufficient length to extend rearwardly at the rear ends of the seat back 15 and be engaged between the ends of said seat back and the upholstery of an automobile body, for instance, in order to cooperate with the remaining fastening devices to secure and hold the seat cover in proper location and adjustment.

It is now clear that my invention obtains all of its intended objects and purposes efficiently and satisfactorily and may be manufactured and distributed inexpensively and thus made available for general use. The construction and arrangement of the parts and the material thereof may be varied within the scope of equivalent limits without departure from the nature and principle of the invention. I do not restrict myself in any unessential particulars, but what I claim is:

A seat cover comprising separate seat and back covering members, each having both sides adapted for use as the exposed side thereof, a flexible and pliable frame enclosing the marginal edges of each of said members, an elongated flexible member having its opposite edges extending between said frames and the marginal edges of said seat and back covering members respectively, a series of eyelets attached to and opening through said elongated flexible member adjacent to the rear edge of said seat covering member, flexible elements attached to the marginal edge of said covering member and adapted to extend through and to be withdrawn from said eyelets depending upon which side of the seat covering member is uppermost and exposed, and elements in connection with the front edge of said seat covering member adapted to be engaged by said flexible elements.

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