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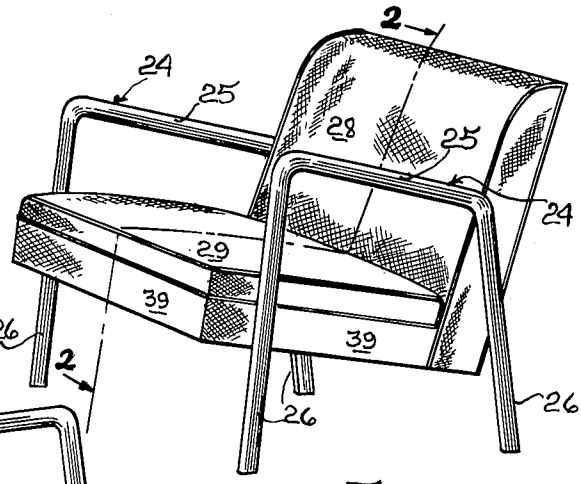


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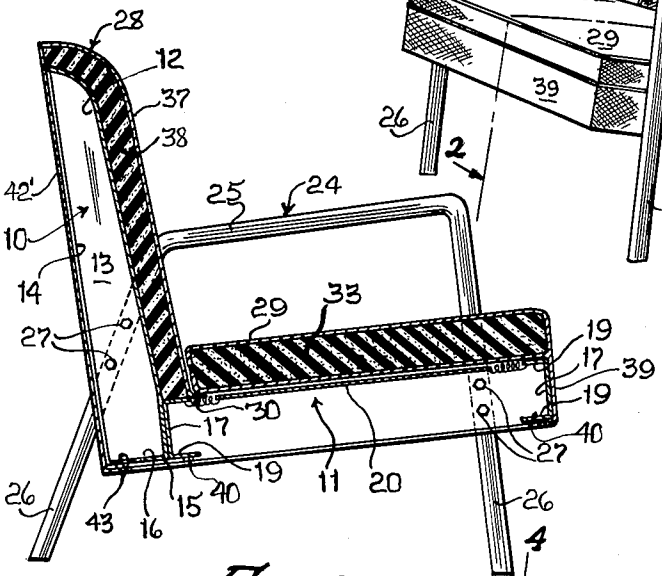


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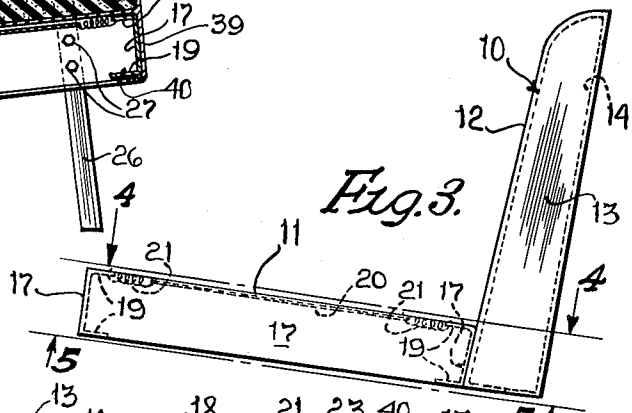


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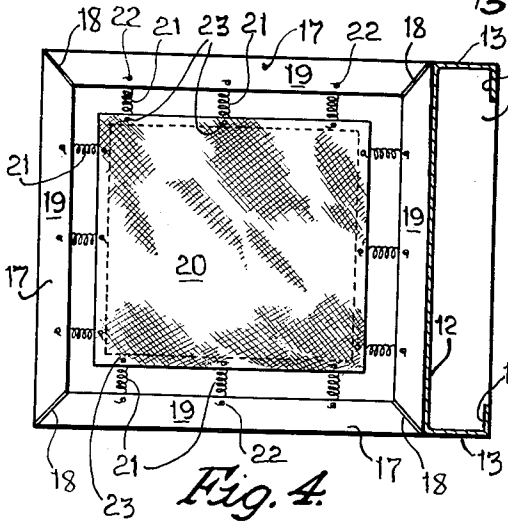


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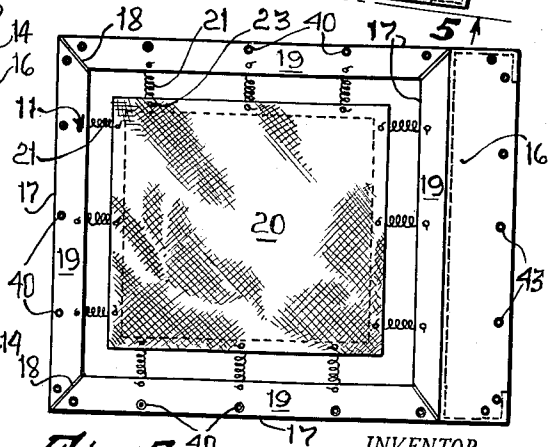


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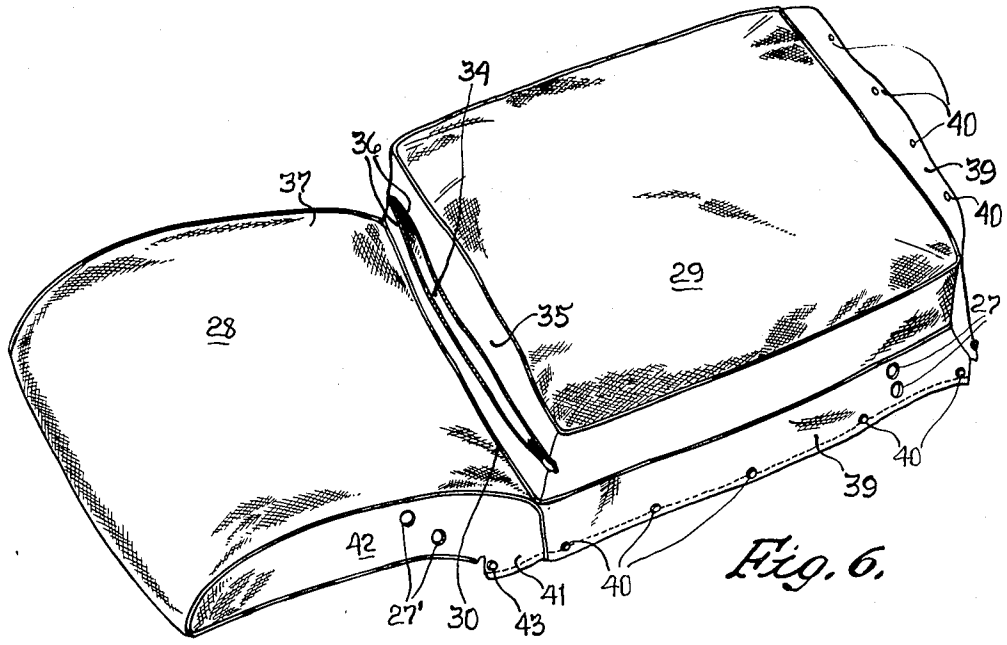


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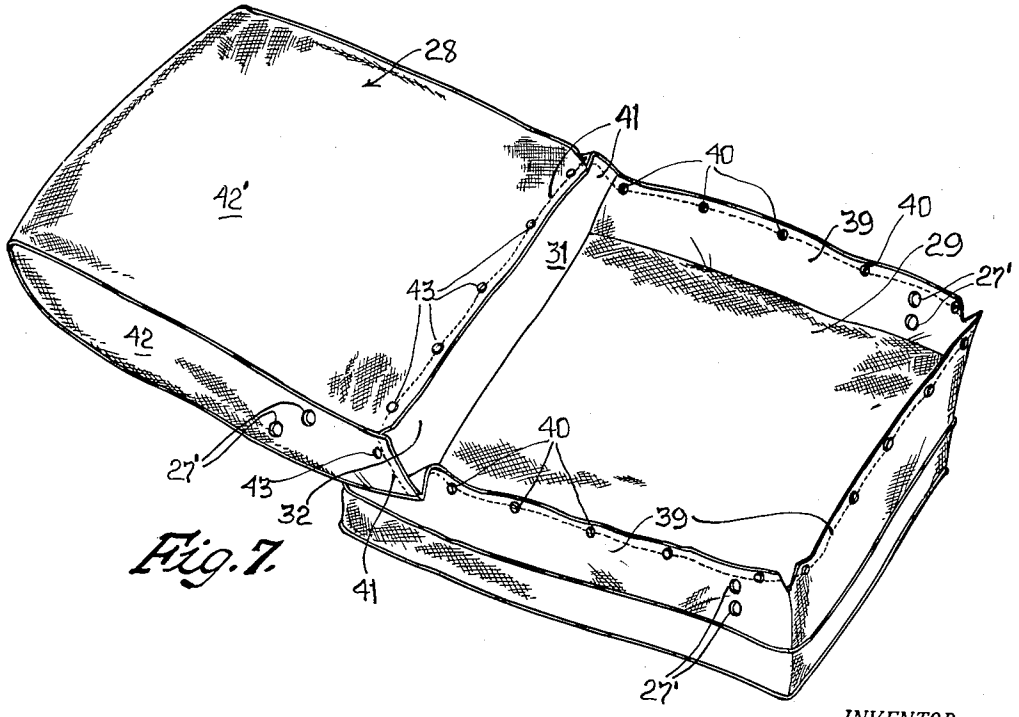


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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in an article of furniture.

More particularly the invention relates to a chair and a cover therefor. As a principal object of the invention is the provision of an improved construction of the character hereinafter described, which will be highly efficient in use and economical in manufacture.

My improved chair, while capable of other uses, is especially designed for use as a lounge chair. Such use necessitates frequent cleaning and repairing of the cover of the chair or the replacement of the cushions. To clean or repair the covers of chairs now generally in use, as well as to replace the cushions of such chairs, generally without exception requires considerable labor and time. My invention therefore has for an object the provision of a chair constructed in a manner such that the cover and cushions thereof may be removed and replaced in the most economical manner and with the least degree of labor and time.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a chair which, while simple in construction, is comfortable, sturdy and durable, capable of withstanding the usual rough treatment to which lounge chairs are subjected.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will best be understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of construction, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved chair;

Fig. 2 is a sectional detail view taken substantially on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of the back and seat portions of the chair with the upholstery removed;

Fig. 4 is a sectional detail view taken substantially on line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a plan view taken substantially on line 5—5 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the cover of the chair removed from the framework thereof, viewed from the top;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the cover of the chair removed from the framework thereof, viewed from the bottom.

The simplicity of construction of my invention will be apparent from the following description of the preferred form of construction by which the several objects of my invention are accomplished.

In this connection, the back **10** and the seat frame **11** are preferably formed of metal. The back **10** comprises a front wall **12** having integral side walls **13**, with the edges **14** of the side walls **13** turned inwardly to eliminate sharp edges.

The bottom edge **15** of the front wall **12** has a rearwardly extending flange **16** (Figs. 2 and 5). The side walls **13** may taper to take the configuration illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3; however, the shape of this back may vary according to the desire of the designer.

The seat **11** comprises channel-shaped bars **17** welded together at the corners **18** to provide an open frame. Such bars provide inwardly extending flanges **19**.

As best shown in Figs. 4 and 5, there is arranged within the frame a support **20** preferably formed of fabric or like material. This fabric support **20** is suspended from the top flanges of the bars **17** by means of springs **21** having corresponding ends connected as at **22** to such top flanges, and opposite end portions **23** connected to the fabric support **20** adjacent the peripheral edges thereof.

Secured to the back and to the seat, **10** and **11**, respectively, are side members **24** having intermediate sections providing arm rests **25** and end portions providing supporting legs **26**. These side members **24** are secured in place by means of bolts **27** after the cover, presently to be described, is positioned to cover the back **10** and seat **11**.

Such cover comprises a back section **28** and a seat section **29**. The back section **28** is hinged as at **30** to the lower edge portion **31** of the seat section **29**. The back section **28** is in the form of an envelope adapted to receive through the open end **32** thereof the back **10** of the chair. The seat section **29** is likewise in the form of an envelope adapted to receive the seat **11**. Such seat section provides a pocket for a filler or cushion **33** in the form of a rectangular piece of foam rubber or like material. This filler **33** is inserted in the seat section **29** through an opening **34** formed in the wall **35** of the seat section **29** and normally closed with the filler within the pocket, by a suitable slide fastener **36** of any approved construction.

There may be arranged between the front wall **37** of the back section **28** of the cover and the front wall **12** of the chair, a filler or cushion **38** in the form of a piece of foam rubber or the like.

When the back **10** of the chair is inserted in the back section **28** of the cover, the seat section **29** of the cover will be disposed upon the seat **11** of the chair, with side flaps **39** of the cover overlapping the side walls of the bars **17** and turned inwardly upon the lower flanges of the flanges **19**. These inwardly turned portions of the flaps **39** are secured to the lower flanges of the flanges **19** by suitable snap buttons **40** of any approved construction. The lower edge portions **41** of the side walls **42** and back wall **42'** of the back section **28** are likewise secured to the flange **16** by snap buttons **43**.

Should occasion require the removal of the cover, all that it is necessary to do is to remove the side members **24** which have been connected by the bolts **27** to the back and seat **11**, remove the bolts from the openings **27'** in the cover, and separate the snap buttons **39** and **43**. After this is done, the back section **28** may be, with the seat section **29**, bodily removed from the back **10** and seat **11** of the chair. The slide fastener **36** will then be exposed and may be opened to permit removal of the filler or cushion **33**.

From this it is apparent that the entire cover may be removed from the chair by a simple operation requiring a minimum amount of labor and time. While my improved chair comprises relatively few parts, it is nevertheless sturdy and substantially economical in manufacture.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such

variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A chair comprising a back comprising a front wall and side walls and a flange extending along the lower portion of the back, a seat comprising frame members each substantially channel-shaped in cross section, a wall of one of said frame members abutting the lower edge portion of the front wall of the back, supporting legs connected to said back and said seat, a spring-suspended cushion support within the open area of said seat, and a cushion adapted to be disposed over said cushion support, a cover having a section adapted to envelope said back and a second section adapted to envelope said seat, said sections provided with openings in their side walls adapted to receive the connection between said legs and said back and seat, said second section having a pocket for the reception of said cushion, said cover having edge portions overlapping the edge portions of said back and seat, and snap fastening means for connecting the edge portions of said cover to the under side edge portions of said back and said seat.

2. An article of furniture comprising a seat, a back attached to and forming together with the seat a unitary structure, detachable supporting legs connected to the seat and back and having upper end portions terminating into horizontal arm rests, said back including a cover of a size to accommodate a cushion, and said seat including a cover providing side walls having lower peripheral edges turning inwardly for connection to and beneath the seat, means for detachably connecting said peripheral edges to said seat, said seat cover providing a pocket to accommodate a cushion and having an elongated closure concealed between an edge portion of said seat cover and an adjacent abutting portion of the back cover, a hinge connection between adjacent edges of the seat cover and the back cover, said back and seat cover each having side walls disposed between the adjacent side walls of the back and seat and the supporting legs.

3. An article of upholstered furniture comprising a unitary seat and back structure and support legs connected to said structure, a separate seat cushion, upholstery for completing said article and for integrating said structure and cushion including a cover envelope for the back portion of said structure open at its bottom for receiving said back portion and a cover for the seat portion of said structure including an envelope enclosing said seat cushion, the rear wall of said seat cushion envelope abutting the front wall of said back cover envelope, said seat cushion envelope having therein an elongated closure normally concealed when said seat portion cover is assembled with said structure, said seat cover also having a peripheral skirt portion at the front and sides thereof, said skirt and the lower edges of said back cover envelope being detachably secured to the underside of said structure.

4. An article of upholstered furniture comprising a unitary seat and back structure, a separate seat cushion, upholstery for completing said article and for integrating said structure and cushion including a cover envelope for the back portion of said structure open at its bottom to receive said back portion, and a cover for said seat portion including an envelope enclosing said seat cushion, the rear wall of said seat cushion envelope abutting the front wall of said back cover envelope and having therein an elongated closure normally concealed by said abutting back cover, said seat cover also having a peripheral skirt at the front and sides thereof, said skirt and the lower edges of said back cover envelope being detachably secured to the underside of said structure, support legs detachably connected to said structure at each side thereof and having upper end portions providing an arm rest, portions of said skirt and back cover envelope being disposed between said detachable support legs and the sides of said structure.

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