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Fig. 1.

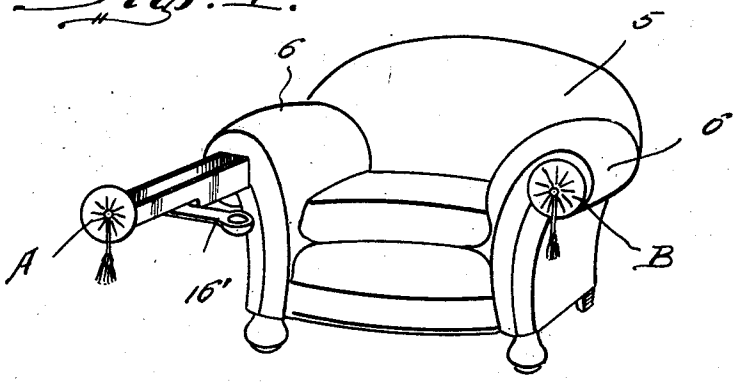
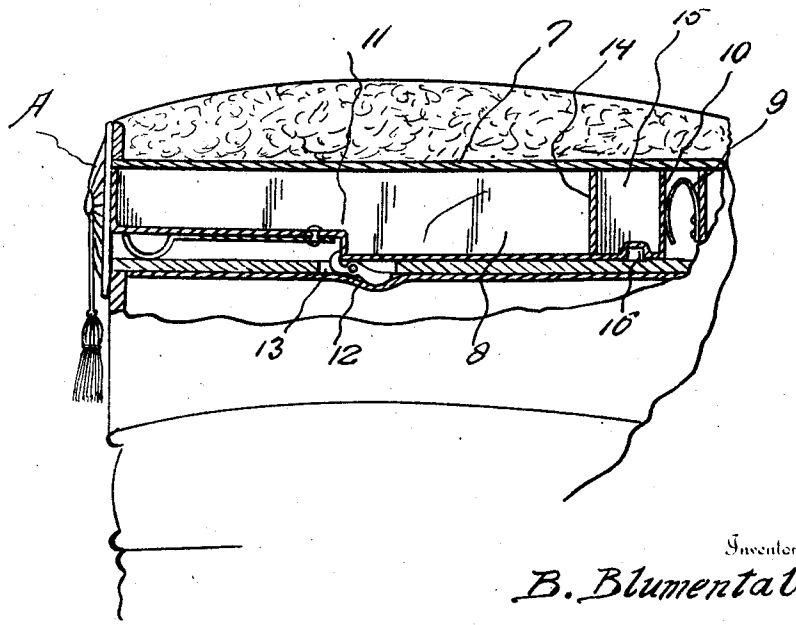


Fig. 2.



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DRAWER CONSTRUCTION FOR CHAIRS OR SIMILAR ARTICLES OF FURNITURE.

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This invention relates generally to the art of furniture, and has more particular reference to a drawer construction for chairs and the like.

The primary object of the invention is to provide the arm of an upholstered chair with a sliding drawer wherein the same may be adapted for the holding of cigarettes or other articles, and wherein such provision will not detract from the beauty of the chair, but will on the other hand add to its usefulness and increase its marketable value.

A further object of the invention is to provide a drawer construction for the arm of an upholstered article of furniture wherein the same may be automatically moved to partially open position by pressing a secret latch, said latch being further adapted for cooperation with other means at the rear end of the drawer for preventing accidental total displacement of the drawer with respect to the chair arms, it being nevertheless possible to totally remove the drawer if the same become desirable.

A still further object is to provide the drawer with a secret compartment at its inner end, access to which may only be had by an additional operation of the secret latch and the further outward sliding of the drawer with respect to the chair arm.

With the foregoing and other objects in view as the nature of the invention will be better understood, the same comprises the novel form, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts in both the views:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an article of furniture with one arm of which is associated my improved drawer construction, the said drawer being disclosed as having been extended outwardly of the arm, and

Figure 2 is a detail longitudinal section through the arm of the chair into which the drawer has been entirely moved.

Now having particular reference to the drawing, 5 indicates a chair of the heavy upholstered type that is provided with a usual relatively large and curved arms 6—6.

In carrying out my invention I construct one of the arms 6, preferably the right hand one of the chair, in such a manner as to provide a longitudinal drawer guide 7 for slidably receiving a drawer 8 of sheet metal or other material.

The inner wall of the drawer guide 7 is provided with a suitable expansible spring 9 that is adapted to be engaged by the inner wall 10 of the drawer when the same is slid to closed position in order that the normal tendency of the drawer will be to slide outwardly of the arm guide. The bottom wall of the drawer 8 is provided at a convenient point thereon with a shoulder 11 for cooperative relation with a spring controlled latch 12 that is pivoted within a slot 13 of the bottom wall of the drawer guide for maintaining the drawer closed against the action of the spring 9. The latch 12 is so positioned as to permit the same to be swung upon its pivot for releasing the drawer by engaging the same with the hand directly at the under side of the arm 6, the upholstering material for the arm covering said latch, as clearly shown in Figure 2.

The drawer 7 is provided at a point in predetermined spaced relation with respect to the rear wall thereof with a false wall 14 in order that a secret compartment 15 will be provided at the inner end of the drawer. Intermediate said walls, the bottom wall of the drawer is formed with a depression 16 into which the head of the latch 12 will engage for preventing the entire withdrawal of the drawer unless the latch is further actuated. The false wall 14 is positioned in such spaced relation with respect to the rear wall 10 of the drawer that when the drawer is opened to the position shown in Figure 1, the fourth wall 14 will give the appearance as the true rear wall of the drawer and consequently to outsiders, the presence of the secret compartment 15 will not be known. Access to this compartment can of course be secured by the total or almost total removal of the drawer from its guide.

If desired, the forward end of the drawer may be so constructed as to permit an ash receiver 16′ to be swung into position thereunder for allowing the drawer to be moved to closed position. When the drawer is slid outwardly, this receiver may be swung at right angles thereto for the convenient use of the person occupying the chair.

The forward end of the drawer may be, and preferably is, equipped with an ornament A complementary to the ornament B upon the opposite arm of the chair in order

that when the drawer is closed, no one except the owner of the chair would be cognizant of its presence.

Minor changes may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is:—

In a drawer construction for chair arms, a drawer guide arranged longitudinally within the chair arm and being closed at its rear end, a drawer adapted for longitudinal sliding movement within the guide, the bottom of the forward portion of said drawer being cut away to provide a shoulder at the juncture of the cut away portion of the drawer, an expansible leaf spring attached at one end to the closed inner end of the guide and having its free end bearing against the rear wall of the drawer for normally urging the drawer outwardly to an open position, a concealed latch member pivoted within a slot formed in the bottom wall of the drawer guide, said latch normally engaging the shoulder for maintaining the drawer in a closed position within the drawer guide, a false rear wall arranged within the wall adjacent the first mentioned rear wall to provide a secret compartment, the bottom of the secret compartment having a depression formed therein, said latch cooperating with the depression for limiting the outward sliding movement of the drawer and to prevent the secret compartment being normally exposed, when the latch is disengaged from said shoulder, and an ornamental head on the forward end of the drawer to conceal the drawer guide when the drawer is closed.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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