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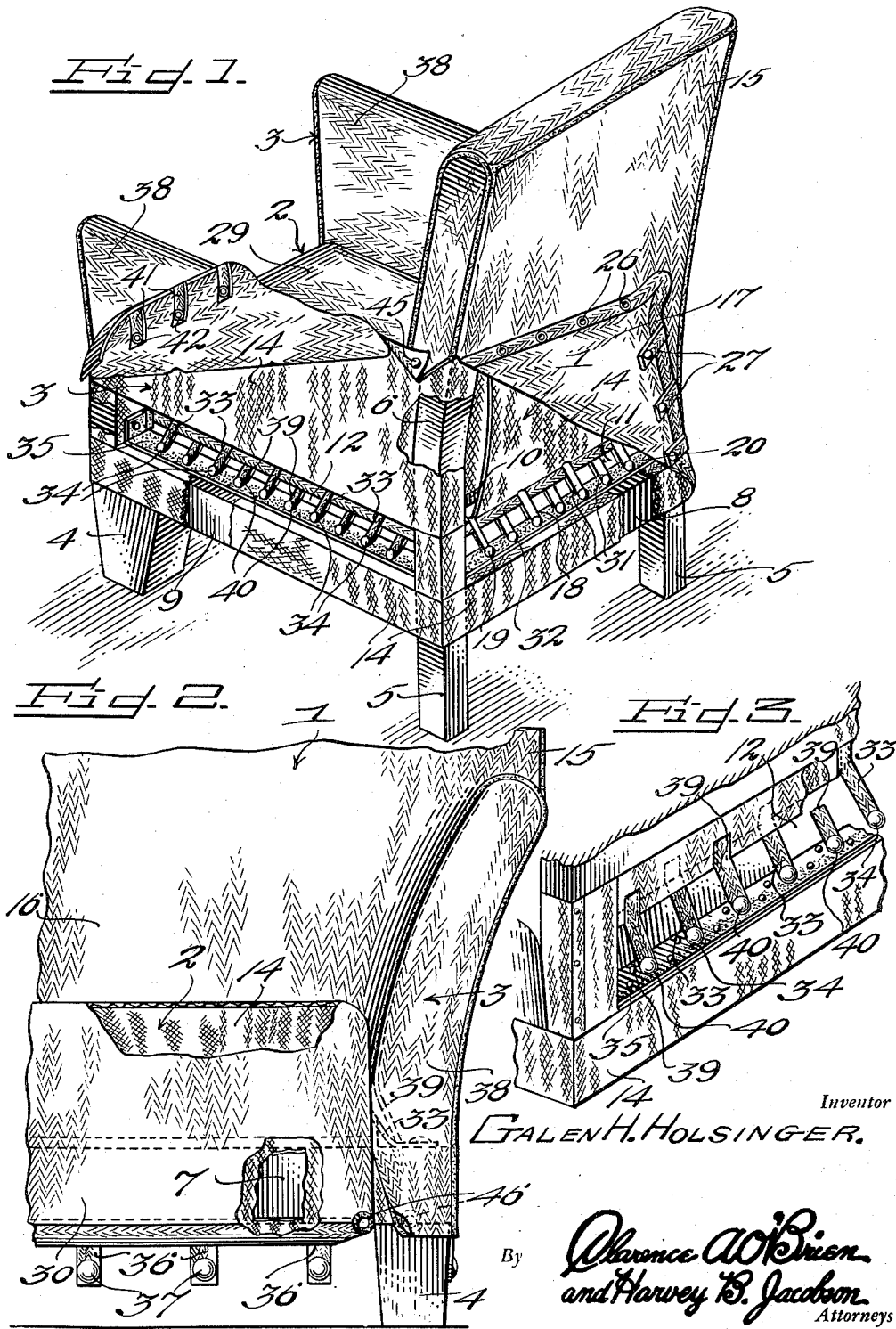
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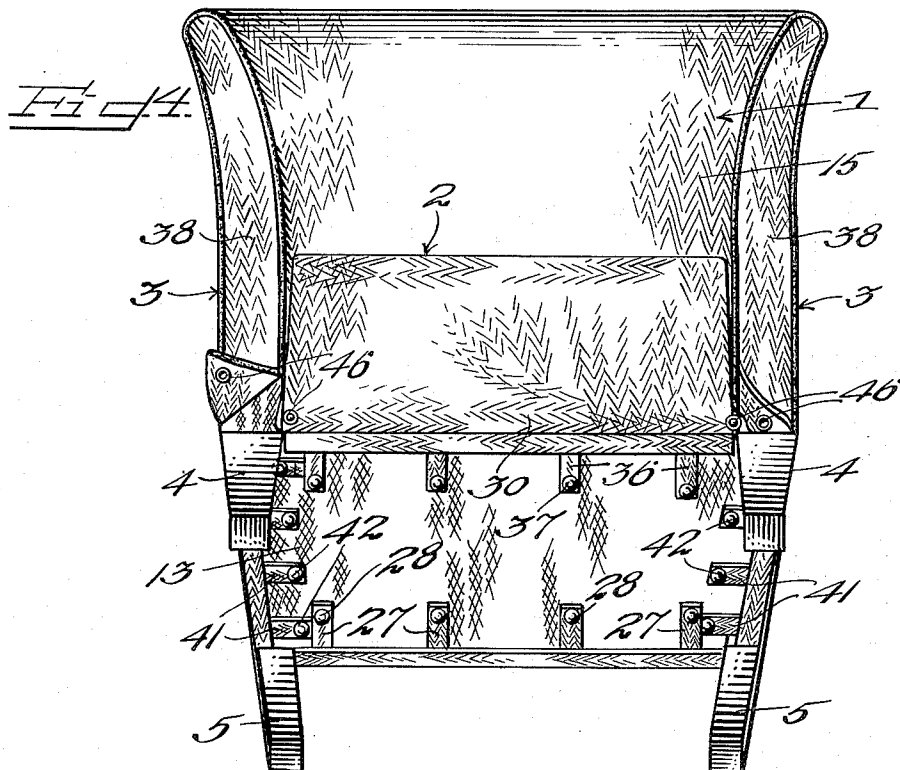
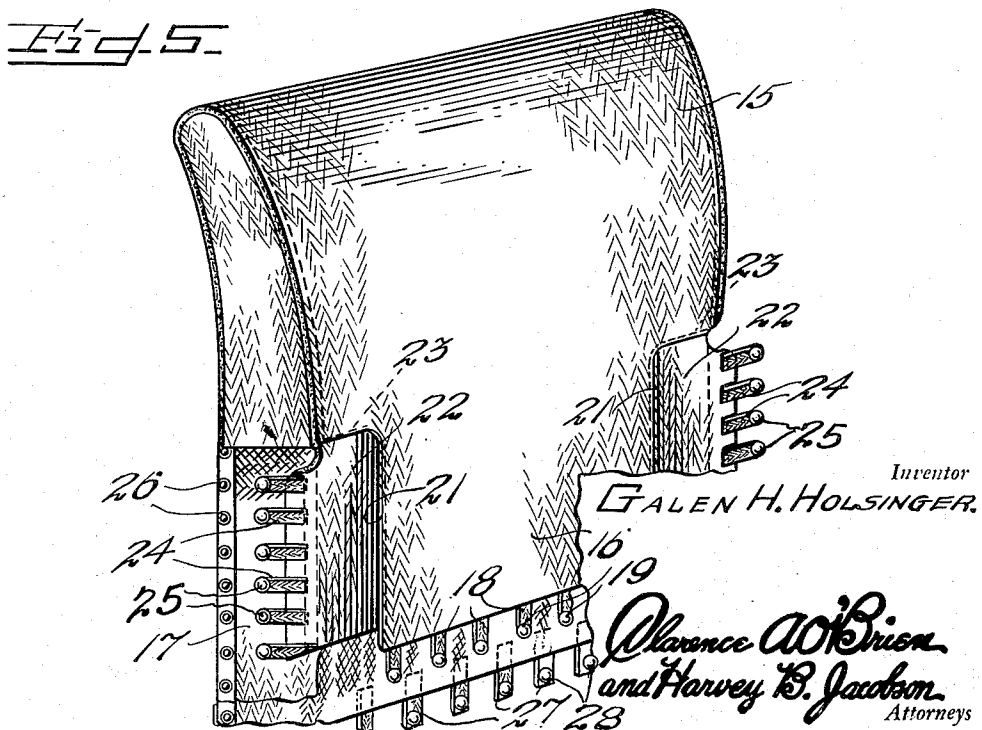
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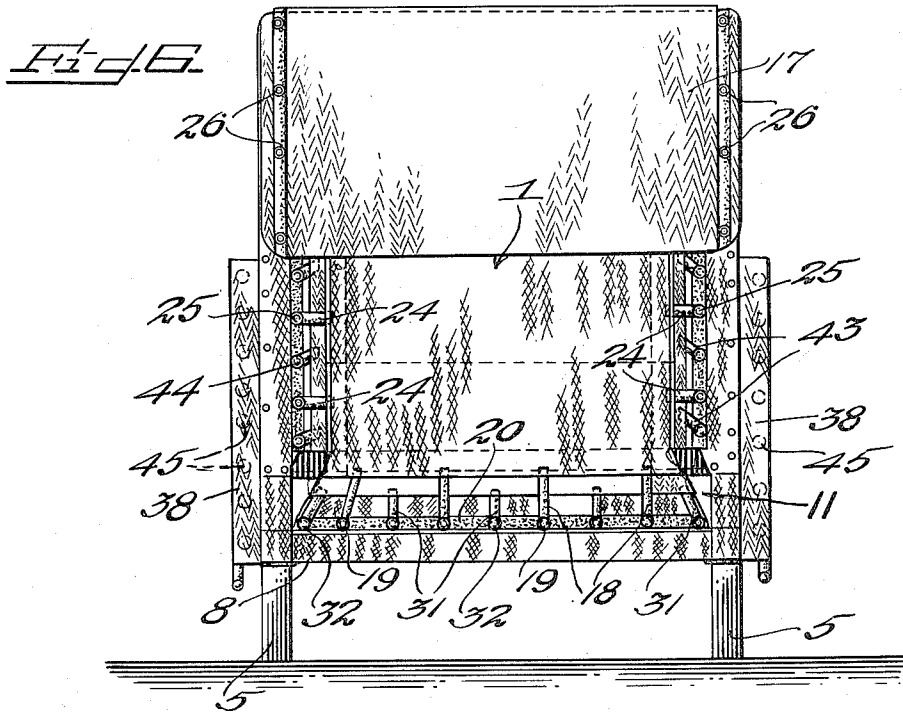
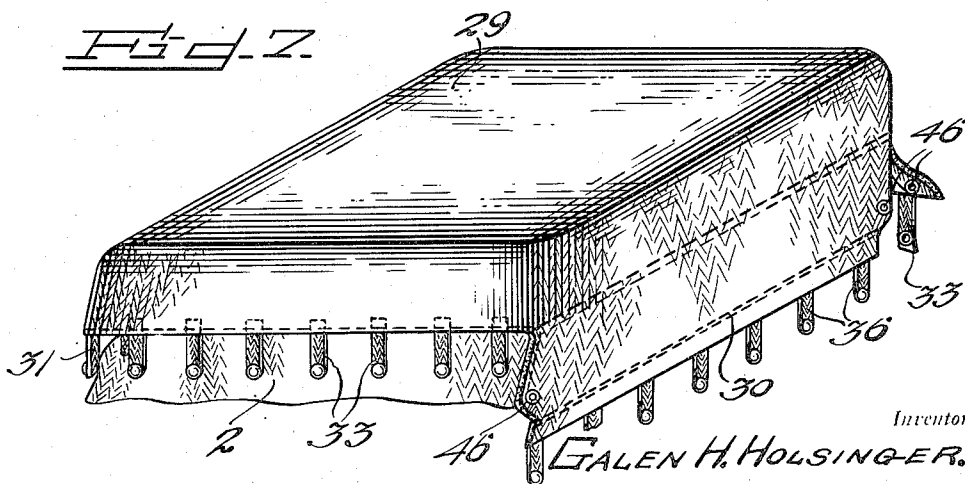
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My invention relates to improvements in upholstered chairs and covers therefor.

The primary object of the invention is to provide an upholstered chair equipped with a sectional, quickly detachable, covering fastened in place in a manner such that the same is tensioned to lie smooth and for taking up slack therein with the fasteners readily accessible for unfastening, but invisible from the front or sides of the chair.

Another object is to provide an upholstered chair equipped as above set forth and in which the covering constitutes the original outer fabric which is removable and replaceable, at will, so that the same may be taken off, cleaned and then replaced, or stored away while replaced by a different covering.

Still another object is to provide an upholstered chair equipped as above set forth without rendering the same expensive to manufacture.

Other and subordinate objects, also comprehended by my invention, together with the precise nature of my improvements, and the manifold advantages thereof, will be readily understood when the succeeding description and claims are read with reference to the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective viewed from the rear and one side of a chair embodying my improvements and with the back and one arm covering section folded back for clearness of illustration of the chair structure, parts being shown in section,

Figure 2 is a fragmentary view in front elevation drawn to an enlarged scale and partly broken away and shown in section,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in perspective looking at one side and the front of the chair,

Figure 4 is a view in front elevation with the chair tilted upwardly and rearwardly to show the bottom panel thereof,

Figure 5 is a view in perspective of the back covering section removed,

Figure 6 is a view of the chair in rear elevation with the rear flap portion of the back covering section folded up over the back and unfastened from the arm covering sections, and,

Figure 7 is a view in perspective of the seat covering section.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, my improvements have been shown therein as embodied in an upholstered, or stuffed, chair including a back 1, a seat 2, side arms 3, all of stuffed construction, and front and rear legs 4, 5. The rear

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legs 5 are formed by the lower end portions of a pair of rear side uprights one of which is shown at 6 and which form part of the chair frame which further includes coplanar, base, horizontal frame rails, there being a front base rail 7, a rear base rail 8, and side base rails one of which is shown at 9. The lower edge of the back 1 is attached to a rear cross bar 10 spaced above the rear base rail 8. The lower edges of the arms 3 are similarly spaced from the side base rails 9. The purpose of these spaces, designated 11, 12 will presently appear. The back 1, at its side edges is free from attachment to the uprights 6. The seat 2 fits in between the arms 3, and a bottom panel 13 is suitably attached to said frame rails 7, 8, 9. The entire chair, with the exception of the legs 4, 5, and the spaces 11, 12, is covered with muslin indicated at 14.

My improved covering will now be described. Covering the back 1 is the back covering section 15 which, substantially half-way down, that is to the tops of the arms 3, has the form of an envelope as best shown in Figure 5 adapted to be slipped down on the back 1 and below which is a front flap portion 16 designed to extend below the seat 2, and a rear flap portion 17 designed to extend down to and slightly below the rear base rail 8. Elastic straps 18 are suitably fastened to the lower edge of the front flap portion 16 of said section 15. The elastic straps 18 are extended rearwardly into the space 11 and secured by snap fasteners 19 to a bar 20 suitably secured on top of the rear base rail 8. The side edges of the front flap portion 16 are in-cut, as at 21, and provided with extension wings 22 sewed on, as at 23, and having side edge elastic straps 24. The wings 22 are extended rearwardly between the side edges of the back 1 and the uprights 6 and the elastic straps 24 are secured by snap fasteners 25 to the inner sides of said uprights 6 as best shown in Figure 6. The side edges of the rear flap portion 17 of the back section covering 15 are provided with snap fastener elements 26 for a purpose presently explained. The bottom edge of said rear flap portion 17 is provided with elastic straps 27 trained under the bottom panel 13 and secured by snap fasteners 28 to said panel as best shown in Figure 4.

A seat covering section 29 is provided, which is best shown in Figure 7. The seat covering section 29 is of cap-like form and rectangular shaped to fit down over the seat 2 with a front lower flap portion 30 depending therefrom. Elastic straps 31 on the rear edge of said seat covering section

29 extend into the opening 11 and are secured to the bar 20 by snap fasteners 32. Elastic straps 33 on the side edges of the seat covering section 29 extend into the spaces 12, as best shown in Figures 1 and 3, and are secured by snap fasteners 34 to bars 35 suitably fixed on top of the side base rails 9. The lower edge of the lower flap portion 30 of the seat covering section 29 extends down over the front base rail 7 and is provided with elastic straps 36 trained under the bottom panel 13 and secured to said panel by snap fasteners 37.

Arm covering sections 13 are provided of envelope like form but open at the backs and bottoms thereof and which slip down over the arms 3. Elastic straps 39 are provided on the bottom edges of the arm covering sections 38 on the inner side of said sections and which extend into the spaces 12 and are fastened to the bars 35 by snap fasteners 40. Elastic straps 41 are fastened to the bottom edges of said arm covering sections 38 on the outer sides thereof and which are trained under the bottom panel 13 and secured thereto by snap fasteners 42. The rear side edges of said arm covering sections 38 on the inner sides thereof are provided with elastic straps 43 which are extended between the side edges of the back 1 and the uprights 6 and secured to said uprights by snap fasteners 44. On the outer sides thereof, said arm covering sections 38 are provided with snap fastener elements 45 for co-action with the snap fastener elements 44 on the side edges of the rear flap portion of the back covering section 15, to fasten said outer edges to said side edges of the flap portion 17.

The front lower flap portion 30 of the seat covering section 29 is fastened at its corners to the fronts of the arm covering sections 38 by snap fasteners 46.

As will now be seen, my invention provides a complete covering for the chair of sectional form and in which each section is secured at one edge, at least, to the frame of the chair, in a manner such that the securing means or fasteners are hidden from view, but, may be rendered readily accessible by releasing the other fasteners of the sections. Also, each section is fastened to another section so that no gaps or wrinkles will appear at junctures of the sections. Any one or all sections may be removed for any purpose desired and the sections may be tailored inexpensively as will be manifest.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly, the invention, as described, is sus-

ceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept, and right is herein reserved to such modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. In an upholstered chair, a frame including horizontal back, front and side rails arranged in coplanar relation, rear corner uprights connected by said back rail, a rear cross bar connecting said uprights above said back rail and spaced therefrom, a stuffed back between said uprights spaced therefrom above said cross bar and fastened to said cross bar, stuffed arms spaced above the side rails, a stuffed seat fitting between said arms and spaced above said rails, a back covering section having a front bottom edge with strap fasteners fixed to the back rail in the space between said cross bar and back rail and also having side edges fastened to said corner uprights in the spaces between said back and uprights, arm covering sections having inner bottom edges with strap fasteners fixed to the side rails in the spaces between said arms and side rails, and a seat covering section having strap fasteners extending downwardly into the space between said arms and side rails and fixed to said side rails.

2. In an upholstered chair, a frame including a horizontal back rail, a pair of rear corner uprights connected by said rail, a back cross bar connecting said uprights and spaced above said rail, a stuffed back between said uprights spaced therefrom above said cross bar and fastened to said cross bar, and a back covering section having a front bottom edge with strap fasteners fixed to said rail in the space between said cross bar and rail and also having side edges fastened to said uprights in the space between said back and uprights.

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