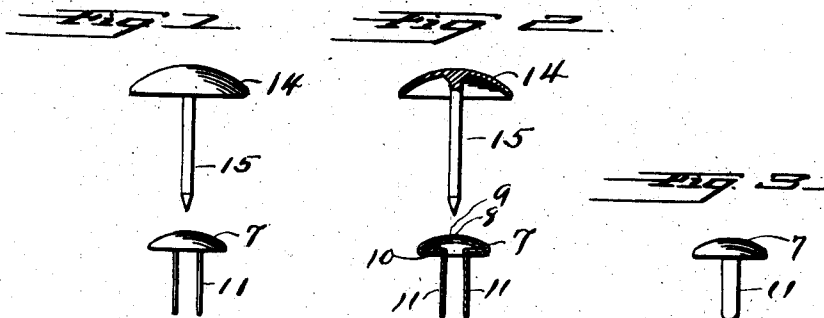
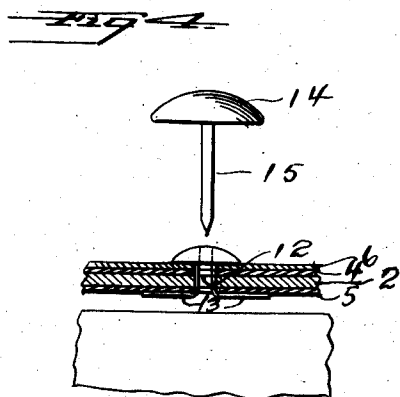
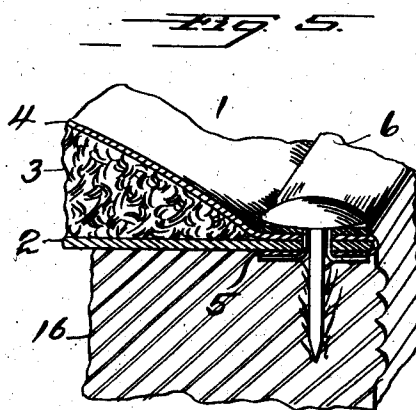


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. HENRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Chair - Seats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to chair seats and the like, and particularly to a fastener of novel construction especially designed, in the manufacture of said seats, to permanently secure a suitable covering upon a seat base and to thereby produce as a new article of manufacture and sale, a covered chair-seat complete in itself and adapted to be readily secured to a chair frame by furniture or other tacks or nails.

An important object of the present invention is to produce a chair seat of the character mentioned in which the covering is permanently secured to the base, either with or without the intervention of a suitable filling, by means of fastening means which are convenient to use, satisfactory in operation and adapted to be wholly concealed by furniture tacks of ordinary construction employed to secure the seat upon a chair frame.

A further object of my invention is to provide a chair seat and support therefor in which a chair seat base and covering are attached to its support by means adapted to totally conceal the fasteners employed to secure said covering upon said base.

The detailed construction of my invention will appear in the course of the following description in which reference is had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, like numerals designating like parts throughout the several views, wherein,

Figure 1 is an elevation of a fastening device constructed in accordance with my invention and showing the members detached. Fig. 2 is a similarly arranged longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the binding member of the fastening device. Fig. 4 is an elevation, showing the detached parts in their operative relation, and Fig. 5 is a section showing the manner of use of the fastening device, the latter being shown in elevation.

In the drawings, in which is illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a chair-seat constructed generally as shown in Fig. 5 and comprising a relatively stiff base 2 of metal, wood, fiber

or the like, a filling 3 and a flexible cover 4, having its edges bent around the base 2, as at 5. The cover 4 is reinforced at its edges by a strip of gimp 6, both cover and gimp being secured upon the base 2 by my improved fastening device. This device is illustrated in Fig. 3 and comprises dished head 7 of readily puncturable metal, which may be and preferably is formed with a central opening 8 which registers with an opening 9, provided with a bow shaped portion 10 of a flexible metallic section 11, which in turn is formed with downwardly extending parallel offset prongs 11 spaced apart as shown. The fastening device thus constructed serves for binding the edges of the seat and in such function the prongs 11 are inserted through an opening 12 formed in the several superimposed portions of the base and covering and are bent in opposite directions, as shown at 13, upon the underneath surface of the seat. A fastening member which co-acts with the binding member above described when the base is secured to a chair frame as shown in Fig. 5, comprises an enlarged dished head 14, adapted to cover and conceal and preferably conforming in shape with the head 8 and adapted to inclose the same, the head 14 being formed with a central depending prong 15 which in use projects through the openings 8 and 9 in their registering relation and into the stock 16 of the chair.

While I have described my invention as particularly relating to chair seats and fastening means designed for use in making the same, it is to be understood that it contemplates chair backs, stool coverings and, in fact, any analogous covered or upholstered furniture element designed to be secured in permanent finished form to the frame of an article of furniture.

While the elements herein shown and described are well adapted to serve the purposes for which they are intended, it is to be understood that various minor changes may be made in the proportions, shape and arrangement of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

An article of the character described, consisting of a chair seat comprising a base, a covering secured thereto, a strip of gimp

extending around the edge of said covering,
and binding members extending through
said gimp, covering and base, said binding
members comprising an enlarged head, pro-
5 vided with a centrally disposed perforation
therein and a pair of flat, flexible prongs
spaced apart from each other to accommo-
date therebetween a nail or tack adapted to

pass through said perforation to secure said
seat to a support. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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