

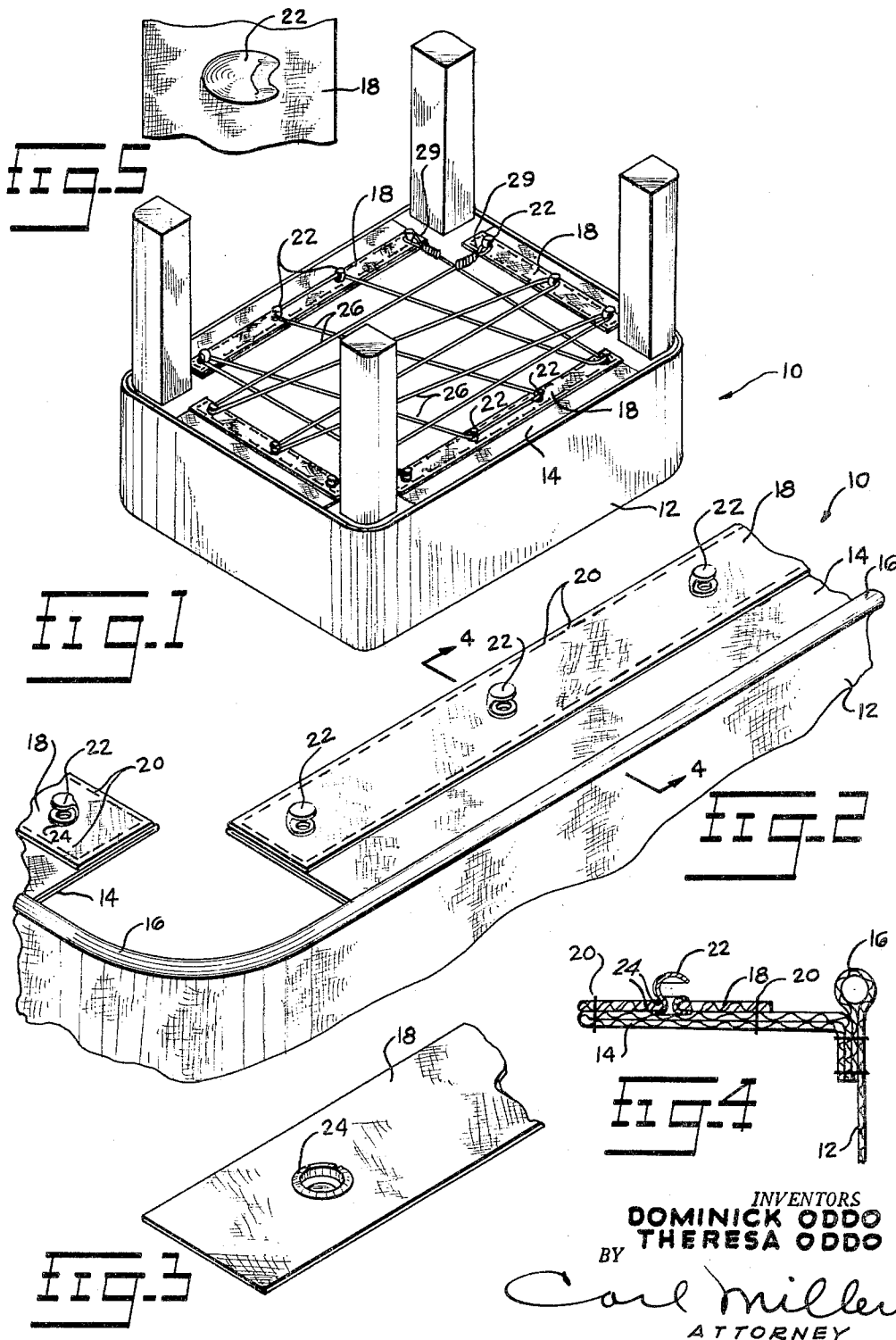
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This invention relates to furniture and, more particularly, to slip covers for various articles of furniture.

Ordinarily, the attachment of slip covers to articles of furniture is a time consuming and tedious problem. It is also difficult to provide a smooth and even fit with ordinary types of slipcovers. It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a furniture slipcover having self contained fastening elements which will facilitate the application of the slipcover to the article of furniture in an extremely convenient manner so as to overcome the aforementioned difficulties.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a furniture slipcover which will provide a smooth and even fit on all types of furniture, may be readily applied and removed with a minimum amount of effort and which does not require the application of special skill or equipment.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a furniture slipcover assembly of the type described in which the main fastener elements are integrally mounted upon the slipcover portions and which is further provided with flexible tie string for mounting and engaging the fastener elements together.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a bottom perspective view of an article of furniture having a slipcover made in accordance with the present invention applied thereto;

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view of certain parts of the slipcover assembly shown in FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a fastener strip forming a part of the present invention;

FIGURE 4 is a fragmentary cross sectional view taken along line 4—4 of FIGURE 2; and

FIGURE 5 is a fragmentary plan view of a single fastener element made in accordance with the present invention.

Referring now to the drawing, a furniture slipcover assembly 10 made in accordance with the present invention is shown to include a main cover panel 12 for enclosing the exposed surfaces of the article of furniture. The peripheral portions of the main cover panel have binding or piping 16 which secure peripheral strips 14 thereto.

Mounted upon each peripheral portion 14 of the main

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cover panel is a strip 18 of fabric secured, such as by stitching 20. Each strip 18 is provided with a plurality of button type fasteners 22 having marginal flanges 24 clampingly engage the strip 18. Thus, with the strips 18 extending over the hidden surface of the article of furniture, a flexible tie string 26 may be strung back and forth between oppositely arranged fasteners 22 on opposite sides of the main cover panel. Each tie string 26 may be of a predetermined length with loops 29 formed at the opposite ends, thus, by engaging one of the loops 29 with the first fastener button 22, the cable may be alternately strung back and forth first between the opposite longitudinal peripheral strips 18 and then back and forth between the laterally spaced apart peripheral strips 14, all as is quite clearly shown in FIGURE 1 of the drawing. The use of such a flexible tie string draws the main cover panel smoothly over the exposed surfaces of the article of furniture and enables such slipcover to be readily applied and removed whenever desired. Since the loops 29 are formed at the opposite ends of the tie string, it is not necessary to untie knots, cut the tie string, or the like. Also, because the stitching 20, the undersurface of the fastener strip 18 is hidden from view at all times, so as to provide a neat and attractive appearance.

While this invention has been described with particular reference to the construction shown in the drawing, it is to be understood that such is not to be construed as imparting limitations upon the invention, which is best defined by the claim appended hereto.

Having thus described our invention we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

A furniture slip cover comprising, in combination, a main cover panel for enclosing the exposed surfaces of an article of furniture, said cover panel being a flexible fabric of substantially the size and shape of the furniture and having terminal strips extending inwardly toward one another connected at its peripheral portions, binding piping strips connecting the terminal strips to the panel, a plurality of spaced button fasteners connected to each of the terminal strips, a fastener strip connecting the fasteners to each terminal strip, and a flexible tie string of predetermined length having a loop at each end each engaging one of the fasteners and the tie string between its ends alternately engaging fasteners of oppositely facing terminal strips.

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