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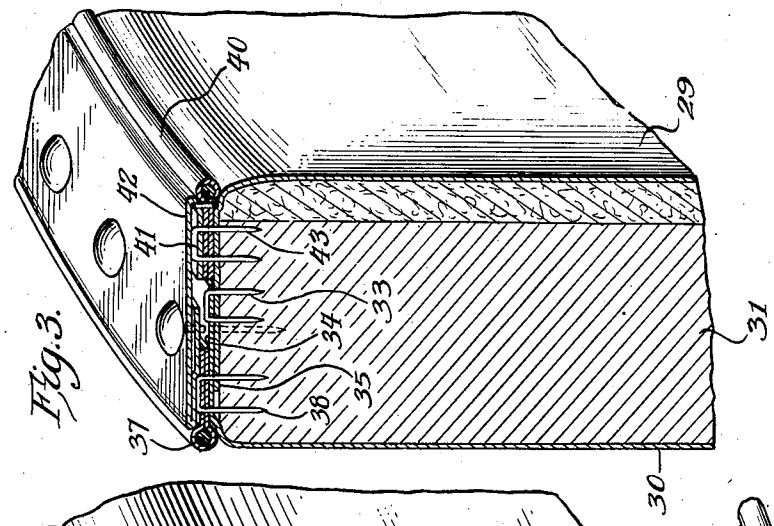


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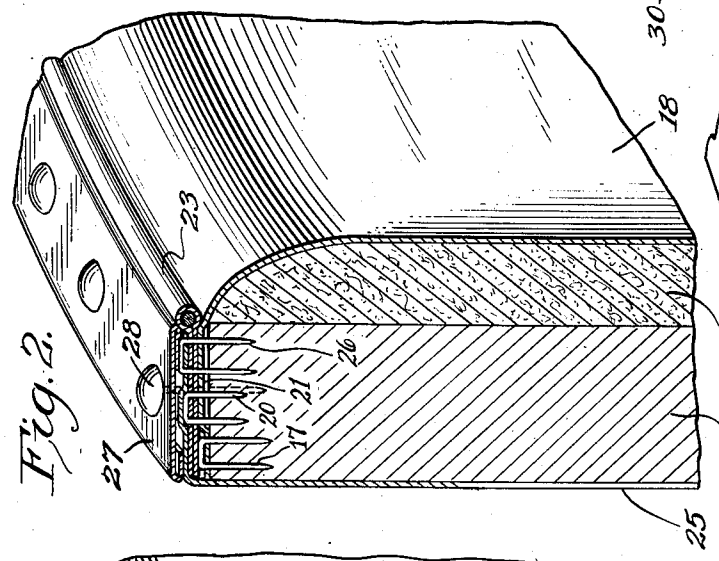


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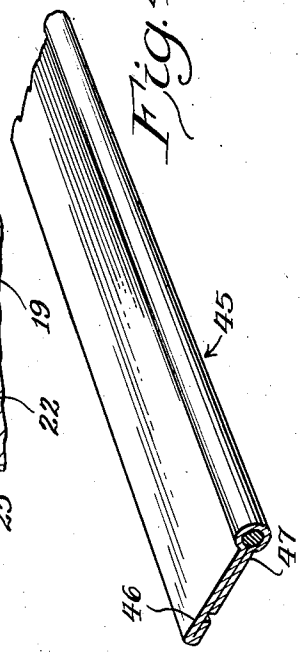


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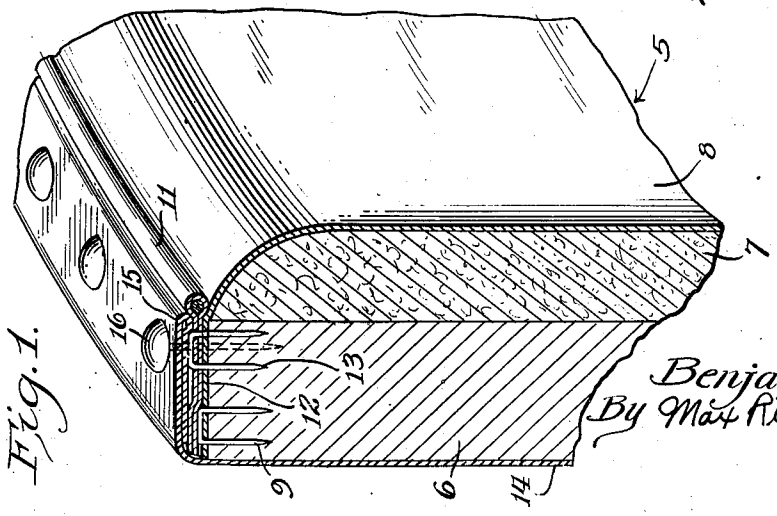


Fig. 1.

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This invention relates to improvements in upholstered furniture and to the method of constructing the same.

In the manufacture of furniture having upholstered backs, it is, generally, the present practice to so construct the back of the article of furniture that a finished appearance is presented by the forwardly directed portions, while a less attractive appearance is presented by the rearwardly directed portions. Usually a cover is tacked on at the rear edges of the back to finish the upholstery. This is undesirable not only from an esthetic point of view, since it is then necessary to place the article of furniture proximate to a wall or in such a position that the rearward portion thereof is not readily visible but, also, as a practical matter, the protruding tacks disfigure and damage a wall surface when such an article of furniture is moved into contact therewith. Also with the present methods of construction it is very difficult to upholster backs having unusual shapes or sharp curves because the front cover is brought over to the rear side and secured thereon.

Accordingly, it is an object of this invention to provide articles of furniture having upholstered backs wherein a finished and pleasing appearance is presented from all sides of the article.

Another object of this invention is the provision of articles of furniture having upholstered backs wherein the forwardly and rearwardly directed portions thereof present substantially similar pleasing appearances.

A further object of this invention is the elimination, in articles of furniture having upholstered backs, of the tacks or fastening means usually disposed along the rearwardly directed edges of the backs.

A still further object of this invention is the provision of an improved method of upholstering backs having contours of extreme curves or unusual shapes.

A further object of this invention is the provision of a simple and economical method of accomplishing the foregoing.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will be apparent during the course of the following detailed description.

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective view partly in section showing my invention applied to the back of an upholstered article of furniture.

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a modified embodiment of my invention.

Fig. 3 is another similar view showing another modified embodiment of my invention.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view, in section at an end, of a fragment of a combined welt and gimp.

Referring to the drawing and particularly to Fig. 1 wherein is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 designates, generally, the back of an article of upholstered furniture which comprises a suitable rigid frame member 6, the front of which is covered with a padding 7 of hair, moss, or the like. In constructing this form of upholstered back, a front cover 8 of fabric, leather or some other suitable material is drawn tightly over the padding 7 and is secured, as by staples or tacks 9, along the top, bottom and side edges of the frame member 6. A welt 11 of contrasting color is then applied over the turned edges 12 of the cover 8 and is suitably secured along the top and side edges of the back 5 by staples 13. A rear cover is then applied to the frame 6, the edges 15 being folded over before being secured as by tacks 16 to the frame member 6. The attaching strip of the welt extends preferably just short of the rear edge of the frame, as shown, and serves as cushioning means for the edges 15 of the rear cover. This construction provides a rounded top, rear edge for the cover and avoids the additional operation of bevelling the edges of the frame which is generally required in constructions of this character. As is apparent, the cushioning means serves to minimize the wear of the cover material.

It will be understood that the welt 11 may be positioned on the top, bottom and side edges of the back, the width of the edges 15 of the rear cover 14 being folded over the attaching strip of the welt 11. Likewise, if it is desired to position the welt 11 along the rearward edge of the back 5, the above described method of construction may be reversed to accomplish same.

In constructing the modified form shown in Fig. 2, a front cover 18, similar to that previously described, is stretched tightly over the padding 19 and is secured by its edges 21 to the frame member 22, as by staples 17. A welt 23 is then applied over the edges 21 and secured by staples 20 along the top and side edges of the back, the attaching portion of the welt extending just short of the rear edge of the frame 22. The rear cover 25 is then applied to the frame 22 over the attaching portion of the welt 23 and the edges of cover 25 are secured by staples 26. A gimp 27 is then applied over the edges of cover 25 and secured by suitable tacks 28.

Another modified form of construction is indicated in Fig. 3. In this form two welts are spacedly disposed substantially along the corner

edges of the top and side surfaces of the back. However, it will be understood that the welts may have their attaching strip extend closer to the center line of the said surfaces than shown. In constructing this form, front and rear covers 29 and 30 respectively, are stretched over the frame member 31 and are secured along the edges thereof, as by staples 33, with the edges 34 of the rear cover 30 in overlapping relation to the cover 29. A welt 37 is secured to the frame 31 by staples 38 and extends along the rearward top and side corners thereof. Another welt 40 is stitched to an inwardly turned edge 41 of a gimp or band 42 and both the welt and the said edge are secured to the frame 31 as by staples 43, it being understood that the gimp or band 42 is subsequently folded back so that the tacks or staples will be hidden from view. The gimp 42 is then tacked, as shown, to complete the upholstering operation. The above described method may be reversed if desired. It is to be understood that the foregoing methods of construction are applicable to all sides of an article of furniture and are intended to include the top, bottom and side surfaces of a back, as well as the front, rear and side surfaces of a seat.

In Fig. 4 is shown a combination gimp and welt, indicated, generally, by numeral 45. The said gimp and welt may be used in either of the embodiments illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. This combination gimp and welt is formed substantially like the conventional welt except that the upper layer 46 at one end is folded under, as shown. It will be seen that in the application of my improved gimp and welt to the back or seat of an article of furniture a step is eliminated in the construction thereof. Since it is often desirable that the color of the welt be in contrast to that of the gimp, it is readily apparent that the above combined gimp and welt may be fabricated from a material having contrastingly colored stripes, the stripes being of the proper widths for forming the bead and attaching strip of the welt and gimp.

From the foregoing, it will thus be seen that I have provided an improved article of furniture and a simple method for constructing the backs of same wherein the forwardly and rearwardly directed portions thereof have substantially similar pleasing appearances.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention, herewith shown and described, is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of my invention or the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

An article of furniture including an upholstered back comprising a frame, front and rear covers applied thereto, the edge of one of said cover members overlapping the other and fastening means securing same on the surface of the frame which intersects with the plane thereof, a welt disposed along each of the marginal edges of said surface, each of said welts having its attaching portions superposed adjacent the margin of each cover, with the edges of said attaching portions adjacent each other, and a gimp stitched to one of said welts, fastening members securing one of said attaching portions and said gimp to said frame surface, another fastening member securing said other attaching portion to said frame surface; said fastening members and fastening means being covered by said gimp and another fastening member on the outside of said gimp securing the gimp and cover members to said frame surface.

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