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DISPLAY DEVICE

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Fig. 1.

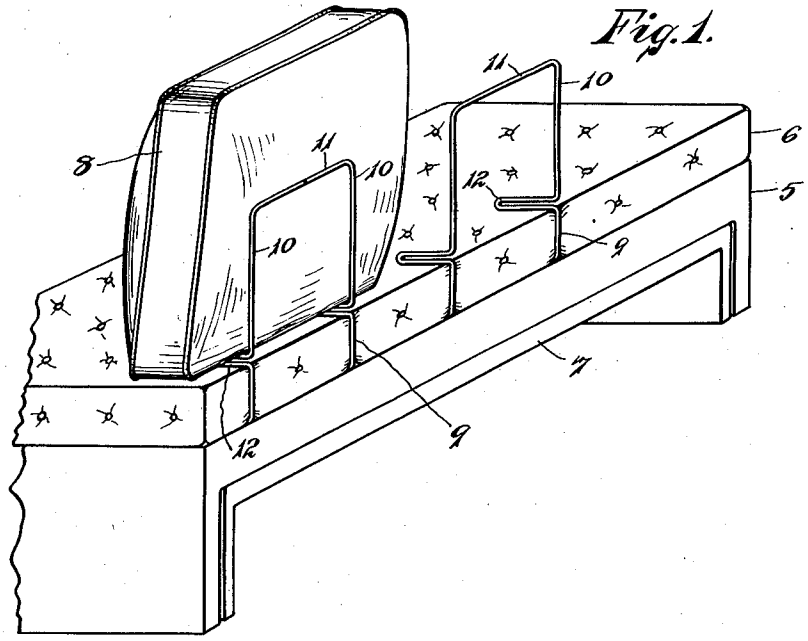


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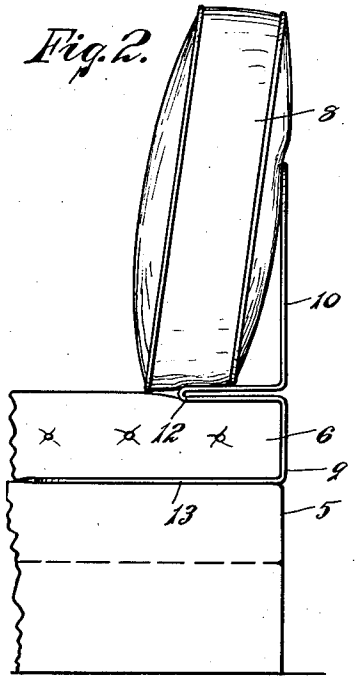


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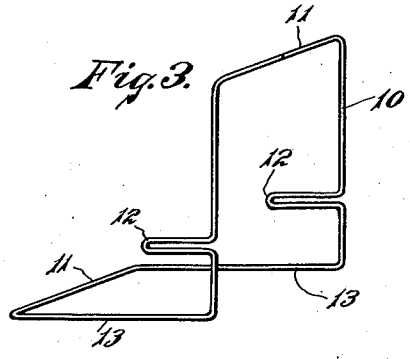
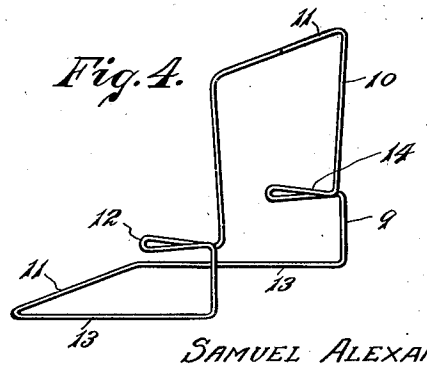


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1 Claim. (Cl. 155—188)

This invention relates to display devices and more particularly to a device which may be used, in connection with a bed or couch, for supporting the cushions thereof in order that they may be displayed in their normal position thereon.

It is commonly known that it is difficult to properly display couches in stores, particularly of the type known as studio couches, for the reason that the cushions which are provided to form the back of the couch, are intended to be rested against the wall. It is very often inconvenient to position the couch against a wall in the stores and, therefore, there is nothing to support the cushions in their normal position so as to display the couch as it will actually appear when in the home.

An object of my invention is to provide such a support which may be readily attached to a display bed or couch without necessitating the use of clamps or special fittings and which may be manufactured at a very small cost.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a rear perspective view of a couch showing my invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a side view illustrating more clearly the manner in which the support comprising my invention is attached to the couch.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the support.

Figure 4 is a similar view showing a slightly modified form of a support.

The couch shown in the drawing consists of a bed 5 having thereon an extra mattress 6 which is intended to be supported on an auxiliary spring 7 when it is desired to open the said couch. Couches of this type are normally used against a wall and the cushions 8 thereof are leaned against said wall to form a back for the couch. In order to support said cushions in the normal position for the purpose of display, I provide a wire frame 9 which is formed of a single piece of wire comprising L-shaped side members 10 joined by cross bars 11. The upright portions of the side members are formed to provide extensions 12 substantially parallel with the base portions 13 of the side members and extending in the same direction therewith. The ends of this single piece of wire, forming the frame, may be butted together in one of the cross bars, as clearly shown in the drawing, or may be joined in any other suitable manner.

In use, the support comprising my invention is positioned on the couch so that the base portion 13 and the lower cross bar 11 will lie under the mattress 6; the edge of the said mattress fitting between the said base portions and the extensions 12, so that the said support is, in effect, clamped on to said mattress. The cushion 8 is supported in its normal position with one edge thereof resting on the mattress and also on the extensions 12 and leaning against the upper portions of the uprights 10 and the upper cross bar 11 as clearly shown in the drawing. The cushion thus entirely covers the said support so that it cannot be seen from the front when the couch is on display.

In the preferred form, the extensions 12 are formed by the upright portions 10 being bent in the same direction as the base portions 13 and then bent backwardly upon itself and upwardly as clearly shown. The upper and lower section of wire forming the extensions 12 are overlapped so that the weight of the cushion against the support will tend to close the upper and lower portions of the said extensions upon each other and stiffen the upright portions 10.

In the modified form shown in Figure 4 of the drawing, the upper and lower portions of the extensions 12 are not in alignment; they are offset instead, so that when the support is applied to the edge of the mattress the weight of the pillow against the upright portion will tend to force the upper portion 14 of the extension downwardly on to the mattress and cause the same to be more firmly grasped between the base portions 13 and the extension 12.

While I have shown and described a support for display purposes which is constructed of a single piece of wire, it is desired to have it understood that the same may be constructed of other materials and in other forms without departing from the scope of my invention as set forth in the appended claim.

I claim:

A display support of the character described adapted to support a cushion in a normal position upon a couch, said support comprising a wire frame formed to provide L-shaped side members joined at their ends by laterally extending cross bars and extensions on the upright portions of said L-shaped members formed by bending an intermediate section of said portions upon itself substantially at right angles thereto and in position to overlie a mattress upon said couch; the upper and lower bars forming said extensions being disposed in laterally overlapping position with relation to each other whereby upon backward movement of the upper portion of said L-shaped members the said upper bars will move downwardly into grasping engagement with the edge of said mattress.

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