

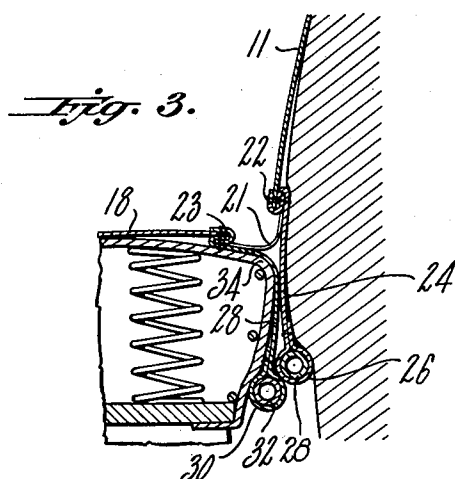
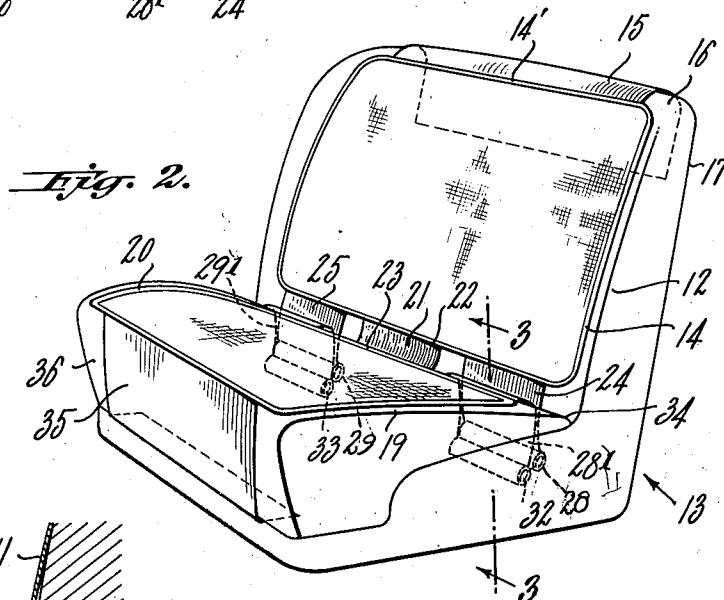
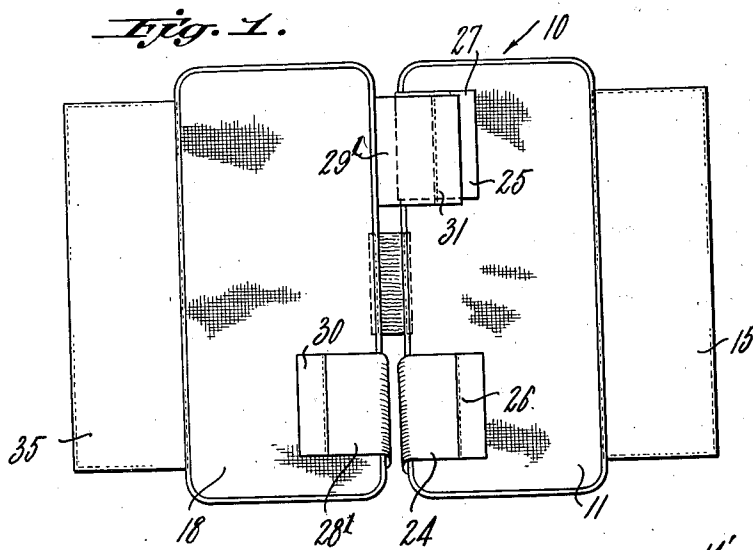
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This invention relates to chair coverings. More particularly, it relates to a removable chair covering having a plurality of interconnected members for resting against a back rest and seat as used in automobiles and the like.

The present types of seat and chair coverings now generally used in automobiles, aeroplanes, trains and the like, contain a plurality of flap portions loosely joined by means of non-yieldable cloth strips and the like so that when they are placed over an upholstered auto seat and back rest, the strips become loose and the seat cover slides back or forward when a person occupies the seat thereby imparting an unpleasant appearance to the chairs or seats.

It is one of the objects of this invention to avoid the above disadvantages by providing a flexible seat top which can be easily held in relatively fixed and smooth position on the seat or chair of an automobile and the like.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a simply constructed and relatively inexpensive seat covering adapted to remain fixed in position when in use and which will not become frayed or wrinkled due to long usage.

One other object of the present invention is to provide adjustable flexible covers having yieldable resilient hinge connections for retaining the covers in flush position with the surface being covered.

Still one further object of this invention is to provide hinged covering members having weighted abutting end portions for various types of upholstered chairs adapted to be retained in flush position against a surface without ruffling or wrinkling of the same.

The present invention generally includes a novel combination of interconnected parts for covering chairs having replaceable or fixed seat sections, which parts are held in relatively fixed position when in use.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a preferred embodiment of the invention hereinafter described in greater detail.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the embodiment as used or mounted on an automobile seat given as an example, and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, showing details of construction and arrangement of different parts.

Referring to the accompanying drawing wherein like numerals refer to like parts thruout, the invention preferably includes a foldable covering 10 having a backing member 11 made of any suit-

able material such as matting and the like, adapted to be fitted snugly against a back rest 12 of an automobile seat 13. Said member 11 is provided with a continuous reinforcing marginal edge made by sewing a beading 14 thereon, to prevent the matting or like material from raveling. Extending from the upper part 14¹ of backing member 11 is a web or flap 15 of strong fabric material. Said web is connected with the marginal edge 14¹ is contiguous therewith at the upper portion and is adapted to hug the top 16 and rear upper portion 17 of back rest 12 to hold the backing member in snug position against the back rest 12. The web as shown can be retained in fixed position onto the back rest of the seat by any suitable or well-known means such as by sewing or by nailing. It may furthermore be retained in position by means of snappers, not shown.

The foldable covering 10 also includes a seat member 18 similar in construction to the backing member 11 and is adapted for resting on a removable seat section 19 of the auto seat 13. Said seat member is also provided with a reinforced continuous marginal edge or beading 20 to prevent raveling of the matting material. Interconnecting backing member 11 and seat member 18 is a hinge 21 made preferably of resilient rubberized cloth or like material. Said hinge is disposed intermediate the smaller edges of the seat and back member 11 and is joined to the adjacent edges 22 and 23 respectively, of the backing member 11 and the seat member 18. It is to be noted that the hinge as shown is preferably disposed intermediate the shorter edges of the members 11 and 18, and is adapted to fit flush against the meeting and abutting portions of the back rest 12 and seat section 19. Furthermore, a plurality of said hinges interconnecting the members 11 and 18 may be provided and disposed in any interconnecting position.

Adjacent the shorter edges of backing member 11 and extending from longer edge 22, there is provided a pair of spaced webbing flaps 24 and 25 respectively, each flap being adapted to depend downwardly into the hollow portion of the seat 13 intermediate back rest 12 and the rear back portion 34 as shown in Figure 3. Flaps 24 and 25 are each provided with a terminal sewed over portion forming hems 26 and 27 for accommodating cylindrical members 28 and 29 respectively, thereby forming a relatively terminal bulky portion for each of said webbing flaps. Said bulky portions maintain the backing mem-

ber 11 flush against the surface of back rest 12. The cylindrical members 28 and 29 may be of paper, of cardboard, corrugated paper or the like provided they retain their cylindrical shape when in use and form anchors at the lower end of back rest 12.

Opposite flaps 24 and 25 are flaps 28¹ and 29¹ respectively, extending from seat member 18, each having a similar construction as said flaps 24 and 25. It is to be noted that flaps 28¹ and 29¹ are also provided with hems 30 and 31 into which fit cylindrical members 32 and 33 respectively.

Said flaps 28¹ and 29¹, respectively, are adapted to lie flush against rear portion 34 of seat section 19 as shown in Fig. 3, and form frictional contact and abutment with the opposed respective web flaps 24 and 25 to thereby retain members 11 and 18 in smooth position against back rest 12 and top of seat section 19.

Connected with seat member 18 and extending therefrom there is provided a front webbing 35 adapted to cover the major portion of the front 36 of seat section 19. The webbing 35 is retained against the seat section by any well-known suitable means such as sewing, nailing to the framework of the seat or by riveting or by the use of snappers, not shown.

It will be noted from the above description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, that a chair covering is provided for automobiles, trains, airplanes and the like where the upholstery is protected from wear, tear and soiling. The covering as made according to the present invention is provided with retaining depending parts, whereby the members covering the back rest and seat sections are retained in smooth surfaced condition. Furthermore, said covering members cannot be moved out of the relative position in which they are originally set or mounted since the cylinder members in the hems of the flaps 25, 26, 28¹ and 29¹ respectively form anchors intermediate the seat section 19 and back rest 12 to obstruct any movement of said members. When one sits on the seat as shown in Fig. 3, his body weight forces the seat 19 downward and back rest 12 inward thereby depressing the same. In such case members 11 and 18 are not displaced since they are held in relative position by resilient hinge 21. When the person rises from the chair and the back rest 12 and seat section 19 return to normal position, members 11 and 18 cannot be upwardly displaced or moved apart since the cylinders in the hems of flaps 25, 26, 28¹ and 29¹ respectively are in abutting position forming anchors held together in chair 13 as shown in Fig. 3. Hinge 21 interconnecting the members 11 and 18 is resilient and will stretch when pressure is exerted on said members without displacing them, from their fixed abutting position against back rest 12 and seat section 19 respectively. Also when pressure is removed against the back rest and seat section, the members 11 and 18 return to normal position.

While the present invention has been described as used in connection with an automobile chair as shown in the accompanying drawing, it is to be understood that its use is not limited thereto.

It is to be further understood that various changes as to form, arrangement of parts and use of materials may be made without departing from

the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the accompanying claims.

We claim:

1. In combination with an upholstered chair having a removable seat portion, a flexible covering device comprising a plurality of matting members for the chair, having flexible marginal beading to prevent ravelling of said matting, webbing extending from the major portion of the outer edge of each of the members in engagement with adjacent portions of the chair, a hinge interconnecting a portion of the adjacent parallel edges of the matting members, a plurality of spaced webbed flaps extending from the adjacent edges of each of the matting members having enlarged terminal portions for fitting between the back and seat portions of the chair the terminal portions of one edge abutting those on the adjacent edge and those on one of the edges forming obstructions to those on the adjacent edge to retain the matting members in position against the seating portion of the chair and prevent sliding of the same when in use.

2. The combination with a chair having a back rest and a removable seat section, of a covering device having a plurality of matting coverings for the seat section and the back rest of the chair respectively, a flexible member interconnecting the coverings, along a portion of their adjacent edges, a webbing extending from the major portion of the edge of each of the coverings opposed to the interconnecting member and adapted to be fixed to the free ends of the seat and back rest sections and retain the coverings in flush position against the seating and back rest portions of the chair surface, and enlarged anchoring means depending from the unconnected portions of the adjacent edges of the coverings and extending between the seat section and the back rest of the chair to prevent displacement of the coverings from the chair when in operation.

3. A covering device according to claim 2, in which the enlarged means comprise flaps having hems at their free ends and having cylindrical removable members in the hems for weighting down the coverings and retain the same in position against the seat section and the back rest of the chair one of said cylindrical members forming an obstruction and abutment for the other to prevent displacement thereof.

4. A covering device for upholstered automobile seats and the like, having a back rest and a removable seat section, comprising a plurality of flexible matting coverings for the back rest and the seat section said coverings having marginal beadings to prevent ravelling of the matting thereon, a reinforcing flap webbing extending from the major portion of one edge of each covering for engagement with the back rest and seat section, means interconnecting a portion of the adjacent marginal edges of the coverings adapted to retain the coverings in the same relative positions when the seat is in use, and a plurality of spaced weighted flaps depending from each of the coverings into the space between the back rest and seat section forming anchors for preventing displacement of the coverings upon release of pressure on the seat section and back rest.

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