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Fig. 1.

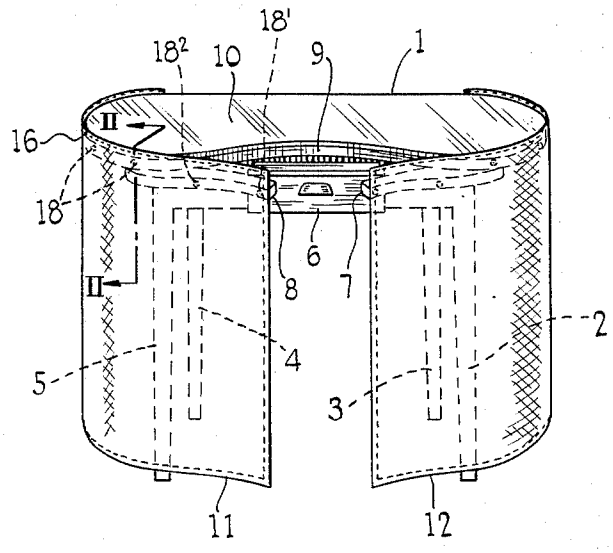


Fig. 2.

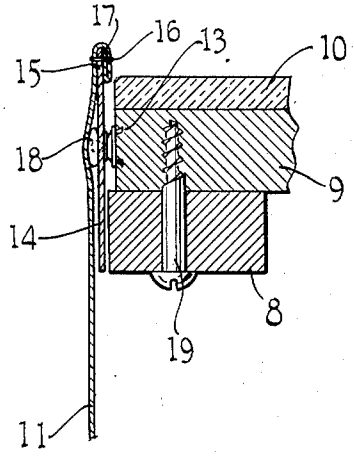
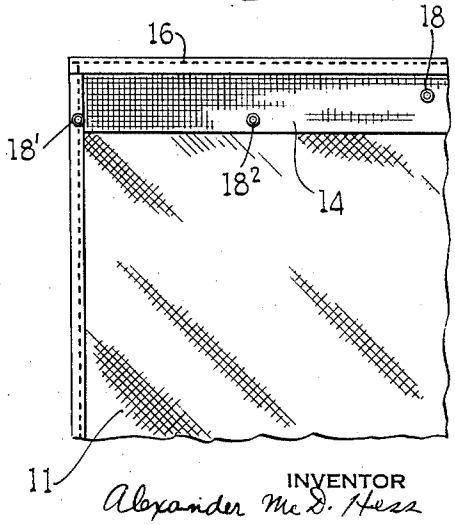


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to furniture.

A principal object of this invention is to so construct furniture that the subsequent decoration thereof by a housewife may be greatly facilitated.

Other objects and advantages will appear as the description of the particular physical embodiment selected to illustrate the invention progresses and the novel features will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing the invention in detail and the particular physical embodiment selected to illustrate the invention, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings and the several views thereon, in which like characters of reference designate like parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a somewhat perspective view of an article of furniture, commonly called a vanity; Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view on the plane indicated by the line II—II of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a rear view of a fragment of the decorative material arranged to be applied to the article of furniture as shown by Fig. 1.

Most people are familiar with the article of furniture, quite common nowadays, known as a vanity. As is well known, a vanity may be constructed of any suitable wood and is generally covered on top by a glass plate. It is also well known that the vanity is usually decorated by the buyer by hanging a drape or drapes of suitable textile material from the top edge thereof. These drapes are well within the skill of the ordinary housewife to construct, but the application thereof to the vanity presents some difficulties. The usual means for applying them to the top of a vanity are ordinary tacks, thumb tacks or nails. Such means of fastening, when applied, are inartistic and crude looking, and in any event, are likely to be quite conspicuous.

My invention provides a means whereby the ordinary housewife may well apply the decorative drape to a vanity and produce a result which is aesthetically suitable and which does not exhibit conspicuous fastening means. At the same time my invention, when applied, enables a housewife to easily remove the drape or decoration for the purpose of cleaning the same.

In Fig. 1 I have shown a conventional vanity 1 supported by legs 2, 3, 4 and 5. It is also provided with the usual front drawer 6 and with the usual swinging arms 7 and 8 swingable out of and into line with the edge of the top 9. The top 9 is generally made of wood and covered by a glass plate 10.

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I have illustrated conventional hanging drapes 11 and 12 applied to the vanity. The drapes are generally applied by the housewife and it is to facilitate the application of these drapes that my invention was produced. These drapes may assume various forms. I have illustrated merely a conventional plain drape and it may be made of any desired or appropriate material, generally a textile fabric.

In order to enable the housewife to readily apply a drape of any form, to a vanity, I, in accordance with my invention, dispose, at convenient or appropriate definite intervals around the edge of the top 9, suitable fastening members as 13, best shown in Fig. 2. These fastening members 13 are permanently attached to the top 9 and may be of any suitable or appropriate form and are of a form adapted to cooperate with a mating fastener. The fastener part attached to the top 9 may be attached thereto in a well known or suitable manner as by driving or by threading or screwing therein. Some of the fasteners 13 are also positioned on the swinging arms 7 and 8.

When the housewife desires to hang a drape upon the vanity 1, she procures the desired decorative material or texitle fabric, such as 11 as shown in Fig. 2, and attaches thereto, adjacent the top edge, a tape 14. This tape 14 is preferably of a rather stiff material, such as buckram, a material so stiff that it may project beyond the top surface of the top 9 and the glass plate 10, as at 15, in Fig. 2, so that a ridge is formed entirely or partly around the top surface of the vanity.

The draping material 11 is attached to the tape 14 in any suitable or appropriate manner, as by sewing, as at 16. The top edge of the drape or decorative material may be ended or fastened at the top in any suitable or appropriate manner as by a double fold, as shown at 17, so that no raw edge is visible.

The tape 14 to which the drape has been attached is formed with fasteners such as 18 mating with the fasteners, such as 13, attached to the vanity. The tape would be selected having fasteners spaced thereon at the same definite distance apart as the fasteners are spaced upon the vanity and then when the drape and tape have been properly attached together, the drape may be attached to the vanity by merely fastening the several fasteners together.

The fasteners in the tape are preferably positioned at two levels. This is best shown by Fig. 3 where fastener 18 is positioned closer to the top of the assembled drape and tape than are

fasteners 18' and 18². This is done in order to provide for the lower position of the fasteners on swing arms 7 and 8. These arms are generally pivoted by any suitable means, as by a screw 19, passed through an arm and into the underside of the top 9, as best shown in Fig. 2.

From the hereinbefore given description, it will now be understood that a vanity equipped in accordance with my invention greatly facilitates the decoration thereof, as by hanging drapes thereon by a housewife as the operation, sewing, to be performed, is one that is most commonly within the skill of the ordinary housewife.

If at any time it is desired to remove the drape from the vanity for the purpose of cleaning it, it is easily removed by merely disengaging the two-part fasteners.

After the decoration, the drape, is in place, no attaching means are visible as the attaching means are hidden by the drape or curtain.

Although I have particularly described one particular physical embodiment of my invention, nevertheless I desire to have it understood that the form selected is merely illustrative and does not exhaust the possible physical embodiments of the idea of means underlying my invention.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

An article of furniture having a drape supporting edge arranged in one plane and a swinging arm attached to said drape supporting edge, arranged in a lower plane and swingable into and out of substantial vertical alignment with the drape supporting edge, a plurality of one part of two-part fasteners attached to the front faces

of the drape supporting edge and swinging arm respectively, the fasteners on said drape supporting edge being out of horizontal alignment with those on said swinging arm, a tape having a plurality of the other cooperating part of said two-part fasteners arranged in two horizontal planes and cooperating respectively with the fastener parts on the drape supporting edge and the swinging arm, said tape being of stiff material and extending vertically above the drape supporting edge and the swinging arm, and a drape of decorative material attached to said tape.

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