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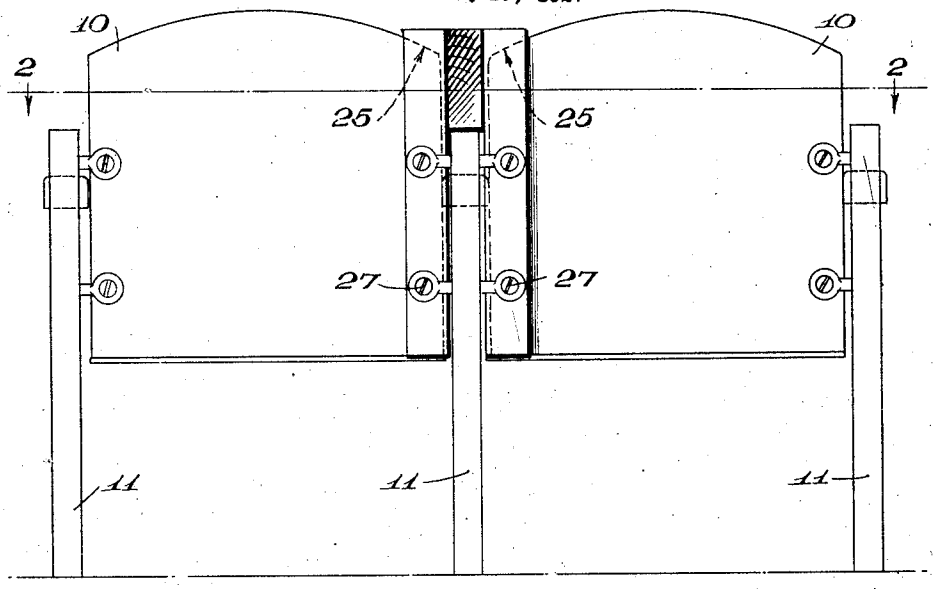


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

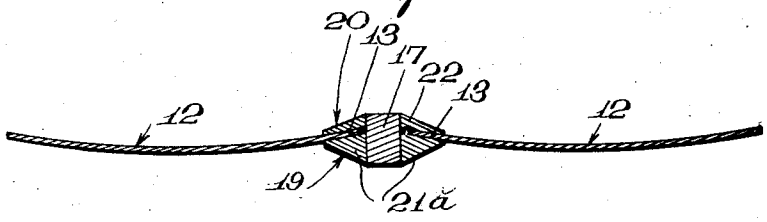
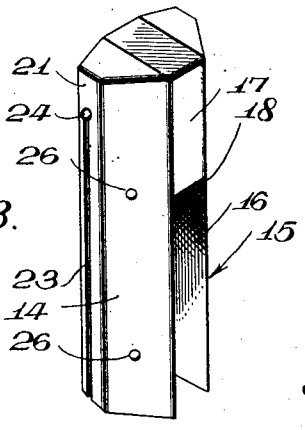


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to a post for changing the appearance of chairs which are connected together.

An object of the invention is the provision of a device which is adapted to be fitted over the top of the metal standard and is adapted to embrace the top and side edges of the backs of the chairs in such a manner that the top of the metal standard is hidden and the appearance presents that of a solid row such as a pew in a church.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a simple, neat and inexpensive device which may be readily applied to the connecting and supporting portions for chairs normally employed in theaters and moving picture houses for changing the general appearance of the chairs for adding to the beauty of the same and giving them the appearance of pews.

This invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description, in view of the accompanying drawings forming a part of the specification; nevertheless it is to be understood that the invention is not confined to the disclosure, being susceptible of such changes and modifications which shall define no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a rear view in elevation of my device shown applied to a pair of chairs,

Figure 2 is a horizontal section taken along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and

Figure 3 is a view in perspective of the finishing device made in accordance with the principles of my invention.

Referring more particularly to the drawings 10 designates the backs of chairs employed either in theaters or moving picture houses and which are connected together along their adjacent edges by means of standards 11 which form the supporting structure for the chairs. The backs, as shown more particularly in Fig. 2, are curved at 12 and have their adjacent edges as shown at 13 spaced from each other and curved inwardly in order to provide for greater comfort of the individual.

The device forming the subject matter of the present invention consists of a pair of finishing blocks 14 and 15 which have their inner adjacent faces 16 spaced from each other and are plane. A spacing block 17 is disposed between the upper ends of the finishing members 14 and 15 and has its outer end in the same horizontal plane with the upper ends of the members 14 and 15. The lower edge 18 of the spacing block 17 is adapted to rest on the top of a standard 11.

Each finishing member 14 and 15 has two inclined side walls 19 and 20 which converge outwardly and terminate in a restricted flat portion or plane surface 21. It will be noted that the section 21^a of each member has a greater thickness throughout than the member 22 and this is done for the purpose of causing the section 22 to converge as much as possible into the front portion of the backs 10 in order to eliminate any inconvenience to the occupant of the chair.

Each member 14 and 15 is provided with a longitudinal slot 23 which runs substantially the full length of the member and terminates at its upper end in a circular passage 24 which is adapted to receive the upper edge 25 of the back 10. The major portion of the slot receives substantially the entire length of a portion of an adjacent edge of a back, and the width of the slot 23 is such that it will neatly fit an edge of a back and may be slightly curved to conform to the curvature of a side edge 13 of the back.

Each finishing member 14 and 15 is provided with bolt holes 26 to receive the bolts 27 by which the back of each chair is secured to the standard. These bolts serve to secure the finishing strips to the backs.

The members 14 and 15 are secured to the spacing block 17 in any approved manner as by glue, nails or screws.

I claim:—

1. A device of the character described comprising a pair of chairs with a supporting standard located between the chairs, said chairs being provided with backs, means for covering the standard comprising a pair of finishing strips spaced from each other and having longitudinal slots to receive the side edges of the adjacent backs of the chairs, a spacing block for securing the upper edges of the finishing members together and adapted to rest upon the upper end of the standard, and means for securing the finishing strips and backs to the standards.

2. A device of the character described

comprising a pair of finishing members having a pair of spaced plane surfaces in parallel relation, a spacing block having its opposite faces in engagement with the parallel faces of the finishing members and secured to the upper end of said finishing members, said finishing members having inclined faces, a slot located between the inclined faces, said slot dividing a finishing member into two sections with one section being of a greater thickness than the other section.

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