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COMMUNION KNEELER COVER

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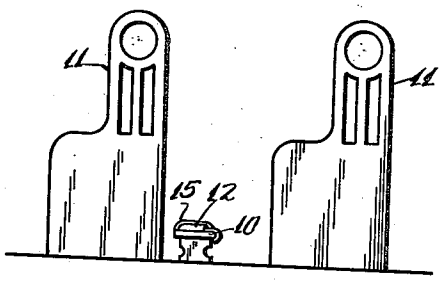


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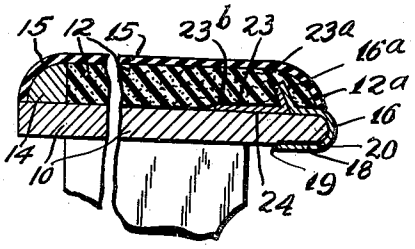


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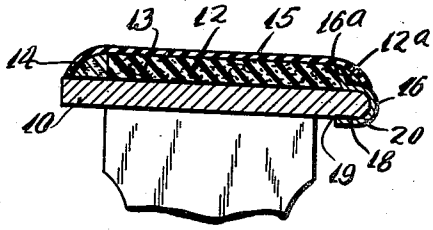


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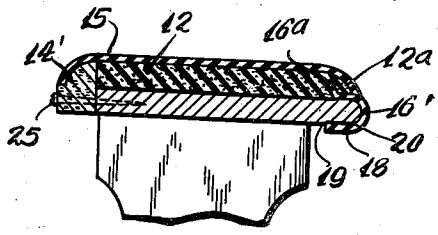


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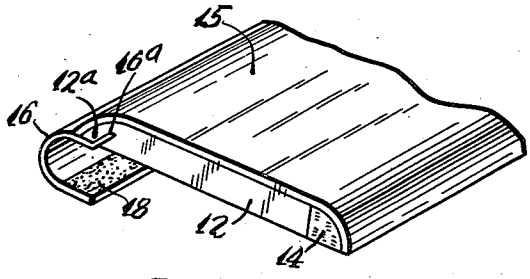


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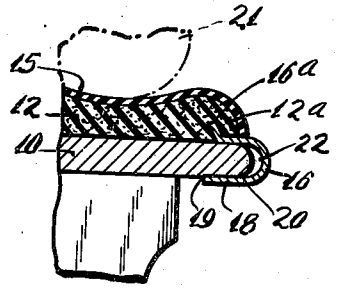


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a communion kneeler cover.

More specifically, the invention proposes the construction of a resiliently constructed cover for application to the top surface of a kneeler used by parishioners during confessional, communion or the like services.

Still further it is proposed to characterize the cover by a soft flexible cushion base constructed preferably of sponge rubber and over which a solid rubber flexible sheet is extended and attached in a manner to form a cover having a smooth surface and still providing sufficient resiliency to give way under one's weight while resting thereon.

Still further it is proposed to attach the cover to the top face of the kneeler with its front edge arranged flush with the front edge of the kneeler and to provide a means in the form of a flexible sheet of material for securing the front edge of the cover to the front edge of said kneeler in such a manner that the cover may stretch in its width under the compression force of a person resting thereon.

Still further it is proposed in a modified form of the invention to provide a second strip of flexible sheet material attached to the bottom of the front edge portion of the cover and extended rearwards on the kneeler and attached thereto in a manner to assist said first mentioned strip in securely holding the cover in position thereon.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a pair of adjacent church pews with a communion kneeler located therebetween and having a cover, according to this invention, applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the center of the kneeler.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detailed view similar to a portion of Fig. 2 but illustrating the compressed position of the cover.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to a portion of Fig. 2 but illustrating a modification of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2 and illustrating a still further modification of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a cover strip constructed in accordance with this invention.

The communion kneeler cover, according to this invention, is to be used in combination with a kneeler 10 in the form of a long bench adapted to be placed between the adjacent pews 11 of a church in a manner to be used by the parishioners for kneeling during confessional, communion, or the like services.

The cover, according to this invention, includes a soft flexible cushion base 12 movably mounted on the top of the wooden pew kneeler 10 which has a rounded front edge 12a slightly inwards of the front edge of the kneeler. This soft flexible cushion base 12 is preferably constructed of sponge rubber and is adhesively attached to the face of the kneeler by means of an adhesive 13. The back edge of the cushion base 12 is extended slightly inwards from the back edge of the kneeler 10. A cork back strip 14 is in face contact with the back edge of the cushion base 12 and is provided with a rounded edge which extends substantially to the back edge of the kneeler 10. The cork back strip 14 is adhesively attached to the face of the kneeler.

A solid rubber flexible sheet 15 is adhesively attached to the top face of the base 12 and the cork back strip 14 and extends from the back edge of the kneeler across the top face of the cushion base 12 around the front edge thereof to the front edge of the kneeler 10. This solid rubber flexible sheet 15 acts as a protective covering for the sponge rubber cushion base which is relatively soft in nature and which is easily damaged.

A strip of flexible sheet material 16 preferably of cloth, leather or the like non-stretchable material is attached to the bottom front edge of the cushion base 12 and extends around the front edge of the kneeler and is attached to the bottom front edge thereof. This strip of flexible sheet material is preferably non-elastic in construction and has one edge 16a molded directly into the bottom face of the cushion base 12. The other edge is extended around the front edge of the kneeler 12 and is provided with a mucilage 18 for securing this free edge to the bottom edge portion of the kneeler 10 between the points 19 and 20. This permits that portion of the strip 16 which extends around the rounded front edge of the kneeler to be free thereof and to move relative thereto when the base 12 is compressed under the weight of a person kneeling thereon. The strip 16 is provided for securing the front edge of the cushion to the front edge of the kneeler to prevent the same from being pivoted about its rear point of connection.

As shown in Fig. 3, the knee 21 of a person kneeling upon the kneeler 10 is indicated by dot and dash lines. The weight of the person kneeling thereon causes the base 12 to be compressed, stretching the cover in its width. This causes a space 22 to be formed between the adjacent faces of the edge of the kneeler 10 and the strip 16. When the compression force is released the resiliency of the cushion base 12 will draw the flexible sheet material 16 back to the position indicated in Fig. 2.

As shown in Fig. 6 the strip forming the cover is adapted to be manufactured in extremely long pieces and to be sold by jobbers in varying lengths cut from the strip and which may easily be attached to the pews by applying moisture to the adhesives 13 and 18.

According to the modification of the invention shown in Fig. 4 the construction of the kneeler cover is similar to that previously described, except for the provision of an additional means for securing the front edge of the cover to the kneeler. This means comprises a second strip of non-elastic flexible sheet material 23 of cloth, leather or the like material attached to the bottom of the front edge portion of the cushion base 12 and extended rearwards of the kneeler and attached thereto. This second strip of flexible sheet material 23 has one edge portion 23^a molded into the bottom face of the cushion base 12 in face contact with the edge portion 16^a of the strip 16. The other edge portion 23^b is extended backwards along the bottom face of the cushion base 12 and is provided on its bottom face with a mucilage 24 for securely attaching the edge portion 23^b to the kneeler 10. In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous form.

According to the modification of the invention shown in Fig. 5 the construction of the kneeler cover is similar to that shown in Fig. 2, except that the strip of flexible sheet material 16' is constructed of rubber and is attached to the bottom edge portion of the kneeler 10 under tension. Thus when a person kneels upon the cover and compresses the cushion base 12 the strip of flexible material 16' will not be spaced from the adjacent edge of the kneeler 10, as shown in Fig. 3, but will merely lose some of its tension and assume a slackened position about the kneeler 10 while still remaining in face contact therewith.

This form of the invention also differs from the previous form in that the cork back strip 14' extends beyond the bottom face of the cushion base 12 and forms a portion of the back edge of the kneeler 10. This cork back strip 14' is securely attached to the back edge of the kneeler 10 by means of a plurality of nails or screws 25 extended therethrough and into the back edge of the kneeler 10. In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous form.

It is to be understood that this device may be used for padding or materials used for any purpose and the flexible sheet 15 may be produced in any thickness, color and shape.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. In a cover padding for boards, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said board and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said board, a solid rubber flexible sheet attached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said board, a strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said board and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said board.

2. In combination with a church pew and communion kneeler cover, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said pew kneeler or the like and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said kneeler, a solid rubber flexible sheet atached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said pew kneeler, a strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said kneeler and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said kneeler.

3. In combination with a church pew and communion kneeler cover, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said pew kneeler or the like and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said kneeler, a solid rubber flexible sheet attached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said pew kneeler, a strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said kneeler and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said kneeler, said strip of flexible sheet material being non-elastic in nature.

4. In combination with a church pew and communion kneeler cover, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said pew kneeler or the like and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said kneeler, a solid rubber flexible sheet attached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said pew kneeler, a strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said kneeler and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said kneeler, said strip of flexible sheet material being secured to the front edge portion of said kneeler under tension.

5. In combination with a church pew and communion kneeler cover, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said pew kneeler or the like and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said kneeler, a solid rubber flexible sheet attached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said pew kneeler, a strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the

front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said kneeler and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said kneeler, said cushion base terminating inwardly of the back edge of said kneeler, said means, comprising a cork back strip extending between the back edge of said cushion base and that of said kneeler, and a means for securing said cork back strip in position.

6. In combination with a church pew and communion kneeler cover, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said pew kneeler or the like and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said kneeler, a solid rubber flexible sheet attached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said pew kneeler, a strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said kneeler and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said kneeler, said cushion base terminating inwardly of the back edge of said kneeler, said means, comprising a cork back strip extending between the back edge of said cushion base and that of said kneeler, and a means for securing said cork back strip in position, said latter means comprising adhesive material applied between the adjacent faces of said cork back strip and said kneeler.

7. In combination with a church pew and communion kneeler cover, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said pew kneeler or the like and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said kneeler, a solid rubber flexible sheet attached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said pew kneeler, a strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said kneeler and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said kneeler, said cushion base terminating inwardly of the back edge of said kneeler, said means, comprising a cork back strip extending between the back edge of said cushion base and that of said kneeler, and a means for securing said cork back strip in position, said cork back strip being extended below the bottom face of said cushion base and forming the back edge of said kneeler, said latter means comprising nails or screws extended through said cork back strip and into the back edge of said kneeler.

8. In combination with a church pew and communion kneeler cover, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said pew kneeler or the like and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said kneeler, a solid rubber flexible sheet attached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said pew kneeler, a strip to flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said kneeler and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said kneeler, and another strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending rearwards on said kneeler and attached thereto.

9. In combination with a church pew and communion kneeler cover, a soft flexible cushion base movably mounted on the top of said pew kneeler or the like and having a rounded front edge slightly inwards of the front edge of said kneeler, a solid rubber flexible sheet attached to the top face of said base and extending down over the front edge of said cushion base, means attaching the back edge of said solid rubber sheet to the back edge of said pew kneeler, a strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending around the front edge of said kneeler and attached on the bottom portion of the front edge of said kneeler, and another strip of flexible sheet material attached on the bottom of the front edge portion of said cushion base and extending rearwards on said kneeler and attached thereto, said strips of flexible sheet material having their adjacent edges extended into the bottom face of said cushion base.

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