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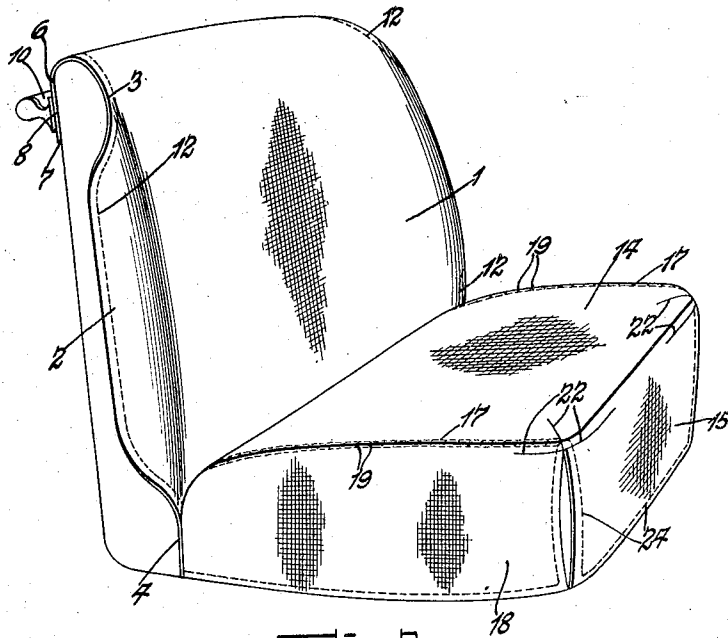
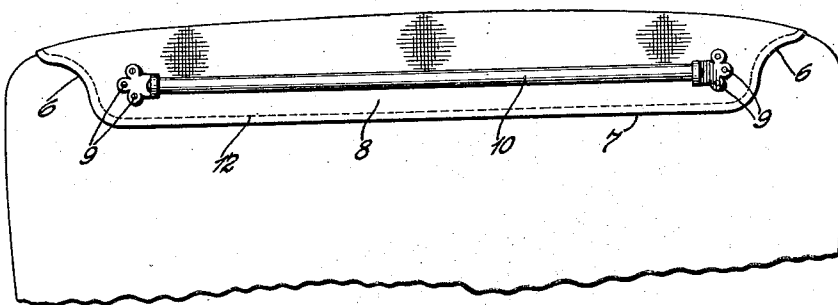


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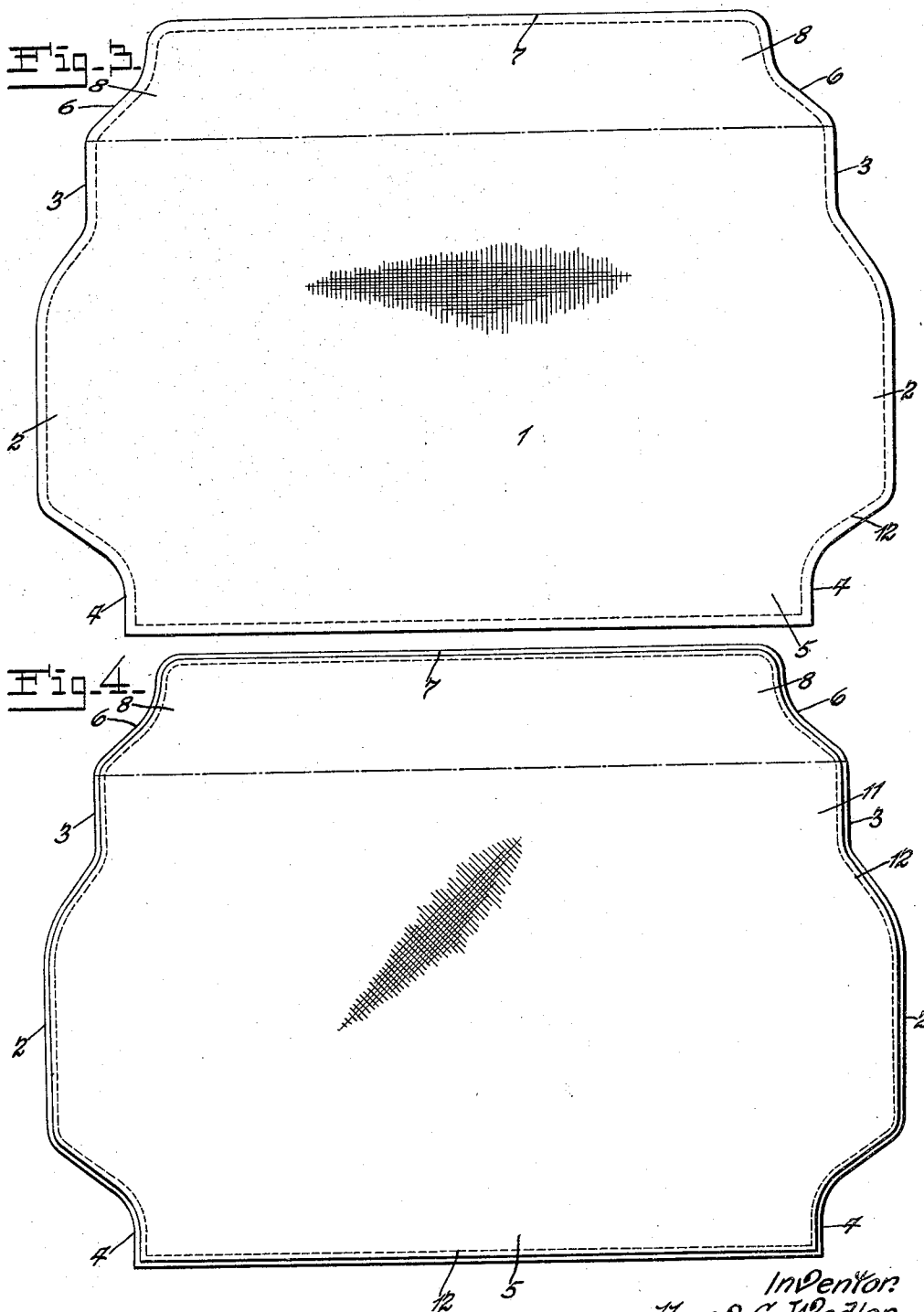
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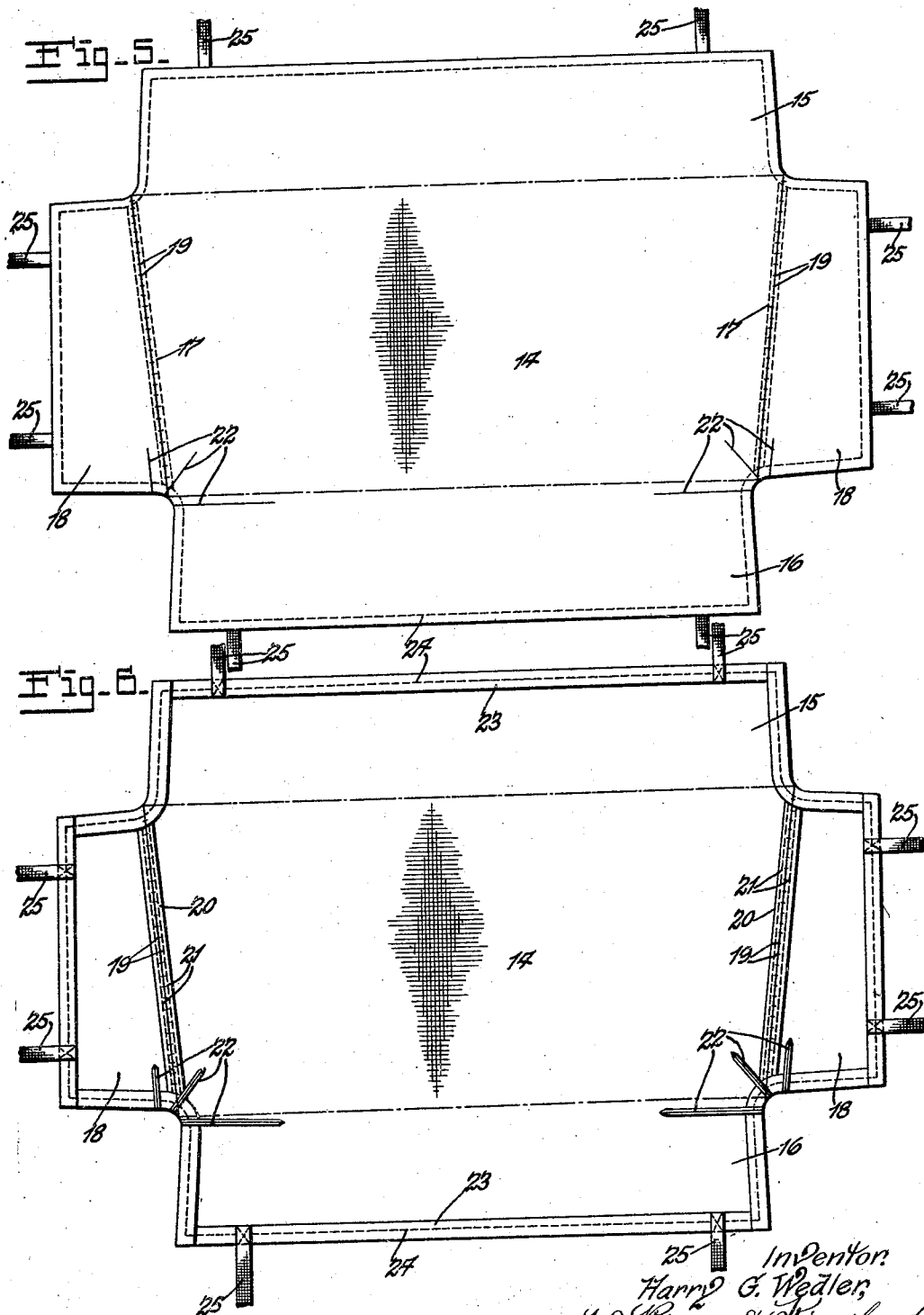
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This invention relates to seat covers and it consists of the novel construction, combination, arrangement and relationship of parts herein shown, described and claimed.

5 An object of the invention is to provide an improved seat cover comprising a seat covering member having parts thereof for covering the exposed portions of the seat proper, so as to protect both the seat proper and the
10 clothes of the user. This seat covering member is of novel construction so that it will fit nicely upon and about the seat proper so that the covering will not slip or fold when in use, nor when the user moves to and from position
15 thereon.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved seat cover comprising a back member designed and adapted to be applied to the front side of the seat back and to
20 cooperate with the covering member for the seat proper so as to perform a complete seat and clothes protector for application to a seat having a back rest. This back covering member is of novel construction and form and co-
25 operates with fastening means whereby it is held permanently in connection with the back of the seat and is also provided with means for engagement by the bottom of the seat, that is to say, by the seat proper, so as to
30 be retained in proper position thereon and prevented from slipping or folding when in use or when the user is moving to or from the seat.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved cover for the back rest of the seat of novel shape and form so as to engage therewith and with the seat proper in a novel and more efficient manner.

Various other objects and advantages of this invention will appear from the following description, reference being made to the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a seat having my improved complete cover applied thereto.

45 Fig. 2 is a view showing means for securing the upper end of the back member to the seat back.

Fig. 3 is a front view of the back cover.

Fig. 4 is a rear view of the back cover showing the lining or backing.

Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the member for covering the seat proper or seat cushion.

Fig. 6 is a view showing the under side of the covering member for the cushion or seat proper.

The back member of my improved seat cover may include both a facing and a lining or backing made of proper shape and size and secured together in cooperative relationship so that they may be readily and satisfactorily applied to the seat back for which the cover is designed and intended. Preferably, though not essentially, the facing is a textile and the lining or backing may also be made of a textile fabric or of other appropriate material. For the facing I have found that a textile having woof and warp elements about the size of the straws of straw matting is highly satisfactory, but I do not restrict myself to the use of such material. Also, I have found that a cloth backing or lining is satisfactory and adds proper strength and reinforcement to the facing, but I do not restrict myself to this material. However made and of whatever material the back member is flexible and pliant, and may possess a slight quality of resiliency, but is substantially non-elastic.

In the embodiment shown the facing comprises a textile body 1 having at each end an elongation or extension 2 projecting laterally or endwise beyond the ends 3 near the upper side of the body 1 and beyond the ends 4 at the lower side of the body 1. Thus, the distance between the ends 3 of the body 1 is approximately the width of the seat back for which the covering is intended so that the extended ends 2 will fold or extend rearwardly around and against the front rounded corners at the lateral ends or sides of the seat back, as will be clearly understood by reference to Fig. 1 in which the device is shown on the seat of an automobile. Thus, the elongations 2 constitute means for extending rearwardly at the vertical sides or ends of the seat back so that they will not become caught by the user moving sidewise into the seat. This will be appreciated as a genuine advantage when the cover is applied to the seat of an automobile and particularly

to the front seat of an automobile since the doors of the automobile are usually at the ends of the front seat, requiring the passengers to enter and leave the car at the ends of the seat. It is well known that when entering or leaving the car the passengers often move or slide laterally along the seats and under such circumstances the present invention comprising the novel shape and form of the back members is a genuine advantage. For, by tucking or extending the elongations 2 rearwardly about and against the lateral sides or ends of the seat back the passenger entering the car will not roll up the lateral ends of the back covering member.

The lower marginal portion 5 of the back-covering member; that is to say, that portion of the back covering member between the ends 4 is of sufficient width or length from the body 1 to extend downwardly between the seat cushion or seat proper and the seat back, as shown in Fig. 1, so that the lower marginal portion of the back covering member is thereby clamped, gripped or engaged between members of the seat and the lower portion of the back covering member is firmly secured in position.

The ends 3 at the upper portion of the body 1 are about even with the lateral ends of the seat back to which the device is applied. Beyond the ends 3 the facing is shaped to provide converging edges 6 curving in ogee outline to intersection with the edge 7. Thus, the ends 6 and the edge 7 define a foldable flap 8 arranged to fold and extend over the top of the seat back and downwardly against the upper rear portion of the seat back. This flap 8 is secured to the seat back by fasteners 9 which may also be used as fasteners to secure the rack 10 to the rear side of the seat back. Thus, the upper edge of the covering member of the back is rigidly attached to the seat back and the lower edge is held in proper position by cooperation of the seat back and the seat cushion.

This back covering member may be and preferably is provided with a backing or lining 11 of the same shape as the facing and attached thereto along its marginal edges by stitches 12 whereby the facing and the lining or backing are held in proper cooperative relationship. The marginal edges of both parts are infolded between the parts and the stitches 12 pass through said infolds. This backing or lining strengthens the back covering member and the fasteners 9 pass through both plies of material comprising the extension 8 of the body 1 of the facing and a similarly shaped part of the lining or backing. These fasteners 9, as shown, are relatively close to the edge 7 and to the ogee ends 6. Additional fasteners may be used, if desired.

The back covering member, when applied to the seat back in the manner shown and

described, is held stretched between the fasteners 9 and the seat cushion. Said back covering member is thus held closely against the curved front of the back member of the seat and the extensions 2 are bent rearwardly against and along the curved corners at the ends of the seat. The marginal portions of the extensions 2, being well beyond the stretched body of the covering member, are not stretched to the extent that the body of the covering member is stretched and are not subjected to the same stresses as the body portion of the covering member. Thus, since the body portion of the covering member is stretched in arcuate form conforming to the front of the back member of the seat, and since the extensions 2 are folded along curved lines, these extensions 2 extend rearwardly against the ends of the back member of the seat. Said extensions retain their position against the ends of the back member of the seat and will not extend laterally without stretching the edges of said extensions.

The seat covering member, that is to say, the covering member for the seat cushion or seat proper, comprises a body 14 of a shape and size properly to cover the seat cushion or seat proper for which the device is intended, and having an extended part 15 constituting a drop to extend downwardly at the front of the seat cushion; and also having at its opposite edge an extension 16 designed and adapted to extend downwardly at the rear of the seat cushion. Thus, the extension 16 tucks behind the seat cushion between the lower end of the back and the rear edge of the seat cushion and contacts with the extension 5 of the backing so that the rear edge of the seat covering member and the lower edge of the back covering member are engaged and held in proper relationship with each other. All or any of the assembled parts of the seat covering member may be made of textile fabric. Particularly I have found that the textile fabric having woof and warp elements about the size of the straws of straw matting is highly satisfactory as is also true of the back covering member; but I do not restrict myself to the use of such material. Each end of the body 14 has a comparatively short elongation 17 extending beyond the end edges of the parts 15 and 16. The marginal portions of the extensions 17 are folded under the body 14 and are secured to end flaps 18 by stitches 19 or other appropriate fastening means. A covering and reinforcing strip 20 covers the lower side of the seam 19 and is attached to the body 14 and to the flaps 18 respectively by rows of stitches 21.

At or near the corners formed by the edges of the extension 16 of the body and the rear edges of the flaps 18 the body is folded and sewed to form darts 22, one of said darts extending forwardly from the rear edge of each flap 18 and the other darts being in the body

14 and extensions 16 respectively. This construction obtains a nice fit at the rear corners of the usual seat cushions of automobiles for which this invention is specially though not exclusively designed and adapted.

The marginal edges of the extensions 15 and 16 and the flaps 18 are folded under and against the body portions of said parts to provide underfolds 23 (Fig. 6) secured in such relationship by a row of stitches 24 running entirely around the device near its marginal edge as clearly shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

The forward extension 15, the rear extension 16 and the end flaps 18 may have attached thereto the ends of straps 25 of sufficient length to extend well under the seat cushion so as to be clamped by the seat cushion and thereby securely hold the seat covering member in position. Thus the seat covering member will not slip nor can it fold or roll as the passenger moves or slides laterally along the seat to enter or to leave the car.

From the foregoing it is clear enough that my invention comprises a seat covering member and a back covering member of novel and highly satisfactory construction and arrangement; that said parts are flexible and readily adjust and adapt themselves to fit properly upon the seat elements; that they are arranged and applied to the seat elements so as to obtain holding engagement therewith and thereby prevent said parts from working loose or from rolling up when the passengers leave or enter the car; that said seat covering member and said back covering member cooperate to provide all the cover that is needed for the seat and back and that they cooperate with each other to hold their positions in the manner clearly shown and described. The advantages of this device must be clear from the preceding description and the annexed drawings and it is obvious to those skilled in the art that the device may be varied within equivalent limits without departing from the nature and principle of the invention. By making the device in detached parts, that is to say, by making the back covering member and the seat covering member separate and unattached, or at least detachable, either can be used independently of the other or both can be used in cooperative combination as herein described.

I do not restrict myself in any unessential respects, but what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A cover for a seat back that has an upwardly and rearwardly curved front and curved corners at its ends comprising a flexible and pliable body having its lower and upper marginal portions approximately equal in width to the width of the lower and upper portions respectively of the seat back and being stretched vertically against said curved front, and a lateral extension at

each end of said body curved rearwardly around the adjacent curved corner and against the adjacent end of said seat back and having its marginal portion unattached to said seat back and subject to less stretching than said body.

2. A cover for a seat back that has an upwardly and rearwardly curved front and curved corners at its ends comprising a body including a textile facing composed of relatively large warp and woof elements and having its lower and upper marginal portions approximately equal in width to the width of the lower and upper portions respectively of the seat back, and a lateral extension at each end of said body; a textile lining having an area equal to the area of said facing and said extensions and attached to said facing and said extensions along their marginal edges, said body being stretched vertically against said curved front and said extensions being curved rearwardly around the adjacent curved corners and against the adjacent ends of the seat back and having their marginal portions unattached to said seat back and free from the stretching to which said body is subject.

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