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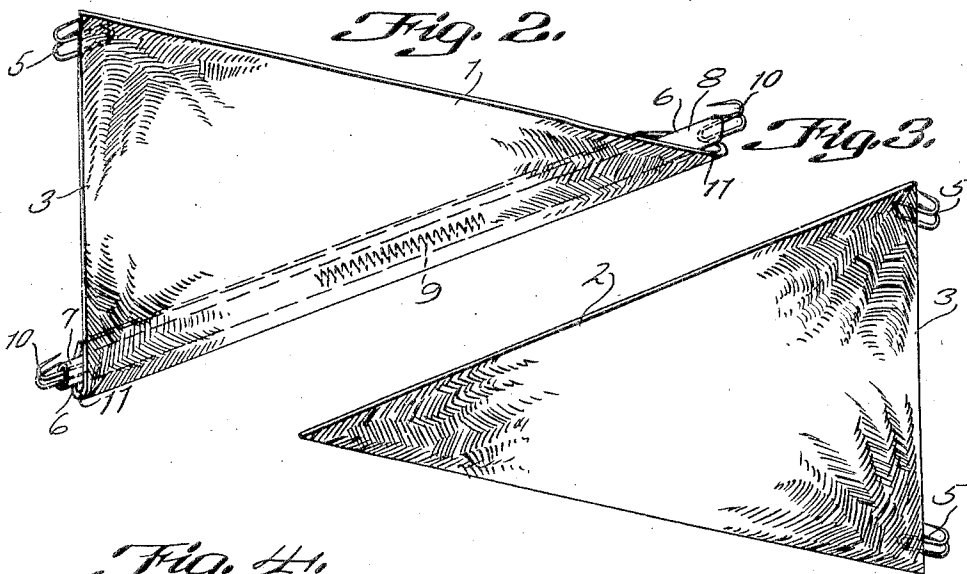
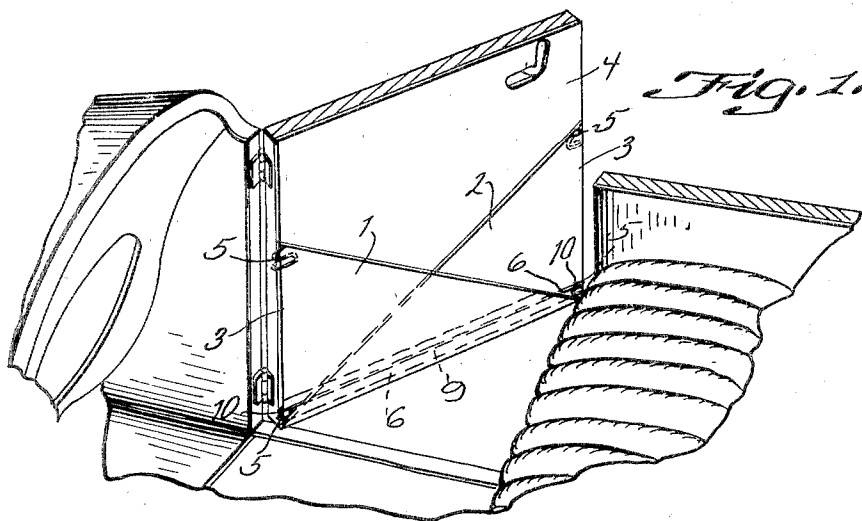


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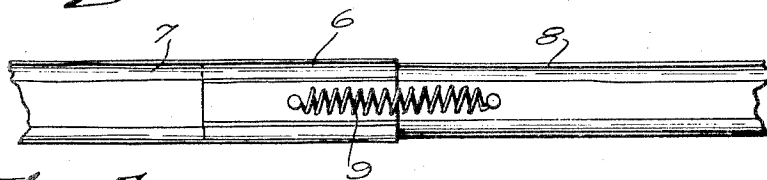


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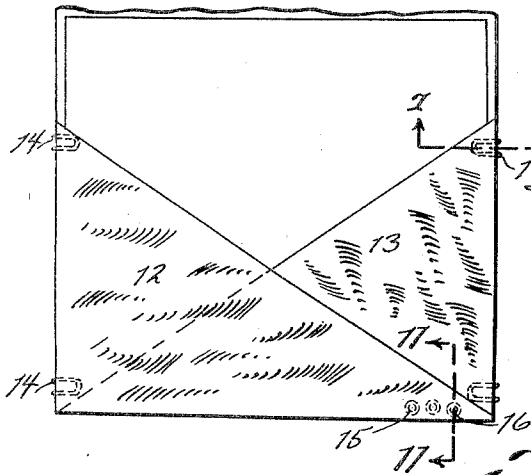


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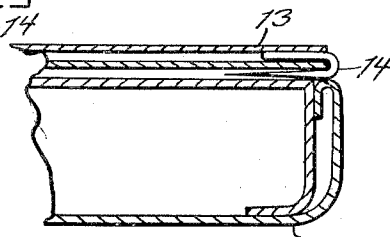


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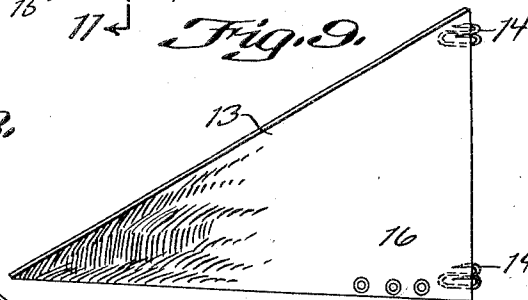


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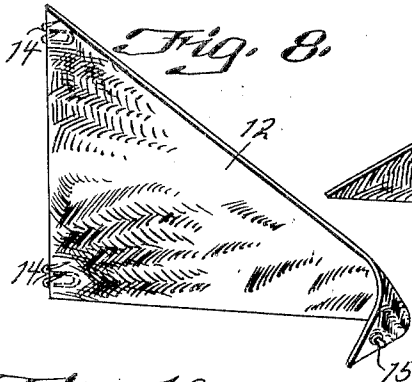


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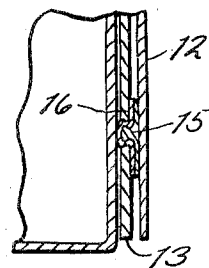
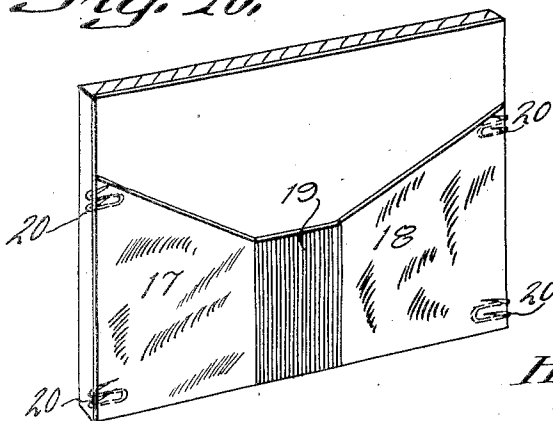


Fig. 10.



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This invention relates to an automobile panel cover and has for its primary object a design of cover that has adjustable characteristics so as to enable the cover to be adjusted to panels of varying areas.

An object of the invention resides in the novel manner of adjustably relating the cover sections so that they may be adjusted relative to each other to accommodate different size panels, utilizing therewith novel forms of supports that will not only detachably connect the sections to a panel but will hold the same in a taut neat arrangement over the surface of the panel.

With these and other objects in view the invention will be better understood from the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of an automobile showing my invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the outer cover section.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the inner cover section.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view of a portion of the rod.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of one of the clips.

Figure 6 is a front elevation of a modification.

Figure 7 is a sectional view on the line 7—7, Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the outer cover section illustrated in Figure 6.

Figure 9 is a perspective view of the inner cover section illustrated in Figure 6.

Figure 10 is a perspective view of another form of my invention.

Figure 11 is a sectional view on line 11—11, Figure 6.

In one embodiment of my invention illustrated in Figure 1 I provide companion cover sections 1 and 2 of triangular configuration and arranged in overlapping relation so that when the cover sections are moved towards and away from each other to accommodate panels of different areas the æsthetic appearance of the article is not interfered with.

Each cover section, which may be constructed from fabric or other desired types of material, has its vertical edge 3 secured to the panel 4 by supports illustrated as clips 5. These clips 5 are permanently attached to the sections and are engageable around the edge of the panel 4 for securing each section individually to the panel.

For the purpose of holding the sections properly correlated and further to secure the horizontal edge portions of the sections to the panel I provide a unique type of support 6 illustrated as adjustable and consisting of companion rods 7 and 8 slidably related and drawn toward each other by the interpositioning of a coil spring 9 that has its terminals secured to the rods 7 and 8. Secured to the ends of the rods are clips 10 engageable around the edge of the panel 4.

To add to the appearance of the article the support 6 is arranged in a seam 11 forming on the sections and if desired in practice the seam may terminate short of the edge of the outer section so that the support may have an interfitting connection with the underlying cover section.

In the use of the type of cover just described it will be appreciated that the sections 1 and 2 may be easily moved towards and away from each other and the clips 5 interlocked around the edge portion of the panel 4. Arrangement of the support 6 accomplishes an overlapping of the lower portions of the sections and further assures the holding of the sections in flat engagement with the panel.

In Figure 6 I have illustrated a somewhat simplified construction of the invention consisting of companion panel cover sections 12 and 13 which are also provided with clips 14 for securing the sections to the panel. In this particular instance one corner formation of the outermost section 12 is provided with a fastener element 15 engageable with a group of companion fastener elements 16 carried by the underlying cover section. With this construction it will be appreciated that the sections 12 and 13 may be adjusted relative to each other and the element 15 snapped into engagement with the proper element 16. When

this has been accomplished the clips 14 are engaged around the edge of the panel.

In the embodiment of my invention shown in Figure 10 I have illustrated a unitary construction consisting of companion cover sections 17 and 18 permanently secured together by a resilient connector 19 which may be in the form of an elastic strip. The vertical edge portions of the cover sections are provided with clips 20 by means of which the article may be secured to the panel.

It is of course to be understood that my improved cover may be designed and constructed in various other ways than illustrated and various other types of fastener devices may be utilized for securing the companion adjustable cover sections to the automobile panel and therefore I do not desire to be limited in protection in any manner whatsoever except as set forth in the following claims.

What I claim is:

1. An automobile panel cover comprising a plurality of cover sections adjustably related, means independent to each cover section for attaching the same to a panel and a second means engaging both sections for clamping the same and attaching the sections to a panel.

2. An automobile panel cover comprising companion cover sections arranged in adjustable overlapping relation, clips for securing the sections individually to a panel, and an adjustable support holding the sections in overlapping relation and adapted to have detachable connection with a panel.

3. In combination with an automobile panel triangularly shaped cover sections having their apex portions in overlapping relation, clamps at the vertical edge portions of the sections for engagement around the vertical edge portions of the panel and an adjustable support carried by one of the sections and having an adjustable interlocking engagement with the vertical edge portions of the panel.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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