June 6, 1939. G. E. BISHOP 2,161,448

SEAT COVER

Filed May 28, 1938

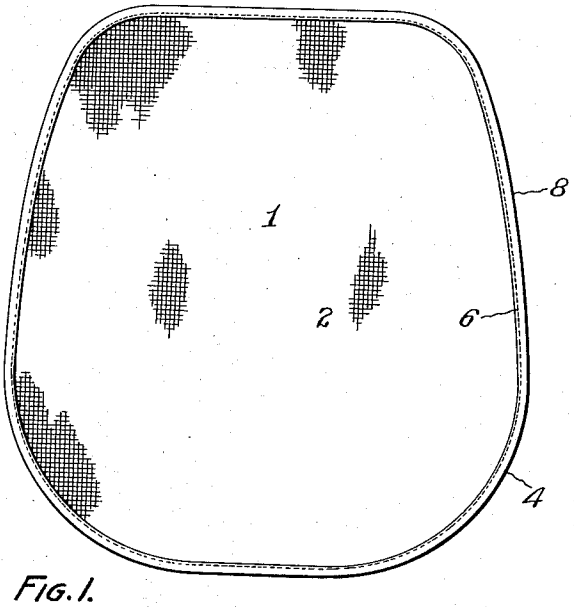


FIG. 1.

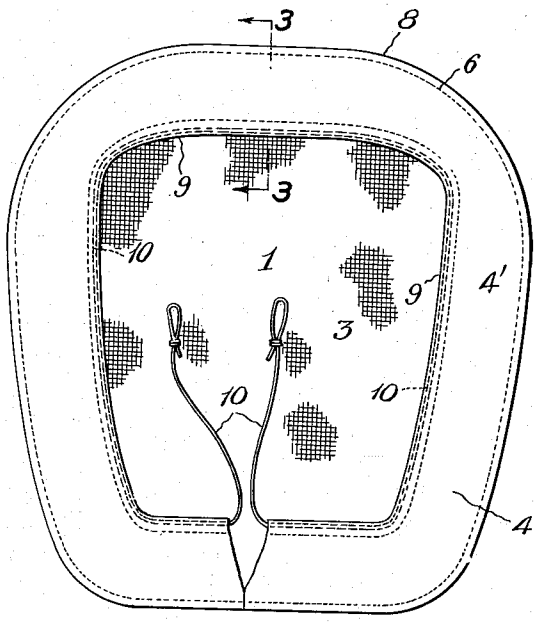


FIG. 2.

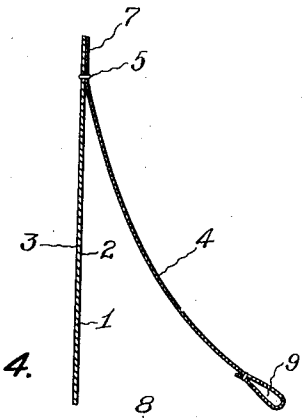


FIG. 4.

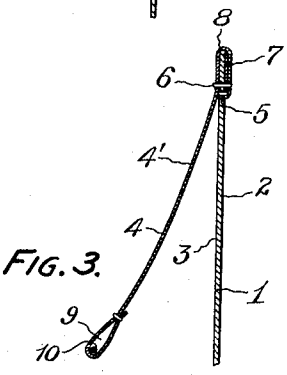


FIG. 3.

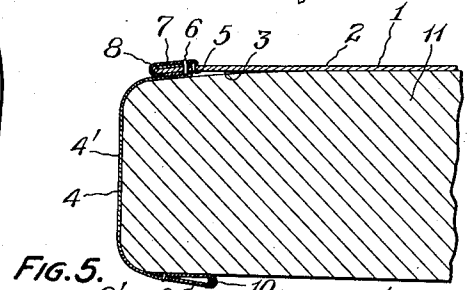


FIG. 5.

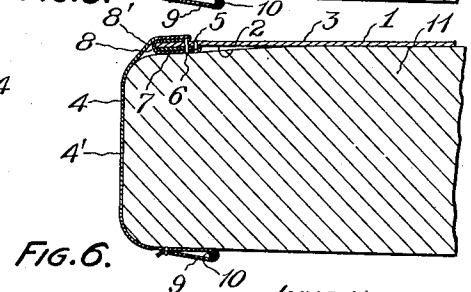


FIG. 6.

INVENTOR:
GEORGE E. BISHOP

BY Saywell and Wesseler
ATTORNEYS

Patented June 6, 1939 2,161,448

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,161,448

SEAT COVER

George E. Bishop, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Application May 28, 1938, Serial No. 210,667

1 Claim. (Cl. 155—182)

My invention relates to seat covers, and particularly to devices of this character designed for use upon automobile seat and back cushions, and upon couch and settee and other similar surfaces, and upon the cushions of chairs, such as dental chairs. An object of the invention is to provide a seat cover which is an adjustable fit for various standard sizes of seats or cushions of the special character for which the improved cover is designed, i. e., if the cover is designed for dental chair use, it will be adaptable as an adjustable fit for various standard makes of dental chairs. Further objects of the invention are to provide a seat cover which is reversible. so that either side thereof can be selectively utilized as the exposed face, a cover which neatly conforms to the free edge of the seat, a cover which can be adjustably and very tightly fastened under a seat or to the rear of a back-support and yet is of such construction as will prevent the material of the body portion of the cover being impaired or torn, and a cover which can be economically made and which is of pleasing appearance.

The annexed drawing and the following description set forth in detail certain means embodying my invention, such disclosed means constituting, however, only one of the various forms in which the principle of the invention may be embodied.

In said annexed drawing:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the improved seat cover;

Figure 2 is a bottom plan view thereof;

Figure 3 is a section, upon an enlarged scale, taken in the plane indicated by the line 3—3, Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3, but showing the relation and position of the several parts of the cover at an intermediate stage of the formation thereof;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary section of a seat, such as a cushion, to the upper face of which the improved cover is applied; and

Figure 6 is a view similar to Figure 5, but showing the cover reversed so that the face opposite to the exposed face of Figure 5 is the one which is exposed in Figure 6.

Referring to the annexed drawing in which the same parts are indicated by the same respective numbers in the several views, the improved seat cover comprises a woven fiber body member 1 cut to a size not exceeding the size of the exposed face of the smallest standard seat of the character for which the cover is designed, and of a configuration adapting the body member 1 to conform to said exposed face of the seat. To provide a binding trim for the cover and to provide means for covering the side of a cushion or the side of a back support, and for securing the cover, there is securely attached to the body member 1, and to both faces 2 and 3 thereof, Figure 3, a fabric peripheral member 4, preferably, but not necessarily, of knit goods material. This peripheral member 4 has a covering portion 4' which is of a width suitable to pass around the free edge of a seat or a back support, and to extend under said seat or to the rear of said support, and is formed adjacent its free edge with means for tightly securing the cover to the seat or back support. These securing means may be draw cords formed of endless elastic material, or cloth tapes having free ends which can be tied together so as to set up sufficient tension in the fabric material 4 securely to hold the cover. In the accompanying drawing, I have shown the fabric peripheral member 4 stitched adjacent its outer edge to form a runway 9 within which is accommodated a tape 10 whose ends can be suitably tied together for holding the cover to the seat.

I reinforce the material of the woven fiber body member 1, and provide a construction permitting reversible use of the improved cover, and also provide a pleasing binding trim for the cover whichever face thereof is exposed, by the manner in which I secure the woven fiber body member 1 to the fabric peripheral member 4. The securing together of these two members is effected as follows: The fabric peripheral member 4 adjacent one edge is secured, preferably by stitching 5, to one face 2 of the woven fiber body member 1, preferably adjacent the periphery of the latter, as shown in Figure 4, a peripheral portion 7 of the fabric member 4 lying flush with the face 2 of the body member 1, and the stitching 5 being effected somewhat within the peripheral edge of the body member 1. Then the material of the fabric member 4 is folded around the stitching 5, Figure 3, and passed outwardly over the portion 7 and around the peripheral edge of the woven fiber body 1 and tightly engaged with the opposite face 3 thereof and secured, preferably by stitching 6, to the body member 1 and also to the folded portion of the fabric member 4, the stitching 6 being adjacent the stitching 5 and between the stitching 5 and the peripheral edge of the body member 1. The turned edge portion 8 of the fabric member 4 forms a binding and a pleasing trim

for the peripheral edge of the complete cover, and the portion 4' serves to cover the side of the seat or the side of the back support.

In Figures 5 and 6, I illustrate, by application of the cover to a cushion 11, how the improved cover can be reversed so as to expose either the face 2 or the face 3. When the face 2 is exposed, as shown in Figure 5, the binding 8 forms a pleasing trim, and such use of the cover is shown also in Figures 1 and 3. When the cover is reversed, Figure 6, so as to bring the cushion-edge covering portion 4' thereof upon the opposite side of the woven fiber body 1, the face 2 of the cover engages the adjacent surface of the cushion 11, and the face 3 of the cover is the exposed face, and the trim is provided by an angular portion 8' of the peripheral fabric member 4 which, although not having the appearance of a binding, yet provides a pleasing and effective trim of the same material as is the trim 8 which is provided when the face 2 of the cover is the exposed face,

By reason of the double stitching 5 and 6, the material of the woven fiber body member 1 is compressed, and the fabric member 4 reinforces the woven fiber body 1, so that no reasonable amount of stress applied in the tight fastening of the cover or in the use of the same will cause the material of the woven fiber body member 1 to tear out or be impaired. The method of securing together the two members 1 and 4 provides a very strong seam and reversibility, together with the pleasing binding trim, which has been described.

What I claim is:

A cover for a seat consisting of a fiber body member adapted substantially to cover that portion of the seat with which the occupant of the seat normally comes in contact, and a fabric peripheral member for the side of the seat, said peripheral member forming a binding trim in that it is secured by fastening means adjacent one edge to one side of the body member and then folded upon itself to conceal said fastening means and passed around the edge of the body member and is secured in a single ply and exteriorly of the aforementioned fastening means to the opposite side of the body member and to its folded portions, said peripheral member extending outwardly from said trim in a width sufficient to pass around the side of, and extend to the rear of, the seat, and a draw cord for the free edge of the peripheral member.

GEORGE E. BISHOP.