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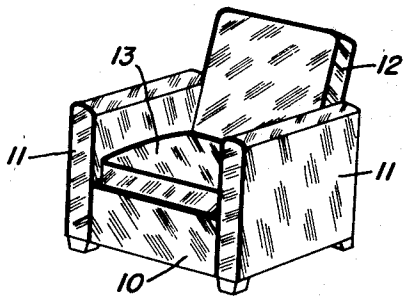


FIG. 1.

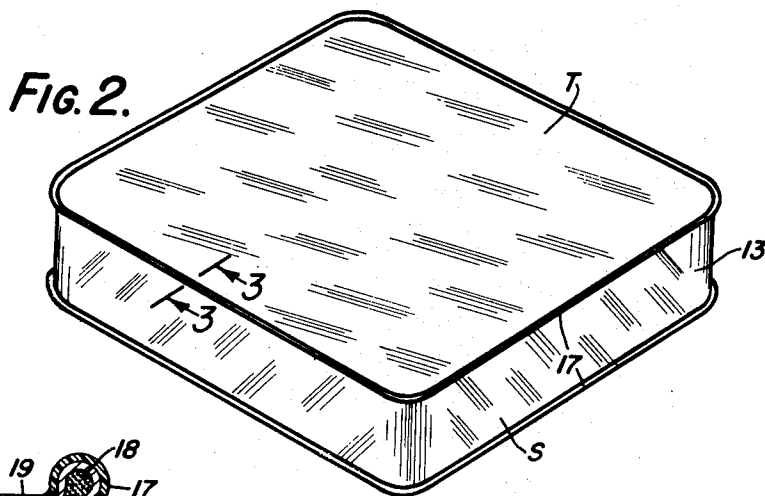


FIG. 2.

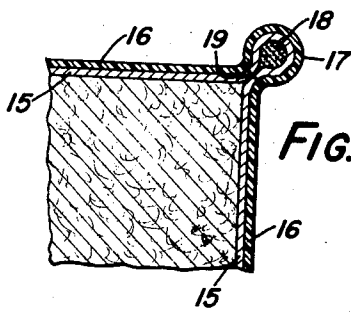


FIG. 3.

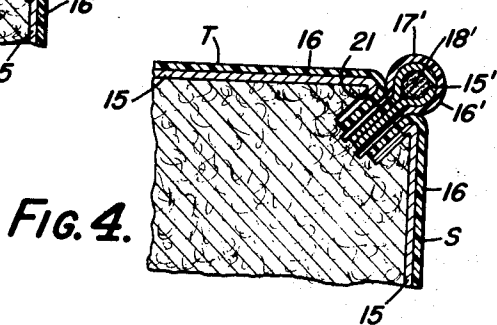


FIG. 4.

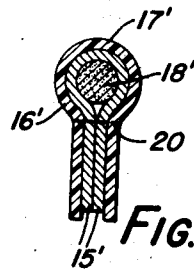


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The present invention relates to coverings for chairs, seats, cushions, ottomans and the like, and in general to upholstery coverings.

Present day automobiles are made with finely upholstered seats. The upholstery easily gets soiled, however, in use. For that reason it is common to cover the seats of an automobile with slip-covers. This provides protection, but it hides the beauty of the original upholstery of the car.

In the home, chairs and other forms of upholstered furniture will get soiled in use; and also frequently are covered with slip-covers. Again, the slip-covers hide the color and beauty of the original upholstery.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide an upholstery covering for car seats, household furniture, and the like which will protect the upholstery against being soiled, while revealing the richness and beauty of the selected covering, for the whole life of the covered part.

Another object of the invention is to provide a covering of the nature described which can itself readily be wiped off and kept clean.

Other objects of the invention will be apparent hereinafter from the specification and from the recital of the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a chair having an upholstery covering made according to one embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view on an enlarged scale of the covered seat of this chair;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a corresponding section showing a modification of the invention; and

Fig. 5 is an enlarged section showing the welt used in the modification of Fig. 4.

The chair shown in Fig. 1 has a base 10, up-rights 11 forming arms, a back 12 and a seat base 13. The covering of all the upholstered parts of the chair may be made according to the present invention. The construction of this covering is illustrated in detail, however, only in connection with the covering of the seat.

This covering comprises a conventional upholstery covering 15 (Fig. 3) and a transparent plastic outer covering 16. The inner and outer coverings 15 and 16 are sewed or fastened on the seat simultaneously.

The welts 17 along the edges of the seat may be formed as shown in Fig. 3 by wrapping the inner upholstery covering 15 and the outer plastic sheet 16 around a core 18 of cotton or other suitable material and sewing the inner and outer wrappings about the core as denoted at 19.

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The welts may also be made separately from the rest of the covering, however, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Here, a piece 15' of the same type of material as the inner upholstery covering of material is wrapped around a core 18'; and the piece 15' is then covered with a piece 16' of the transparent plastic; and the coverings 15' and 16' are then sewed together about the core 18' as denoted at 20 (Fig. 5). When such welts are used, the top T and the sides S, and the bottom (not shown) of the seat are made from separate covering sections, as shown in Fig. 4, each section comprising a piece of inner upholstery covering material 15 and a piece of outer transparent plastic covering material 16. The welts 17' are then sewn between adjacent inturred edges of the top, side and bottom covering sections, as shown in Fig. 4, by stitches 21.

The transparent plastic material used must be clear, to show up the desired inner upholstery covering; and it must be flexible so as readily to be sewn in place over the inner covering and around the welts. Any suitable plastic may be used for the purpose, as, for instance, a polyvinyl-chloride resin. A suitable plastic will not scratch. It can readily be wiped off with a damp cloth to remove dust or dirt; and throughout its life it will show through it the inner upholstery covering, which may be flowered, sculptured, or of any suitable pattern and which may be made of any type fabric or material conventionally employed for upholstery covering. By sewing this plastic covering in position during the covering of the upholstery, it will be held taut and thereby the conventional covering material may be seen through it, thus preserving the richness and eye-appeal of the inner covering.

While the invention has been described specifically in connection with a covering for a piece of furniture, it will be understood that the invention is applicable, as stated, to coverings for automobile seats, and the like. Moreover, in cases where it is desired to cover furniture, that is already in use, with a slip-cover, the slip-cover may be made according to the present invention and comprise two covering layers, one the inner layer of conventional slip-cover material, and the other the outer clear plastic covering which will protect the conventional slip-covering material, yet permit that slip-covering material to be seen.

While the invention has been described, then, in connection with particular embodiments thereof, it will be understood that it is capable of still further modification, and this application is intended to cover any variations, uses, or adapta-

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tions of the invention following, in general, the principles of the invention and including such departures from the present disclosure as come within known or customary practice in the art to which the invention pertains and as may be applied to the essential features hereinbefore set forth and as fall within the scope of the invention or the limits of the appended claims.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is:

1. An upholstered article of furniture comprising a supporting base, and a covering structure applied to a surface portion of said base, said covering structure comprising a sheet of woven fabric and a sheet of transparent thermoplastic material of substantially the same area as and secured to the first sheet around the edges thereof, and means forming a welt stretching the two sheets of the covering structure smoothly across said surface portion of the base and securing said edges of the covering structure to said base.

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2. An upholstered article of furniture comprising a supporting base, and a covering structure applied to a surface portion of said base, said covering structure comprising a sheet of woven fabric and a sheet of transparent polyvinylchloride resin of substantially the same area as and secured to the first sheet around the edges thereof, and means forming a welt stretching the two sheets of the covering structure smoothly across said surface portion of the base and securing said edges of the covering structure to said base.

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