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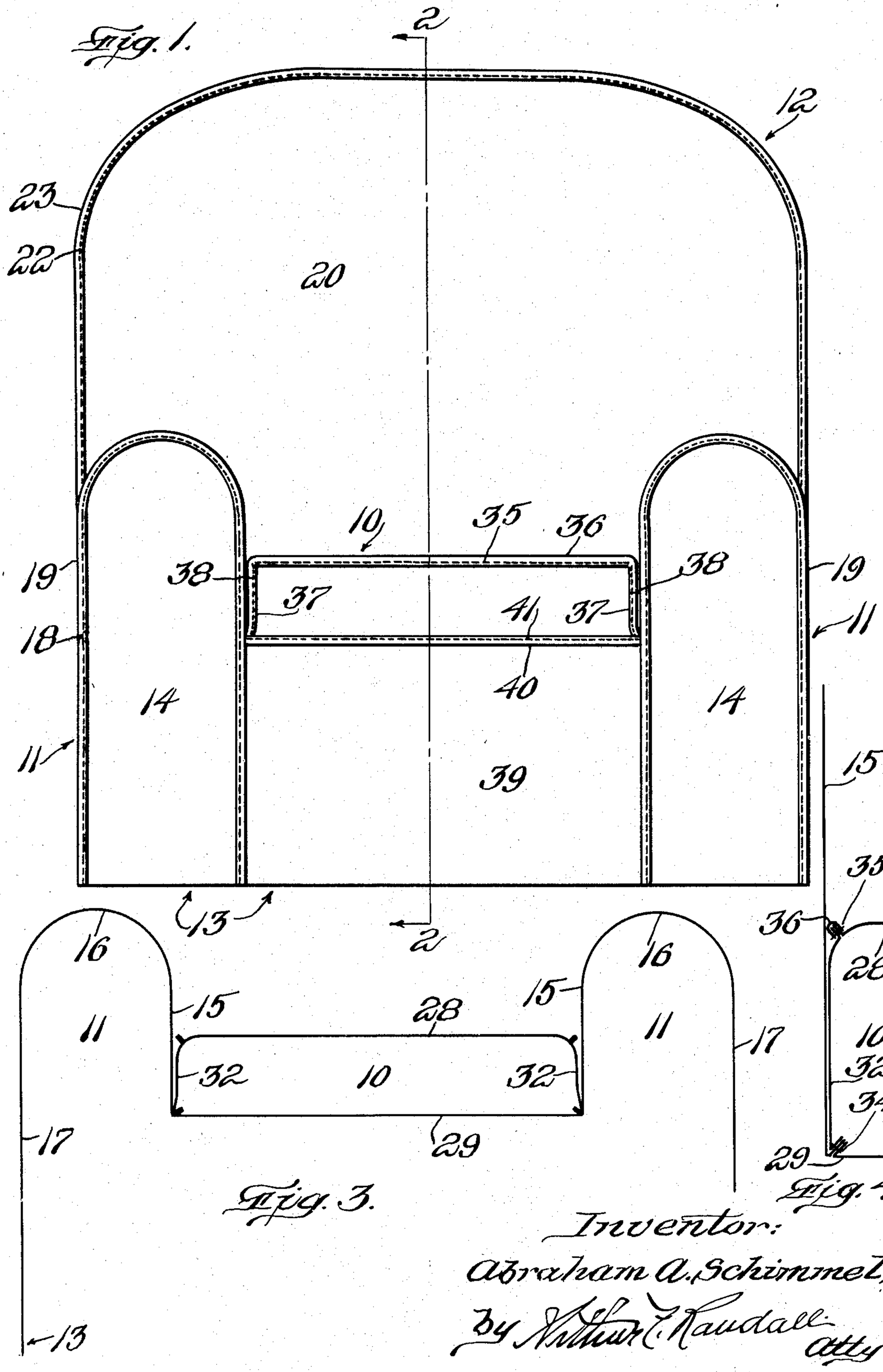


Fig. 3.

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Fig. 5.

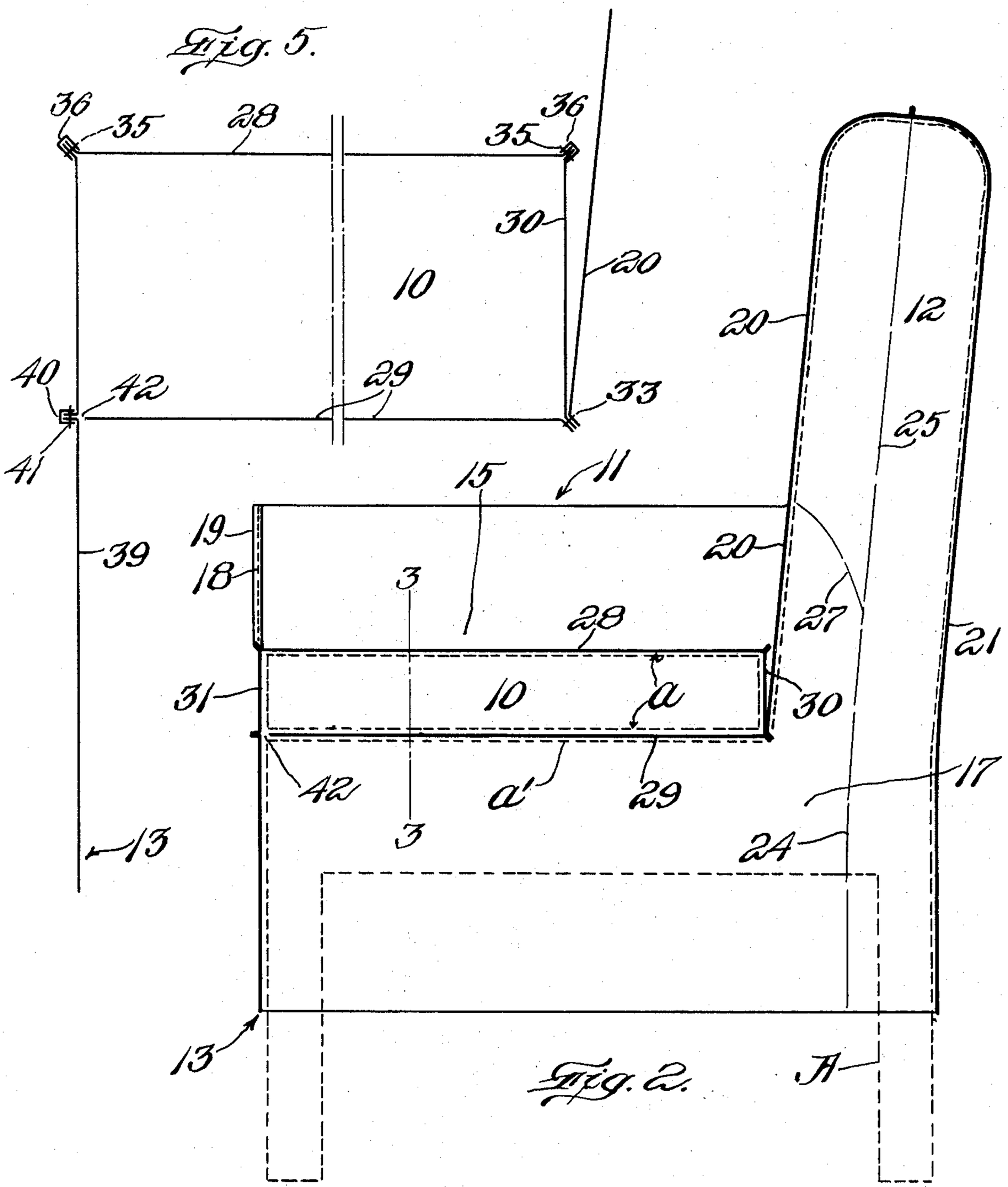


Fig. 2.

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My invention relates to slip covers for furniture and it has for its object to provide an improved article of this class.

A slip cover for furniture is commonly made from cloth and fashioned to conform more of less closely to the shape of the chair, sofa or other article of furniture for which it is designed. In the production of a unitary article of this kind, especially a cover for a chair or sofa having a removable cushion, it is important and desirable to provide a construction which will not be subjected to injurious strains and stresses, or be displaced, when the article of furniture to which it is applied is used or occupied. It is also desirable that when the cover is in position the arms, back, cushion and other parts to which it is applied shall be more or less individually defined so that the general appearance will be attractive.

My invention provides a slip cover for furniture having these desirable features and it consists of an article of this class having the peculiar structural characteristics set forth in the claims at the close of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a slip cover constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 2, but showing both sides of the cover.

Figure 4 is an enlarged view of a portion of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is an enlarged view of a portion of Figure 2.

My invention is herein illustrated as embodied in a slip cover for an over-stuffed parlor chair A having a separable or removable seat cushion *a*, both of which are indicated by dotted lines in Figure 2.

In accordance with my invention the cover is constructed from several fashioned pieces of cloth assembled and stitched together to provide a unitary structure comprising a cushion-holding and cushion-inclosing box 10; two arm-housing compartments 11, 11, one at each side of the cushion box 10; a back-housing compartment 12, and a skirt 13 to surround and cover the seat, or lower, portion of the chair.

Each arm compartment 11 includes a front wall 14; an inner side wall 15; a top wall 16 and an outer side wall 17, said walls 15, 16 and 17 preferably being all integral parts of a single piece of cloth having its front edge fastened to the side and top edges of the front wall 14 by stitches 18 which also fasten in place a binding tape 19.

The back-housing compartment 12 is provided with a front wall 20 and a back wall 21 fastened together at their tops and opposite side edges by stitches 22 so as to overlie and cover the top and opposite sides of the back of the chair, a binding tape 23 being also fastened in position around the edges of said walls by said stitches 22.

The inner side walls 15 and top walls 16 of the arm compartments 11 have their rear edge portions stitched to the opposite lower side edge portions of the front wall 20 of the back-housing compartment 12, and a portion of one of the seams thus produced is shown at 27 in Figure 2, while the rear edge portions of the outer side walls 17 are fastened by stitches (not shown) to the lower opposite side edge portions of the rear wall 21 of the back-housing compartment. One of the side seams produced by these last mentioned stitches is shown at 24 in Figure 2, while a portion of the seam produced by the stitches 22 is shown above at 25 in said figure, which is a vertical section on line 2—2 of Figure 1 as viewed in the direction of the arrows.

The cushion-inclosing compartment 10 is the interior of a rectangular box comprising six walls including an approximately square top wall 28, Figures 2 and 5; a bottom wall 29 of the same size and shape; an oblong back wall 30; an oblong front wall 31, and two oblong side walls 32, Figures 3 and 4.

The bottom edge portion of the rear wall 30, Figure 5, occupies a position between the rear edge portion of bottom wall 29 and the lower edge portion of the front wall 20 of the back compartment 12, and these three walls are secured together throughout the lengths

of said edge portions by a line of stitches 33.

The lower marginal portion of each inner side wall 15, Figures 3 and 4, occupies a position between the lower marginal portion of the adjacent side wall 32 of cushion compartment 10 and the adjacent side edge portion of the bottom wall 29 of said cushion compartment, said parts being secured together throughout their lengths by a line of stitches 34, Figure 4.

The front edge of the bottom wall 29 of the cushion compartment 10 is not connected with the front wall 31 so that the cushion *a* can be inserted and removed through the opening thus provided.

The four side edge portions of the top wall 28 are connected, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, by lines of stitches 35 which also fasten in position binding tapes 36, while the opposite ends of the front wall 31 are fastened to the front ends of the side walls by stitches 37 which also secure binding tapes 38 in position covering the edges of said walls. At the rear of the cushion compartment the opposite ends of rear wall 30 are likewise connected with the rear ends of the side wall 32.

At the bottom of the front wall 31 of the cushion compartment is a skirt panel 39 whose top edge portion, together with a binding tape 40, is fastened to the lower edge portion of said front wall 31 by stitches 41, while the opposite side edge portions of said panel and the adjacent edge portions of the front walls 14 of the arm compartments 11 are stitched together with end portions of the binding tapes 19.

In making the above described slip cover the cushion-inclosing box 10 is completed as a unit before it is stitched to the other parts of the cover, and, if desired, said other parts may also be permanently united as a unit before being attached to the cushion box 10.

As will be clear from Figures 3, 4 and 5, the lower ends of the inner side walls 15 of the arm compartments and the lower end of the front wall 20 of the back compartment are joined to the bottom of the cushion-inclosing box 10. Consequently, compression and expansion of the cushion and its box occasioned by a body sitting down in the chair and arising therefrom does not bring any strains or stresses upon walls 15 and 20, nor does the same tend in any way to displace said walls. It is also a very important advantage that the weight of the cushion, with or without the additional weight of a body, serves to hold down in place the lower ends of said walls 15 and 20 so that said walls cannot, under all ordinary conditions, be displaced upwardly.

Furthermore, the operation of applying the cover to an article of furniture can be effected expeditiously and quickly, it being only necessary to first arrange the back and arms of the chair or the like within their compartments and then slip the cushion into the box 10 through the opening 42 at the front end of the box.

What I claim is:

1. A slip cover for furniture made from flexible sheet material and comprising a cushion-inclosing box having a bottom wall; a back compartment, and two arm compartments communicating at their rear ends with said back compartment and extending forwardly from the latter at opposite sides of said cushion-inclosing box, said back compartment having a front wall whose lower end is connected with the back of said cushion box adjacent the bottom wall thereof so that said front wall is held by said box against upward displacement, and said arm compartments having inner side walls connected at their lower ends with the opposite sides of said box adjacent the bottom wall thereof so that they are held by said box against upward displacement.

2. A slip cover for furniture made from flexible sheet material and comprising a back compartment; two arm compartments communicating at their rear ends with said back compartment and extending forwardly from the latter, and a cushion-inclosing box disposed between said arm compartments in front of said back compartment and including a bottom wall fastened at the rear thereof to the lower end of the front wall of said back compartment and fastened at its opposite sides to the lower ends of the inner side walls of the arm compartments.

3. In a slip cover for furniture made from flexible sheet material, the combination of a cushion-inclosing box having a bottom wall; a back-inclosing compartment, and an arm compartment communicating at its rear end with said back compartment and extending forwardly from the latter at one side of said cushion-inclosing box, said back-inclosing compartment having a front wall whose lower end is connected with the back of said cushion box adjacent the bottom wall thereof so that said front wall is held by said box against upward displacement and said arm compartment having an inner side wall connected at its lower end with said cushion box adjacent the bottom wall thereof so that it is held by said box against upward displacement.

4. A unitary slip cover for furniture made from flexible sheet material and comprising a back compartment; two arm compartments communicating at their rear ends with said back compartment and extending forwardly from the latter, and a cushion-inclosing box disposed between said arm compartments in front of said back compartment including a bottom wall having its rear edge portion permanently stitched to the lower end portion of the front wall of said back compartment and having its opposite side edge portions

permanently stitched to the lower ends of the inner side walls of said arm compartments.

5. A unitary slip cover for furniture made from flexible sheet material and comprising a back compartment; two arm compartments communicating at their rear ends with said back compartment and extending forwardly from the latter, and a rectangular cushion-inclosing box disposed between said arm compartments in front of said back compartment and including a bottom wall having its rear edge portion fastened by stitches to the lower end of the front wall of said back compartment and having its opposite side edge portions fastened by stitches to the lower ends of the inner side walls of the arm compartments, said cushion-inclosing box also including a rear wall, two opposite side walls, a front wall and a top wall fastened together by stitches so as to leave the front edge of the bottom wall and the bottom edge of the front wall free thereby to provide a passageway through which a cushion can be introduced into, or removed from, said box.

6. A unitary slip cover for furniture constructed in accordance with claim 5 and wherein a front skirt panel is provided whose top edge portion is connected with the lower free edge portion of the front wall of said box and whose opposite side edge portions are stitched to the inner side edge portions of the front walls of said arm compartments.

Signed by me at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, this 27th day of March, 1929.

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