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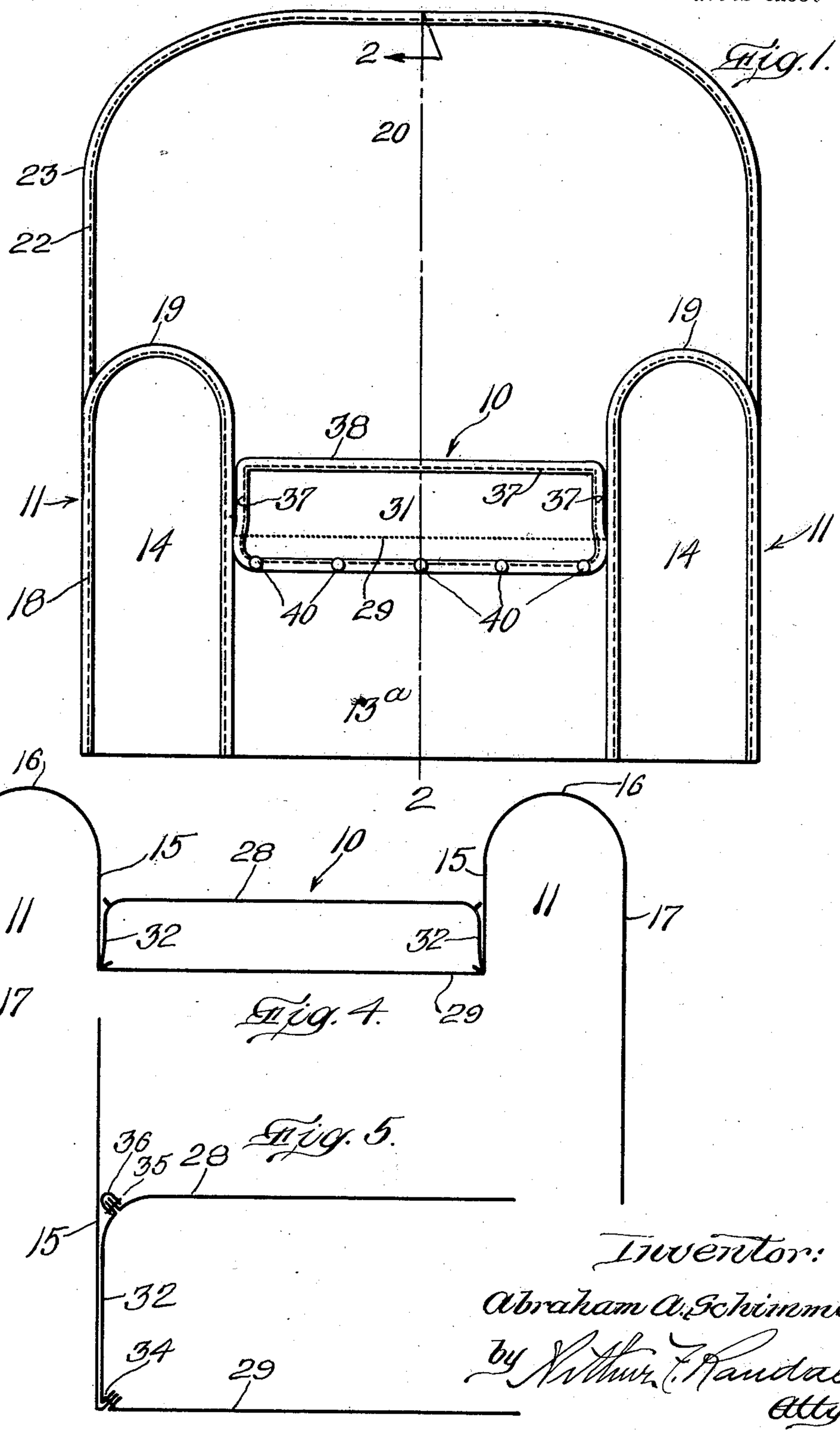


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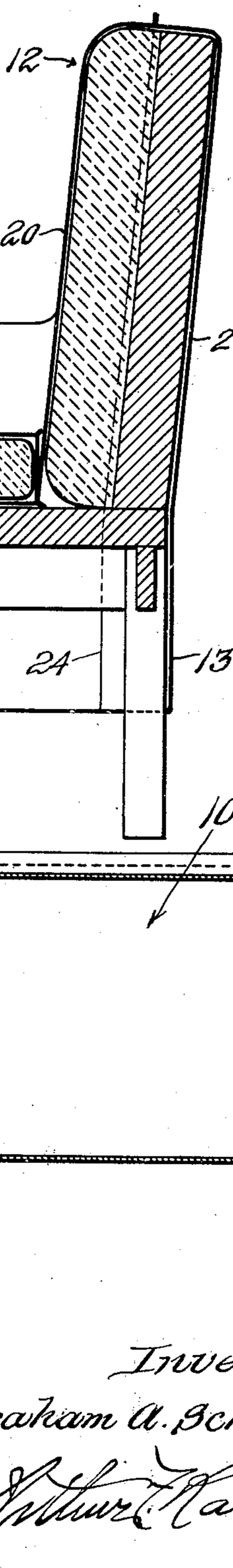


Fig. 3.

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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 or 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 an enlarged view of a portion of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Figure 2, but showing both sides of the cover.

Figure 5 is an enlarged view of a portion of Figure 4.

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*.

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, 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.

The cushion-inclosing box 10 comprises 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 flap 31, and two oblong side walls 32, Figures 3 and 4.

The bottom edge portion of the rear wall 30, Figure 3, 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 4 and 5, occupies a position between the lower marginal portion of the adjacent side wall 32 of cushion box 10 and the adjacent side edge portion of the bottom wall 29 of said cushion box, said parts being secured together throughout their lengths by a line of stitches 34, Figure 5.

A feature of my invention resides in the cushion-inclosing box 10 having a front wall flap 31 which permits the cushion to be inserted within, or withdrawn from, said box with ease and facility while the cover is in position on the chair or the like, and it is also another feature of my present invention that means is provided for separably connecting the bottom marginal portion of the front wall flap 31 with the front portion of the bottom wall 29 of the box 10. As herein shown, this means for separably connecting said parts may consist of ordinary snap fasteners whereof the male or stud members, one of which is shown at 39, are secured to the front portion of the bottom wall 29, as shown in Figure 3, while the female or socket members 40 are secured to the lower marginal portion of the front wall flap 31.

Thus, after the cushion has been placed within the box 10 and the lower portion of the front wall flap 31 is fastened to the front portion of the bottom wall 29, the top and front walls of said box 10 are held in their proper positions and the cushion is locked within the box.

At its front the bottom wall 29 of the box 10 is made with an extension 13ª which constitutes a part of the skirt 13 surrounding the lower portion of the chair, the opposite side marginal portions of said extension 13ª being fastened by the stitches 18 to the inner side marginal portions of the front walls 14 of the arm compartments 11.

The four side edge portions of the top wall 28 are connected with the tops of walls 30, 31 and 32, 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 flap 31 are fastened to the front ends of the side walls by stitches 37, Fig. 1, which also secure binding tapes 38 in position covering the edges of said walls. At the rear of the cushion box the opposite ends of rear wall 30 are likewise connected with the rear ends of the side walls 32.

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, then slip the cushion into the box 10 at the front end of the box and then engage the snap fasteners.

The above described slip cover for furniture is preferably made from ticking or any other suitable textile fabric.

Reference is herein made to my co-pending application relating to improvements in slip covers, filed March 30, 1929, Serial Number 351,347.

What I claim is:

1. A slip cover for furniture made from flexible sheet material and comprising a cushion-inclosing box having a top wall, a bottom wall, two opposite side walls permanently connected with said top and bottom walls, a rear wall permanently connected with said top and bottom walls and also with the rear ends of said side walls, and a front wall permanently connected at its opposite ends with the front ends of said side walls and permanently connected at its top with said top 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 permanently 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 their 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 of the character described constructed in accordance with claim 1 and wherein means is also provided for separably connecting the bottom of the front wall of said box with the front portion of the bottom wall of said box.

Signed by me at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, this 11th day of May, 1929.

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