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Impt. in Fenders and Cushions for Furniture &c.

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Fig. 1

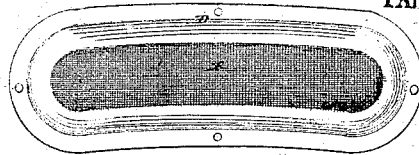


Fig. 2

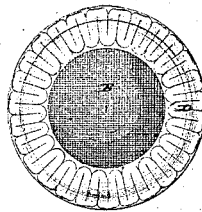


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

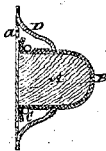


Fig. 5

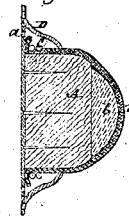


Fig. 7

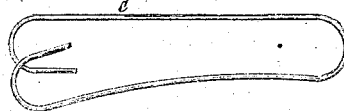


Fig. 6

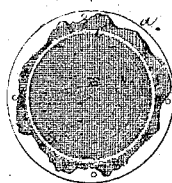


Fig. 8



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IMPROVEMENT IN FENDERS OR CUSHIONS FOR FURNITURE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. WILLMOT, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fenders and Cushions for Furniture and other purposes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figures 1 and 2 represent face views of my improved device under different forms;

Figure 3 is a transverse section of the device under the form it is shown in fig. 2; and

Figure 4, a transverse section of the same under the form represented in fig. 1.

Figure 5 is a similar view to fig. 3 under a solid construction of the device; and

Figure 6, a face view of said device, as shown in fig. 2, with the marginal ring removed.

Figures 7 and 8 represent views of certain wires or springs for holding on the cloth or covering applied to the device, as represented in figs. 1 and 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several figures.

My invention relates to what are known by upholsterers and others as fenders or cushions applied to the backs of various articles of furniture and in other places, mainly to prevent soiling and bruising of the walls of an apartment or other surfaces with which said articles are liable to be brought in contact.

The invention consists in a fender or cushion composed of a block or body and a wire or spring for holding on a plush or other covering; also, a marginal ring or border casing fitted over the whole to conceal said spring and edges of the covering and to give an ornamental finish to the whole device.

By this improvement a neater fender or cushion is produced, and which may be supplied to the trade or retailed for private use without its covering, and with increased facility for putting on the latter and for utilizing scrap or waste to correspond with the upholstery or furniture of the room.

Referring to the accompanying drawing—

Figs. 1, 4, and 7 relate to a fender or cushion of oblong form, and

Figs. 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8 to a like device of circular or hemispherical construction, but the elements or novel

features are the same, mere shape of the device, which may be otherwise varied, being immaterial.

A represents the body, which may either be made hollow and from sheet metal, or solid and of wood or other material or materials, and preferable with a marginal flange or back-plate, *a*, that may be suitably punctured for the passage of nails to hold the device to its place.

Said block may either be solid and plain or rounded at its outer end, or be tipped with rubber *b* or other soft and elastic material.

B represents the cloth, plush, or other covering, which requires no special fitting, and may be made from any irregular-shaped piece or scrap of the same or like material that may have been used in upholstering the article of furniture the fender or cushion is designed to be applied to, thereby utilizing what is usually regarded as waste, it only being necessary to see that the piece or scrap is of sufficient size to cover the block.

Said covering B is applied to the block A by simply placing it on or over the block and then slipping a bent wire or spring, C, over the covering, so as to draw the latter down toward and hold it securely against or around the base-portion of the block, after which, if necessary, any surplus material may be trimmed from the covering at its edge.

A light metal or other marginal ring or border casing, D, is then slipped over the whole to conceal the spring and raw edges of the covering and to give a neat finish to the whole, to aid in which latter effect said ring or casing may be fashioned and colored to represent gimp, corresponding with that used on the article of furniture the fender or cushion is applied to or required to match; and to further carry out such effect gimp-tacks may be used to hold the marginal ring or border-casing to its place.

What is here claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the block A, the covering B, and the wire or spring C, and the marginal-ring or border casing D, with or without the elastic packing *b*, substantially as specified.

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