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(54) **CONFIGURABLE AND SECURABLE TABLE COVER ASSEMBLY**

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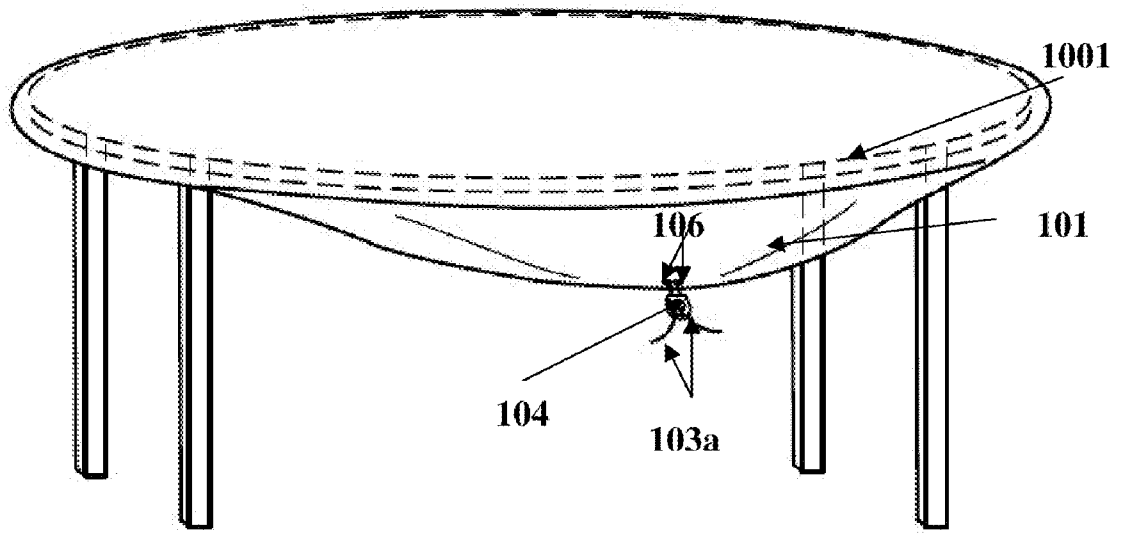
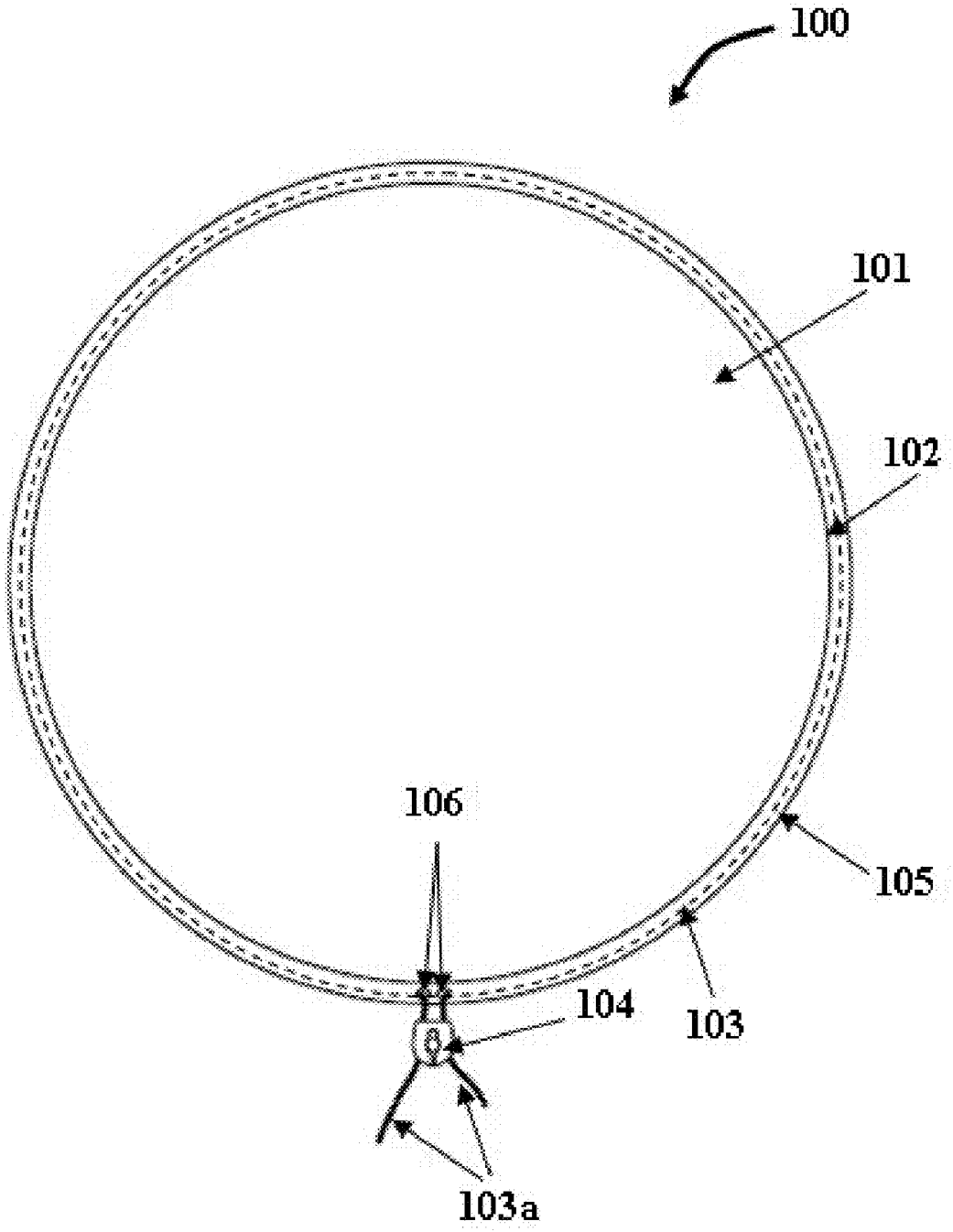
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A table cover assembly for covering a table-top is provided. The table cover assembly comprises a flexible table cover, one or more cords, and locking elements. The flexible table cover is configured to be securely and immovably positioned on table-tops having a shape generally similar to the shape of the flexible table cover. The flexible table cover comprises one or more layers affixed to one another to create the flexible table cover. The flexibly table cover is hemmed around its periphery. The hemmed periphery defines an interstitial cavity extending along the hemmed periphery for inserting a cord which can be tightened and locked using the locking elements, for positioning the flexible table cover on the table-top to provide a secure, immovable and smooth surface on the table-top. The flexible table cover allows guidable and bounceable movement of articles placed on the flexible table cover covering the table-top.





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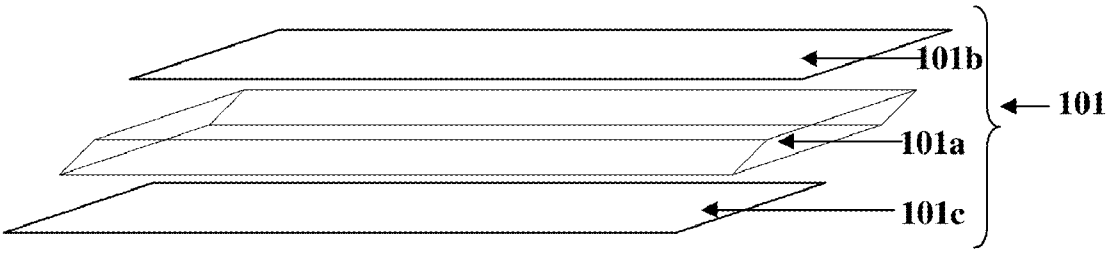

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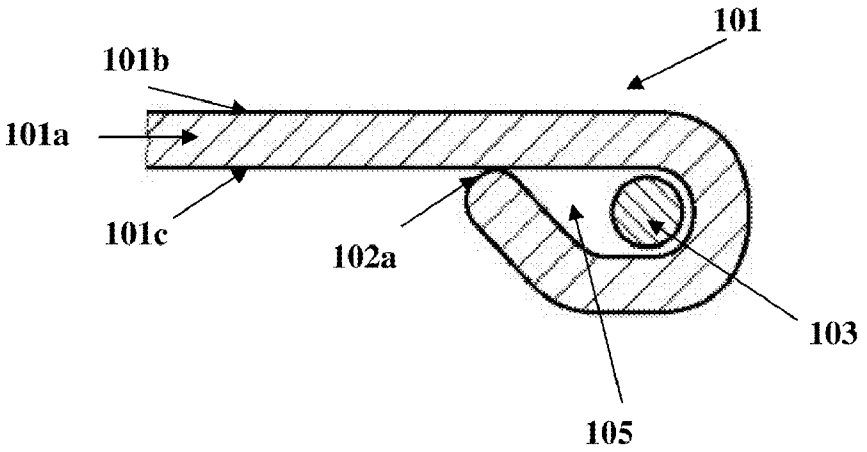

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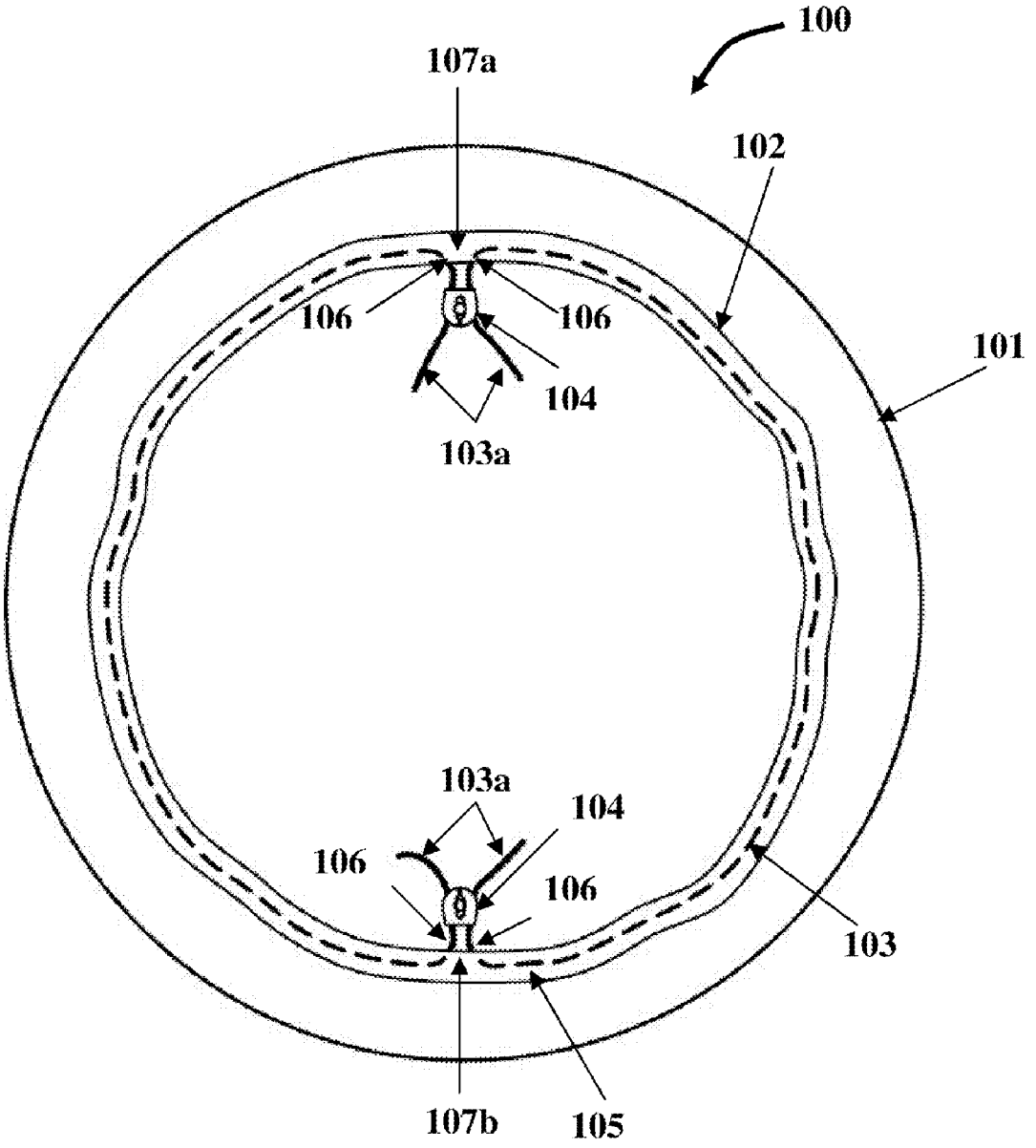

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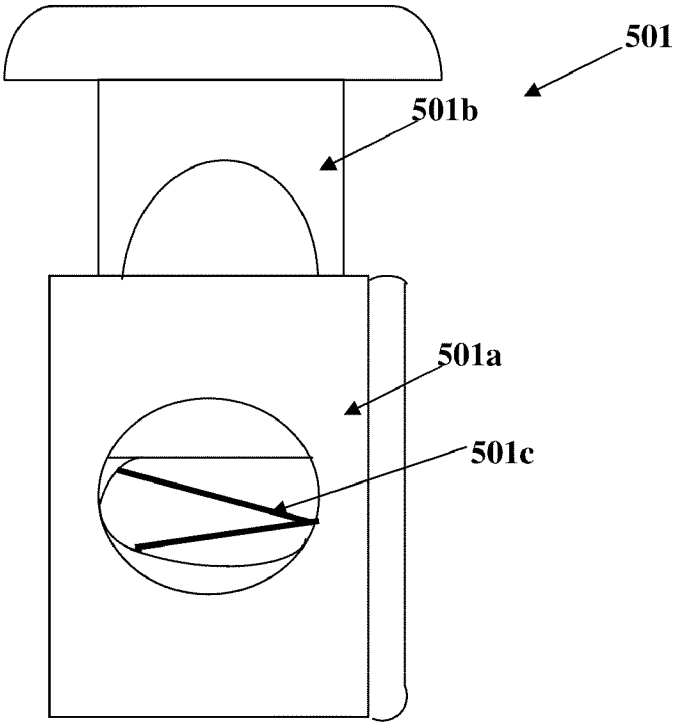

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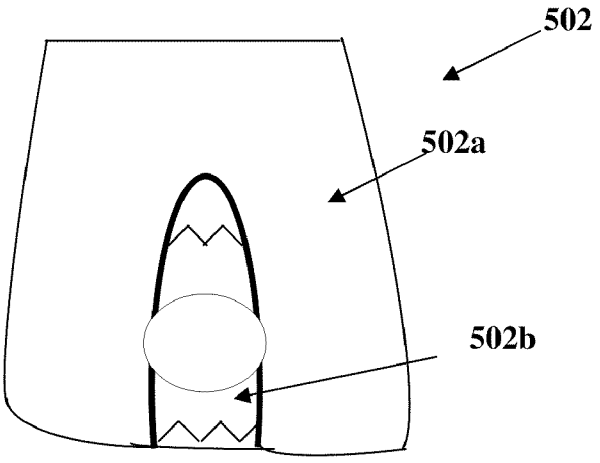

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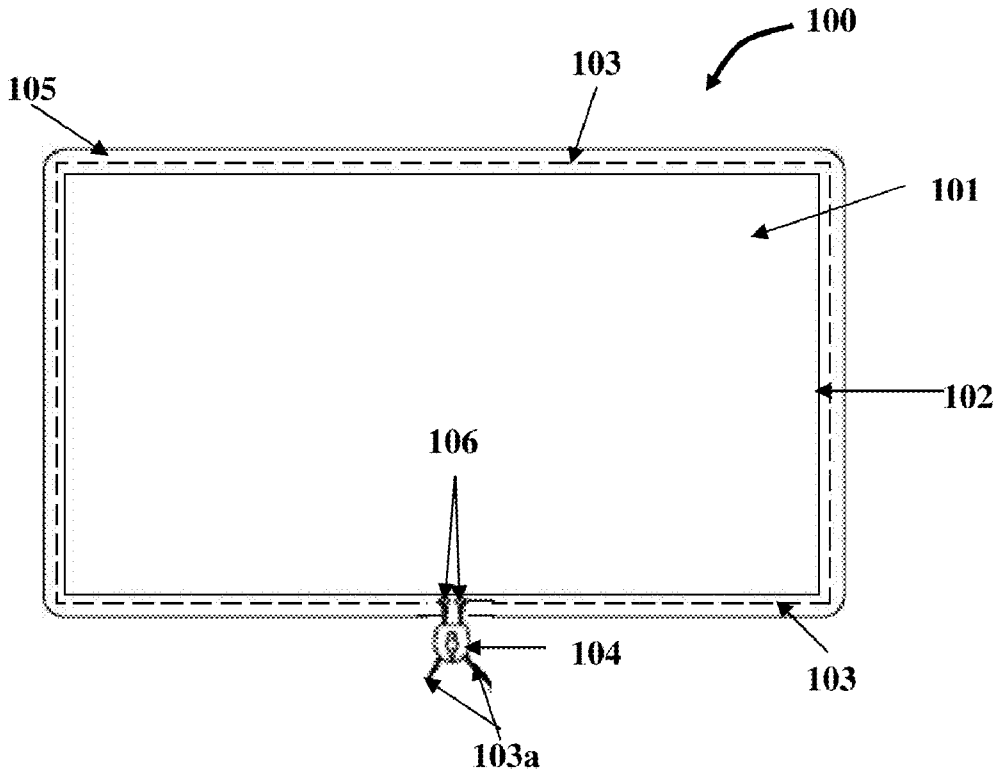
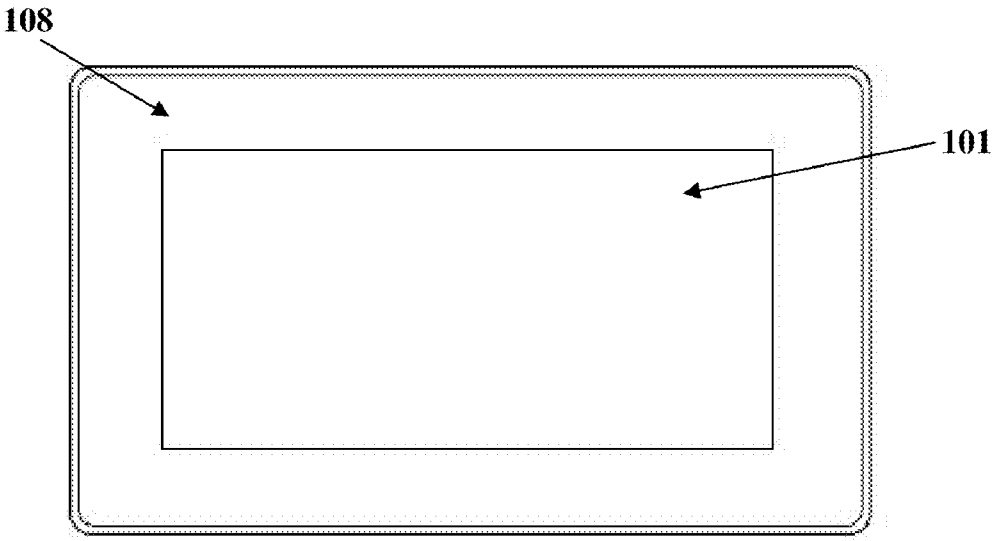


FIG. 6A



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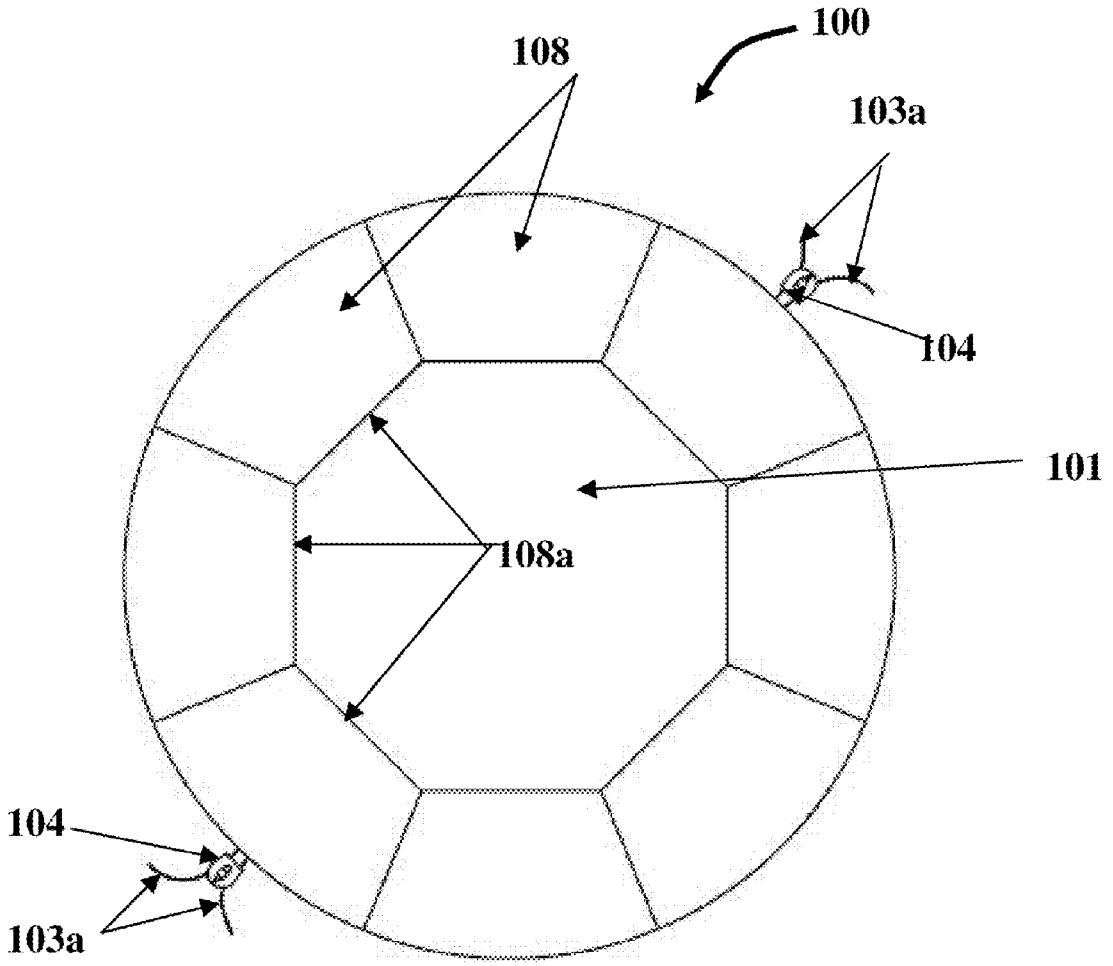

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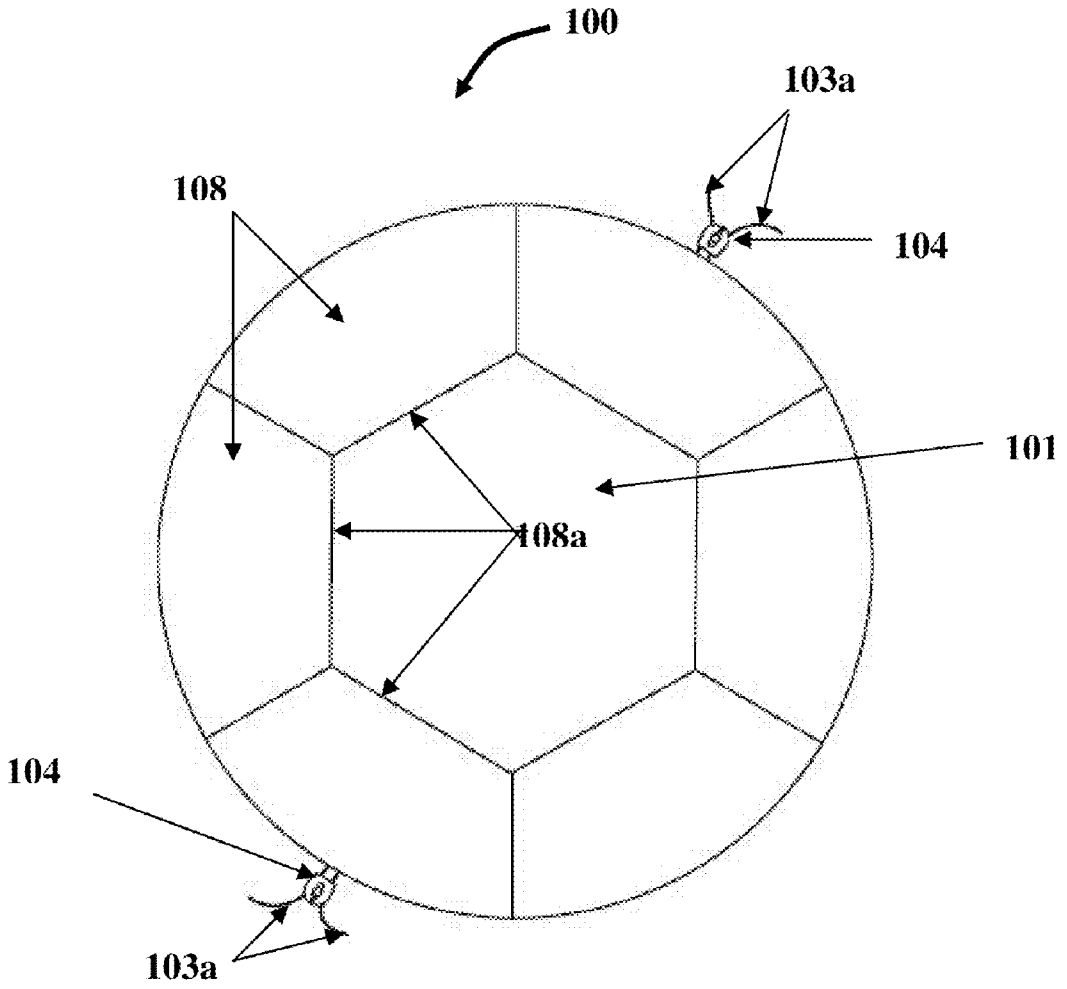

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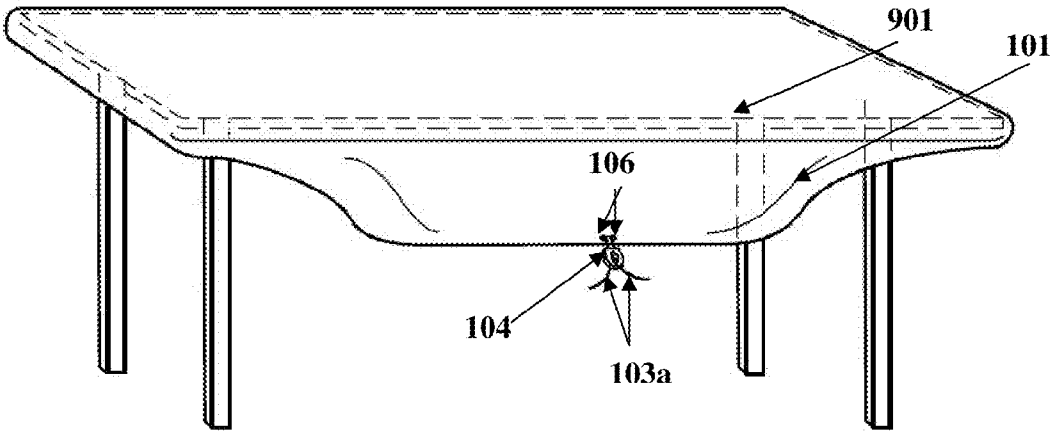

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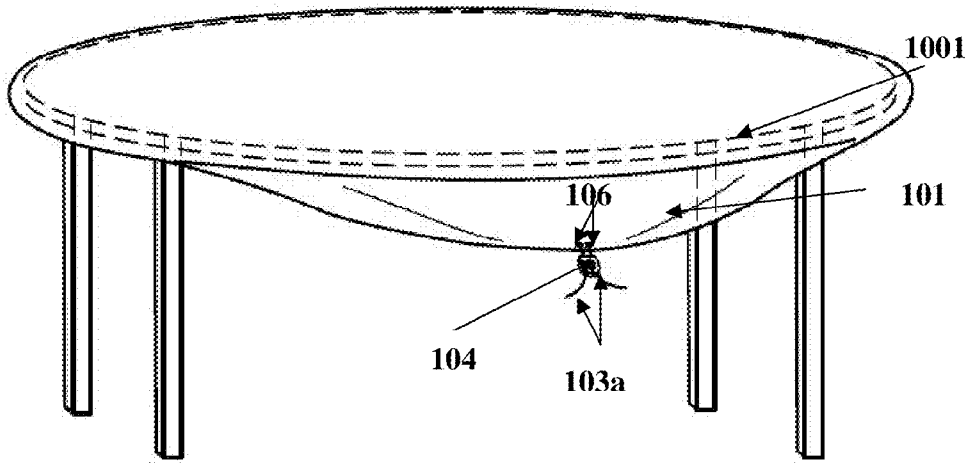

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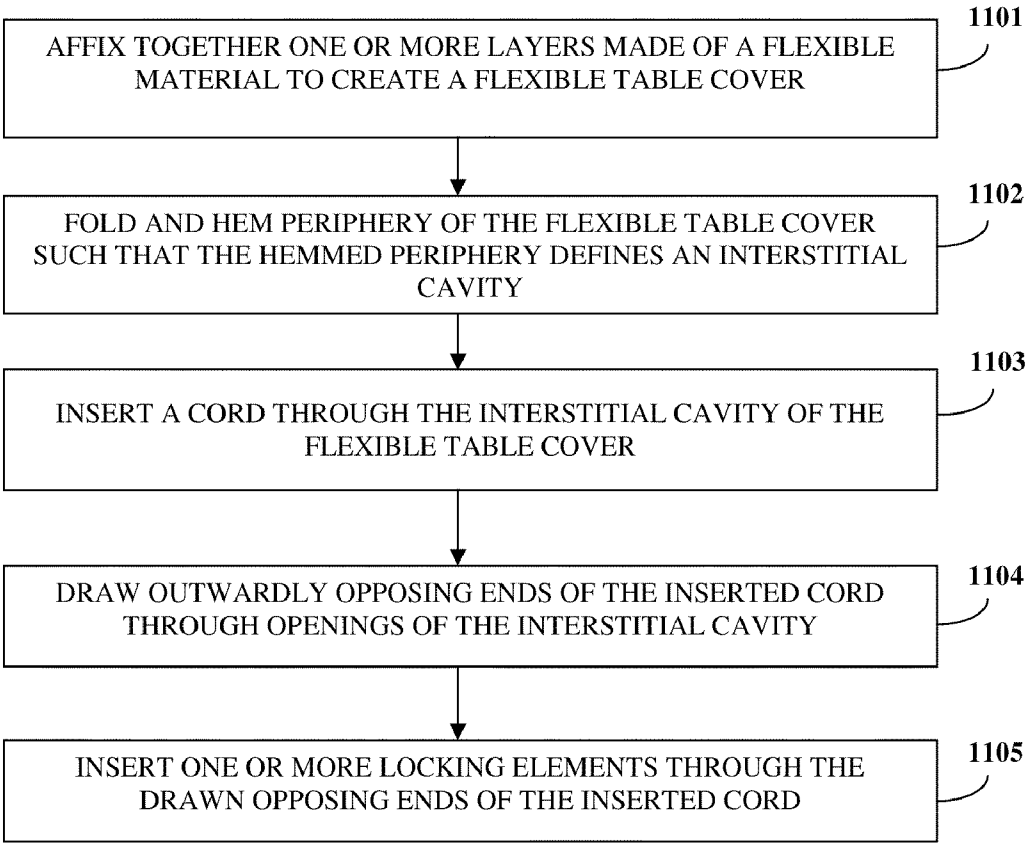
AFFIX TOGETHER ONE OR MORE LAYERS MADE OF A FLEXIBLE MATERIAL TO CREATE A FLEXIBLE TABLE COVER
1101
FOLD AND HEM PERIPHERY OF THE FLEXIBLE TABLE COVER SUCH THAT THE HEMMED PERIPHERY DEFINES AN INTERSTITIAL CAVITY
1102
INSERT A CORD THROUGH THE INTERSTITIAL CAVITY OF THE FLEXIBLE TABLE COVER
1103
DRAW OUTWARDLY OPPOSING ENDS OF THE INSERTED CORD THROUGH OPENINGS OF THE INTERSTITIAL CAVITY
1104
INSERT ONE OR MORE LOCKING ELEMENTS THROUGH THE DRAWN OPPOSING ENDS OF THE INSERTED CORD
1105

FIG. 11

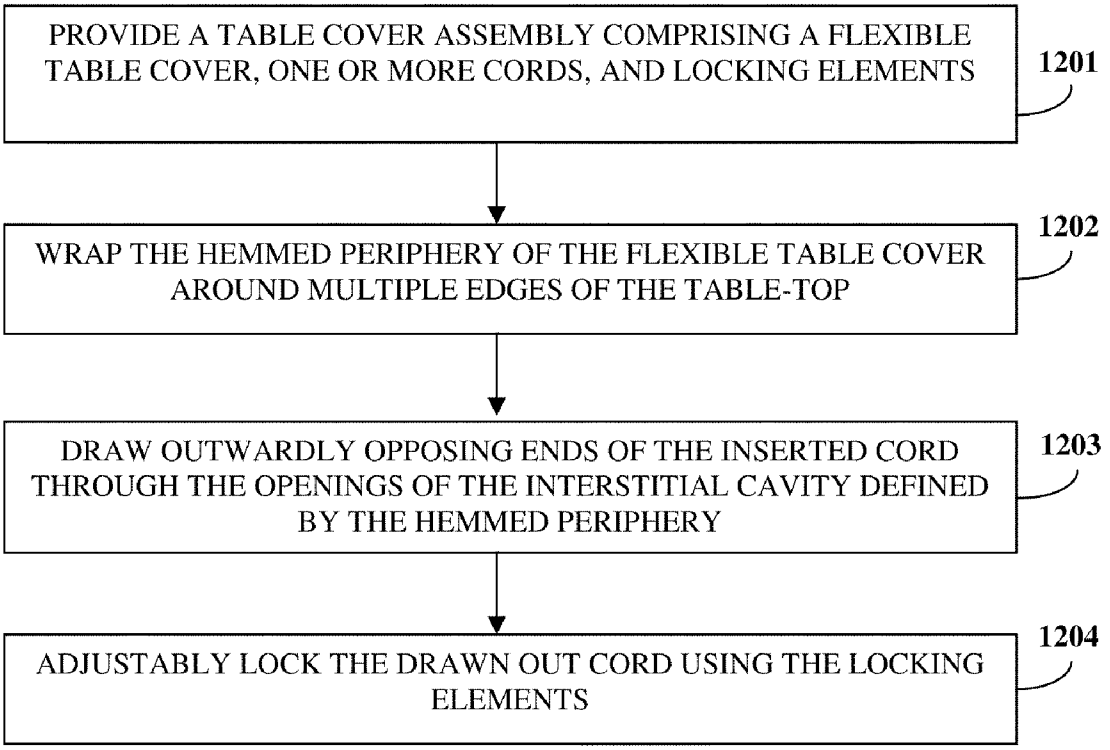
PROVIDE A TABLE COVER ASSEMBLY COMPRISING A FLEXIBLE TABLE COVER, ONE OR MORE CORDS, AND LOCKING ELEMENTS
1201
WRAP THE HEMMED PERIPHERY OF THE FLEXIBLE TABLE COVER AROUND MULTIPLE EDGES OF THE TABLE-TOP
1202
DRAW OUTWARDLY OPPOSING ENDS OF THE INSERTED CORD THROUGH THE OPENINGS OF THE INTERSTITIAL CAVITY DEFINED BY THE HEMMED PERIPHERY
1203
ADJUSTABLY LOCK THE DRAWN OUT CORD USING THE LOCKING ELEMENTS
1204

FIG. 12

CONFIGURABLE AND SECURABLE TABLE COVER ASSEMBLY

BACKGROUND

[0001] A table cover is used for covering a table-top. Table covers are made of different materials, for example, nylon, polyurethane, polyethylene, canvas, or rubber based on the environment it is being utilized. A table cover is typically used to cover table-tops in both indoor and outdoor environments. The table cover used for covering the table-top is typically of a particular shape and size and is generally made of materials that are rough and do not allow movement of articles placed on the table-top.

[0002] A table cover of a particular shape cannot be configured to table-tops of different shapes and sizes. Therefore, multiple table covers are required for table-tops of different shapes and sizes. Moreover, traditional table covers cannot be locked or secured in place over the table-top and may easily slip off the table, crease, ripple or fold while an activity, for example, a game is being played on the table. In addition, typical table covers do not allow a player to play a table-top game with articles on the table-top under control of the player. Furthermore, traditional table covers cannot immovably and securely enclose table-tops across the entire upper surface and sides of the table-top.

[0003] Hence, there is a need for a table cover assembly that can be configured to the shape and size of table-tops of different shapes and can be immovably secured in place to allow controlled movement of articles placed on the table-top.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] This summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts in a simplified form that are further described in the detailed description of the invention. This summary is not intended to identify key or essential inventive concepts of the claimed subject matter, nor is it intended for determining the scope of the claimed subject matter.

[0005] The table cover assembly and method disclosed herein addresses the above stated needs for covering table-tops of generally the same shape or configuration with one generally similar shaped table cover. The table cover assembly disclosed herein can be immovably secured in place over the table-top and allows controlled movement of articles placed on the table-top.

[0006] The table cover assembly disclosed herein comprises a flexible table cover, one or more cords, and one or more locking elements. The flexible table cover is reversibly configurable to a shape and size of a table-top for covering the table-top. The flexible table cover comprises one or more layers of a flexible material affixed to one another. In an embodiment, the flexible table cover comprises a first padding layer made of a first material, for example, neoprene, sandwiched between a second layer and a third layer each made of a second material, for example, polyester. The first padding layer, the second layer, and the third layer are affixed to one another, for example, by fusing, gluing, etc. to create the flexible table cover. In this embodiment, the third polyester layer would lay on the table-top, with the first neoprene layer above the third polyester layer, and with the second polyester layer forming the upper surface of the flexible table cover. The flexible table cover is hemmed around its periphery to define an interstitial cavity extending along the hemmed periphery for allowing insertion of one or more cords through the interstitial cavity. The hemmed periphery of the flexible table cover wraps around the edges of the table-top, thereby covering the table-top on all sides. In an embodiment, the flexible table cover is stretchable to wrap the edges of the table-top and conform to the shape of the table-top.

[0007] The cords, for example, bungee cords or stretchable pull cords, are inserted through the interstitial cavity of the flexible table cover. The inserted cords pass through the interstitial cavity of the flexible table cover with opposing ends of the inserted cords being drawn outwardly through openings of the interstitial cavity. The openings are defined along one or more opposing sections of the hemmed periphery. The inserted cords are pulled at each end till the flexible table cover securely encloses the table-top. The inserted cords drawn are then tensioned and locked in place by adjustable and slidable locking elements. The flexible table cover is thereby securely and immovably positioned over the table-top. The flexible table cover is immovably secured to the surface of the table-top without any bends, folds or creases on the table-top surface to allow guidable and bounceable movement of articles placed on the flexible table cover on the table-top.

[0008] In an embodiment, the locking elements are, for example, cord locks that adjustably lock opposing ends of the inserted cords drawn outwardly from the openings at the opposing sections of the hemmed periphery. The flexible table cover further comprises multiple article capture sections for capturing the articles placed on the flexible table cover that covers the table-top. The flexible table cover is configured to multiple shapes based on the shape of the table-top. The table cover assembly disclosed herein may also be used as a securable table pad for placement under linens for dining tables.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009] The foregoing summary, as well as the following detailed description of the invention, is better understood when read in conjunction with the appended drawings. For the purpose of illustrating the invention, exemplary constructions of the invention are shown in the drawings. However, the invention is not limited to the specific methods and instrumentalities disclosed herein.

[0010] FIG. **1** illustrates a bottom view of a table cover assembly for covering a table-top.

[0011] FIG. **2** exemplarily illustrates a three layered configuration of a flexible table cover of the table cover assembly.

[0012] FIG. **3** exemplarily illustrates a sectional view of a flexible table cover showing an interstitial cavity defined by a hemmed periphery for inserting a cord.

[0013] FIG. **4** exemplarily illustrates a bottom view of the table cover assembly showing a hemmed periphery of the flexible table cover with an interstitial cavity for passing a cord.

[0014] FIGS. **5**A-**5**B exemplarily illustrate locking elements that adjustably lock the inserted cords drawn outwardly through the openings of the flexible table cover.

[0015] FIG. **6**A exemplarily illustrates a bottom view of the table cover assembly for covering a rectangular shaped table-top.

[0016] FIG. **6**B exemplarily illustrates a top view of the table cover assembly for covering a rectangular shaped table-top.

[0017] FIG. **7** exemplarily illustrates a top view of the table cover assembly with an octagonal center configured to the shape of a circular shaped table-top.

[0018] FIG. **8** exemplarily illustrates a top view of the table cover assembly with a hexagonal center configured to the shape of a circular shaped table-top.

[0019] FIG. **9** exemplarily illustrates the table cover assembly covering a rectangular shaped table-top.

[0020] FIG. **10** exemplarily illustrates the table cover assembly covering a circular shaped table-top.

[0021] FIG. **11** illustrates method of making the table cover assembly.

[0022] FIG. **12** illustrates method of covering a table-top using the table cover assembly.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0023] FIG. **1** illustrates a bottom view of a table cover assembly **100** for covering a table-top. The table cover assembly **100** disclosed herein comprises a flexible table cover **101**, one or more cords **103**, and one or more locking elements **104**. For purposes of illustration, the detailed description refers to a single cord **103** and a single locking element **104**; however the scope of the table cover assembly **100** is not limited to a single cord **103** and a single locking element **104** but may be extended to include multiple cords **103** and locking elements **104**.

[0024] The flexible table cover **101** is reversibly configurable to a shape and size of a table-top **901** or **1001** for covering the table-top **901** or **1001**. A rectangular shaped table-top **901** is exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **9** and a circular shaped table-top **1001** is exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **10**. As used herein, the term "reversible" refers to the flexible table cover **101** that can be placed on the table-top **901** or **1001** on either of the flexible table cover's **101** surfaces and configured to the shape and size of the table-top **901** or **1001** on either of the flexible table cover's **101** surfaces. The table cover assembly **100** disclosed herein can be configured to the shape and size of a table-top **901** or **1001** and can be immovably secured on the table-top **901** or **1001**. When the flexible table cover **101** is secured in place, the surface of the flexible table cover **101** lies flush with the surface of the table-top **901** or **1001** without any creases or ripples and allows controlled movement of articles placed or thrown on the table-top **901** or **1001**. The table cover assembly **100** disclosed herein may also be used as a table pad. As illustrated in FIG. **1**, the periphery **102** of the flexible table cover **101** is folded inwards and hemmed along the periphery **102** to create an interstitial cavity **105** extending along the hemmed periphery **102** for allowing a cord **103** to be inserted through the interstitial cavity **105** as disclosed in the detailed description of FIG. **3**. The opposing ends **103***a* of the cord **103** exit the interstitial cavity **105** in the hemmed periphery **102** through centrally located openings **106** in the hemmed periphery **102**.

[0025] FIG. **2** exemplarily illustrates a three layered configuration of the flexible table cover **101** of the table cover assembly **100**. The flexible table cover **101** comprises one or more layers **101***a*, **101***b*, and **101***c*, made of a flexible material that are affixed to one another. In an embodiment, the flexible table cover **101** comprises a first padding layer **101***a* made of a first material, for example, neoprene, sandwiched between a second layer **101***b* and a third layer **101***c* each made of a second material, for example, polyester. The first padding layer **101***a*, the second layer **101***b*, and the third layer **101***c* are affixed to one another, for example, by fusing, gluing, or other joining techniques, to create the flexible table cover **101** as exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **3**. In this embodiment, the third polyester layer **101***c* would lay on the table-top **901** or **1001**, with the first neoprene layer **101***a* above the third polyester layer **101***c*, and with the second polyester layer **101***b* forming the upper surface of the flexible table cover **101**.

[0026] When the cord **103** is drawn or extended with the flexible table cover **101** positioned over the table-top **901** or **1001**, the flexible table cover **101** is securely and immovably positioned on the table-top **901** or **1001** without any bends, creases, folds or ripples on the flexible table cover **101** on the surface of the table-top **901** or **1001**. Once positioned on the table-top **901** or **1001**, the flexible table cover **101** allows guidable and bounceable movement of articles placed on the flexible table cover **101** covering the table-top **901** or **1001**, thereby allowing easy and controlled gliding and sliding of articles on the flexible table cove **101**. The flexible table cover **101** provides protection for the table-top **901** or **1001** against accidents, water spills, etc. The flexible table cover **101** is reversibly configurable to cover and wrap a table-top **901** or **1001** of different shapes and sizes, for example, round, rectangular, octagonal, hexagonal, square, oval, etc. using a flexible table cover **101** of generally the same configuration as the shape of the table-top **901** or **1001**. The flexible table cover **101** is stretchable to wrap the edges of the table-top **901** or **1001** and conform to the shape of the table-top **901** or **1001**. The flexible table cover **101** is configured to cover generally like shaped table-tops. For example, a rectangular flexible table cover **101** can be configured to fit oval and rectangular shaped table-tops **901**, and a circular shaped flexible table cover **101** can be configured to fit square, hexagonal, octagonal, and circular shaped table-tops **1001**.

[0027] The flexible table cover **101** is securely and immovably wrapped around a table, for example, a dining table from edge to edge. The neoprene layer **101***a* ranges, for example, from about 1 mm and to about 3 mm in thickness. The three layered thickness of the flexible table cover **101** is about, for example, 2 mm to 4 mm.

[0028] In an embodiment, the flexible table cover **101** comprises layers made of two materials, for example, neoprene and polyester fused to each other, with the neoprene layer forming the lower surface of the flexible table cover **101** and the polyester layer forming the upper surface of the flexible table cover **101** on which articles or objects are placed.

[0029] In yet another embodiment, the flexible table cover **101** comprises a single sheet of flexible material, for example, a polyester or other plastic, a synthetic rubber, neoprene, etc.

[0030] FIG. **3** exemplarily illustrates a sectional view of a flexible table cover **101** showing an interstitial cavity **105** defined by the periphery hemmed at **102***a* that extends along the periphery **102** of the flexible table cover **101** for insertion of the cord **103** through the interstitial cavity **105**. The flexible table cover **101** made, for example, by fusing together the first padding layer **101***a*, the second layer **101***b*, and the third layer **101***c*, is folded and hemmed around its periphery **102**. The hemmed periphery **102** defines an interstitial cavity **105** extending along the hemmed periphery **102** of the flexible table cover **101**. The cord **103** is inserted through the interstitial cavity **105** of the flexible table cover **101**. The inserted cord **103** passes through the interstitial cavity **105** and the opposing ends **103***a* of the inserted cord **103** are drawn outwardly through the openings **106** of the interstitial cavity **105**

as exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **4**. The cord **103** is, for example, a bungee cord or a stretchable pull cord, made of an elastic material.

[0031] FIG. **4** exemplarily illustrates a bottom view of the table cover assembly **100** showing a hemmed periphery **102** with an interstitial cavity **105** through which a cord **103** is threaded. The hemmed periphery **102** wraps around the edge of the table-top **901** or **1001**. For example, the flexible table cover **101** is cupped along the hemmed periphery **102** to fit around the edge of the table-top **901** or **1001**. The hemmed periphery **102** is adjustable based on dimensions of the table-top **901** or **1001**. The hemmed periphery **102** adjusts proportionally as the diameter of the table-top **901** and **1001** changes. As disclosed in the detailed description of FIG. **3**, the cord **103** is inserted along the stitched hem **102**. The opposing ends **103***a* of the cord **103** exit the stitched hem **102** through centrally located openings **106** in the stitched hem **102**. The openings **106** of the interstitial cavity **105** are defined along opposing sections **107***a* and **107***b* of the hemmed periphery **102**. In an embodiment, the openings **106** of the interstitial cavity **105** are defined along only one section **107***a* or **107***b* of the hemmed periphery **102**.

[0032] When the opposing ends **103***a* of the cord **103**. are pulled or tensioned to draw the flexible table cover **101** taut over the surface of the table-top **901** or **1001**, one or more locking elements **104** adjustably lock the inserted cord **103** drawn outwardly through the openings **106** of the flexible table cover **101** to securely and immovably position the flexible table cover **101** over the table-top **901** or **1001**. The opposing ends **103***a* of the cord **103** are drawn out of the openings **106** and pass through the locking element **104**. In an embodiment, the locking elements **104** are, for example, cord locks that adjustably lock opposing ends **103***a* of the inserted cord **103** drawn outwardly from the openings **106** at the opposing sections **107***a* and **107***b* of the hemmed periphery **102**. The cord locks are, for example, barrel type cord locks **501** as exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **5**A, wheel cord locks **502** as exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **5**B, or other cord fasteners. The barrel type cord lock **501**, illustrated in FIG. **5**A, comprises three parts, for example, a barrel **501***a*, a toggle **501***b*, and a spring **501***c*. When the barrel **501***a*, the toggle **501***b*, and the spring **501***c* are squeezed together, tension is released and the barrel type cord lock **501** can move freely up and down the opposing ends **103***a* of the cord **103** for adjustable positioning. When released, the tension is engaged and the barrel type cord lock **501** holds the cord **103** in place thereby securely tightening the flexible table cover **101** over the table-top **901** or **1001**. The wheel cord lock **502** illustrated in FIG. **5**B comprises a body **502***a* and a locking wheel **502***b*. The opposing ends **103***a* of the cord **103** engage the locking wheel **502***b* on opposing sides and can be adjustably positioned for tightening the flexible table cover **101** over the table-top **901** or **1001**. In an embodiment, the opposing ends **103***a* of the tightened cord **103** drawn outwardly from the opposing sections **107***a* and **107***b* of the hemmed periphery **102** may be further secured by locking under the table.

[0033] As disclosed in the detailed description of FIGS. **1-4**, the flexible table cover **101** of the table cover assembly **100** is of a shape that generally corresponds to the shape of the table-top **901** or **1001**. Table-tops **901** or **1001** of different shapes may be used for playing table-top games, for example, board games, coin games, card games such as poker, dice games, miniature games, paper and pencil games, tile based games, etc. When the flexible table cover **101** is positioned on the table-top **901** or **1001** as disclosed above, the flexible table cover **101** conforms itself to the shape of a variety of table-tops **901** and **1001** when the shape of the flexible table cover **101** is generally of a shape corresponding to the shape of the table-top **901** or **1001**. For example, if the table-top **901** is of a rectangular shape, the flexible table cover **101** of the table cover assembly **100** used is generally of a rectangular shape to correspond to the rectangular shaped table-top **901** as exemplarily illustrated in FIGS. **6**A-**6**B. FIG. **6**A illustrate a bottom view of the table cover assembly **100** for covering a rectangular shaped table-top **901**. The table cover assembly **100** illustrated in FIG. **6**A covers a rectangular shaped table-top **901** and can be immovably secured to the surface of the table-top **901** by adjustably tightening and locking the cord **103** that exits the stitched hem **102** through the centrally located openings **106** in the stitched hem **102** under the rectangular shaped table-top **901**. A top view of the table cover assembly **100** for covering the rectangular shaped table-top **901** is exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **6**B.

[0034] In an embodiment, the flexible table cover **101** further comprises article capture sections **108** for capturing articles, for example, poker chips, coins, cards, tokens, etc. placed, tossed or thrown on the flexible table cover **101** that covers the table-top **901** or **1001**. The article capture sections **108** may be positioned on different parts on the flexible table cover **101** as exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **6**B and FIGS. **7-8**. For example, in FIG. **6**B, an article capture section **108** is positioned along the rim of the rectangular shaped table-top **901**. As illustrated in FIG. **7**, the article capture sections **108** are positioned along the octagonal shaped center of the flexible table cover **101**. The table cover assembly **100** with an octagonal center illustrated in FIG. **7** is configured to the shape of a circular shaped table-top **1001**. FIG. **8** illustrates a top view of the table cover assembly **100** with a hexagonal center configured to the shape of a circular shaped table-top **1001**. As illustrated in FIG. **8**, the article capture sections **108** are positioned along the hexagonal shaped center of the flexible table cover **101**. The article capture sections **108** are made of a material, for example, neoprene, that allows the articles to be easily captured and retained on the flexible table cover **101**. The articles may also be captured at the seams **108***a* of the article capture sections **108** on the flexible table cover **101** as exemplarily illustrated in FIGS. **7-8**.

[0035] The flexible table cover **101** allows the players at a table to guidably and bounceably move articles on the article capture sections **108** of the table cover assembly **100**. The article capture sections **108** retain or catch articles thrown across on the flexible table cover **101** covering the table-top **901** or **1001**. The article capture sections **108** may also be provided on player zones of the table-top **901** or **1001** as exemplarily illustrated in FIGS. **7-8**. The table cover assembly **100** covering a rectangular shaped table-top **901** and a circular shaped table-top **1001** are exemplarily illustrated in FIG. **9** and FIG. **10** respectively.

[0036] Consider an example where a group of players sit around the table and play a table-top game, for example, poker. The table cover assembly **100** disclosed herein is wrapped over the table-top **901** or **1001** and secured using the locking element **104**. The flexible table cover **101** of a shape generally corresponding to the shape of the table-top **901** or **1001** is positioned and secured to the table-top **901** or **1001** using the cord **103** and the locking element **104**. When articles, for example, cards, coins, chips, etc. are placed on the article capture sections **108** of the flexible table cover **101**, the

flexible table cover **101** grips and holds the articles at the article capture sections **108**. As the players begin to play the table-top game, the materials of the flexible table cover **101** provide a smooth and a flat surface for gliding and bouncing the articles over the surface of the table-top **901** or **1001**. For example, the flexible table cover **101** allows playing cards that are dealt to glide and be picked up readily by a player seated at the table. The players therefore enjoy the flexibility and convenience of the securely positioned table cover assembly **100** on the table-top **901** or **1001** when the game is played.

[0037] FIG. **11** illustrates method of making the table cover assembly **100**. One or more layers, for example, **101***a*, **101***b*, and **101***c*, of a flexible material are affixed **1101** together to create the flexible table cover **101**. For example, a first padding layer **101***a* made of a first material, for example, neoprene, is sandwiched between a second layer **101***b* and a third layer **101***c* each made of a second material, for example, polyester, nylon, etc. and affixed together, for example, by fusing, gluing and other joining techniques. The periphery **102** of the flexible table cover **101** is folded and hemmed **1102**. The hemmed periphery **102** defines an interstitial cavity **105** extending along the hemmed periphery **102** of the flexible table cover **101**. A cord **103** is inserted **1103** through the interstitial cavity **105** of the flexible table cover **101**. The inserted cord **103** passes through the interstitial cavity **105**. The opposing ends **103***a* of the inserted cord **103** is drawn **1104** outwardly through openings **106** of the interstitial cavity **105**, the openings **106** being defined along one or more opposing sections **107***a* and **107***b* of the hemmed periphery **102**. One or more locking elements **104** are then inserted **1105** through the drawn opposing ends **103***a* of the inserted cord **103**. The inserted locking elements **104** adjustably lock the inserted cord **103** drawn outwardly through the openings **106** of the flexible table cover **101**. The table cover assembly **100** disclosed herein comes fully assembled and a customer does not have to fish cord through the interstitial cavity **105** of the flexible table cover **101**.

[0038] FIG. **12** illustrates a method of covering a table-top **901** or **1001**. A table cover assembly **100** as disclosed in the detailed description of FIGS. **1-10** is provided **1201**. The hemmed periphery **102** of the flexible table cover **101** is wrapped **1202** around multiple edges of the table-top **901** or **1001**. The opposing ends **103***a* of the cord **103** that is inserted through the interstitial cavity **105** of the flexible table cover **101** during its making, are then drawn **1203** outwardly through the openings **106** of the interstitial cavity **105** till the flexible table cover **101** is positioned without any bends, folds, or creases over the surface of the table-top **901** or **1001**. The drawn out cord **103** is then adjustably locked **1204** using one or more locking elements **104** for securely and immovably positioning the flexible table cover **101** over the table-top **901** or **1001**. The flexible table cover **101** is immovably secured to the surface of the table-top **901** or **1001** without any bends, folds or creases on the table-top surface to allow guidable and bounceable movement of articles placed on the flexible table cover **101** on the table-top **901** or **1001**.

[0039] The foregoing examples have been provided merely for the purpose of explanation and are in no way to be construed as limiting of the present invention disclosed herein. While the invention has been described with reference to various embodiments, it is understood that the words, which have been used herein, are words of description and illustration, rather than words of limitation. Further, although the invention has been described herein with reference to particular means, materials and embodiments, the invention is not intended to be limited to the particulars disclosed herein; rather, the invention extends to all functionally equivalent structures, methods and uses, such as are within the scope of the appended claims. Those skilled in the art, having the benefit of the teachings of this specification, may affect numerous modifications thereto and changes may be made without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention in its aspects.

I claim:

1. A table cover assembly comprising:

a flexible table cover reversibly configurable to a shape and size of a table-top for covering said table-top, said flexible table cover comprising one or more layers of a flexible material affixed to one another, said flexible table cover hemmed around its periphery, wherein said hemmed periphery defines an interstitial cavity extending along said hemmed periphery of said flexible table cover to allow one or more cords to be inserted through said interstitial cavity, wherein said hemmed periphery wraps around a plurality of edges of said table-top;

said one or more cords inserted through said interstitial cavity of said flexible table cover, wherein said inserted one or more cords pass through said interstitial cavity with opposing ends of said inserted one or more cords being drawn outwardly through openings of said interstitial cavity, said openings being defined along one or more opposing sections of said hemmed periphery; and

one or more locking elements that adjustably lock said inserted one or more cords drawn outwardly through said openings of said flexible table cover to securely and immovably position said flexible table cover over said table-top;

whereby said flexible table cover is immovably secured to the surface of said table-top without any bends, folds or creases on said table-top surface to allow guidable and bounceable movement of articles placed on said flexible table cover on said table-top.

2. The table cover assembly of claim **1**, wherein said locking elements are cord locks that adjustably lock said opposing ends of said inserted one or more cords drawn outwardly from said openings at said one or more opposing sections of said hemmed periphery.

3. The table cover assembly of claim **1**, wherein said flexible table cover further comprises article capture sections for capturing said articles placed on said flexible table cover that covers said table-top.

4. The table cover assembly of claim **1**, wherein said layers of said flexible table cover comprise a first padding layer made of a first material sandwiched between a second layer and a third layer each made of a second material, wherein said first padding layer, said second layer, and said third layer are affixed to one another to create said flexible table cover.

5. The table cover assembly of claim **4**, wherein said first material is neoprene and said second material is polyester.

6. The table cover assembly of claim **1**, wherein said flexible table cover covers a plurality of table-top shapes.

7. The table cover assembly of claim **1**, wherein said flexible table cover is configured to cover generally like shaped table-tops.

8. The table cover assembly of claim **1**, wherein said flexible table cover is stretchable to wrap said edges of said table-top and conform to said shape of said table-top.

9. The table cover assembly of claim **1**, wherein said hemmed periphery is adjustable based on dimensions of said table-top.

10. A method of making a table cover assembly, comprising:

affixing together one or more layers made of a flexible material to create a flexible table cover;

folding periphery of said flexible table cover and hemming said folded periphery, wherein said hemmed periphery defines an interstitial cavity extending along said hemmed periphery of said flexible table cover to allow one or more cords to be inserted through said interstitial cavity;

inserting said one or more cords through said interstitial cavity of said flexible table cover, wherein said inserted one or more cords pass through said interstitial cavity; and

drawing outwardly opposing ends of said inserted one or more cords through openings of said interstitial cavity, said openings being defined along one or more opposing sections of said hemmed periphery.

11. The method of claim **10**, further comprising inserting one or more locking elements through said drawn opposing ends of said inserted one or more cords, wherein said inserted one or more locking elements adjustably lock said inserted one or more cords drawn outwardly through said openings of said flexible table cover.

12. A method of covering a table-top, comprising:

providing a table cover assembly comprising:

a flexible table cover reversibly configurable to a shape and size of a table-top for covering said table-top, said flexible table cover comprising one or more layers of a flexible material affixed to one another, said flexible table cover hemmed around its periphery, wherein said hemmed periphery defines an interstitial cavity extending along said hemmed periphery of said flexible table cover to allow one or more cords to be inserted through said interstitial cavity;

said one or more cords inserted through said interstitial cavity of said flexible table cover, wherein said inserted one or more cords pass through said interstitial cavity with opposing ends of said inserted one or more cords being drawn outwardly through openings of said interstitial cavity, said openings being defined along one or more opposing sections of said hemmed periphery; and

one or more locking elements that adjustably lock said inserted one or more cords drawn outwardly through said openings of said flexible table cover;

wrapping said hemmed periphery of said flexible table cover around a plurality of edges of said table-top;

drawing outwardly opposing ends of said inserted one or more cords through said openings of said interstitial cavity; and

adjustably locking said drawn out one or more cords using said one or more locking elements to securely and immovably position said flexible table cover over said table-top;

whereby said flexible table cover is immovably secured to the surface of said table-top without any bends, folds or creases on said table-top surface to allow guidable and bounceable movement of articles placed on said flexible table cover on said table-top.

13. The method of claim **12**, wherein said layers of said flexible table cover comprise a first padding layer made of a first material sandwiched between a second layer and a third layer each made of a second material, wherein said first padding layer, said second layer, and said third layer are affixed to one another to create said flexible table cover.

14. The method of claim **12**, further comprising providing a plurality of article capture sections on said flexible table cover for capturing said articles placed on said flexible table cover that covers said table-top.

15. The method of claim **12**, further comprising configuring said flexible table cover to a plurality of shapes based on said shape of said table-top.

16. The method of claim **12**, further comprising configuring said flexible table cover to cover generally like shaped table-tops.

17. The method of claim **12**, further comprising stretching said flexible table cover to wrap said edges of said table-top and conform to said shape of said table-top.

18. The method of claim **12**, further comprising positioning said flexible table cover on said table-top for allowing said guidable and bounceable movement of said articles placed on said flexible table cover that covers said table-top.

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