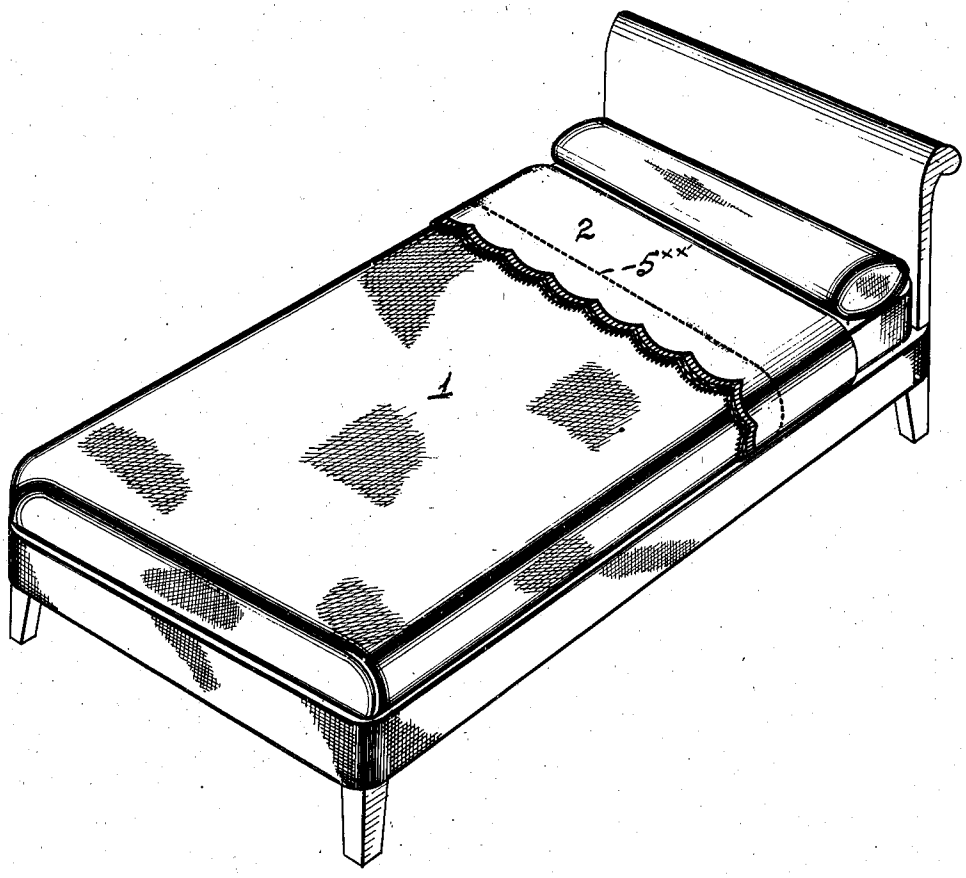
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FIG. 1.



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FIG. 1a

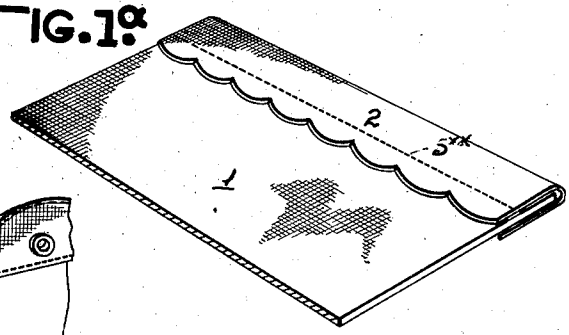


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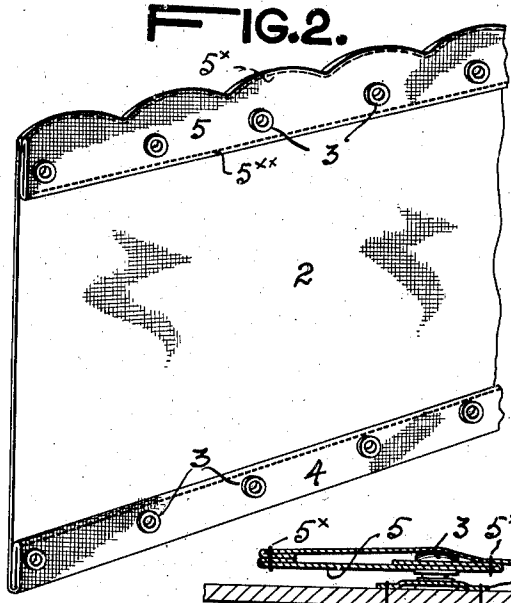


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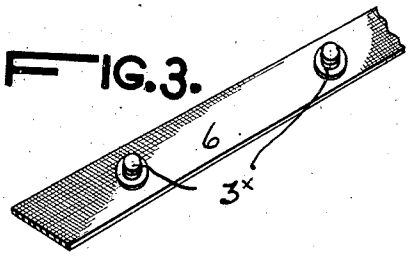


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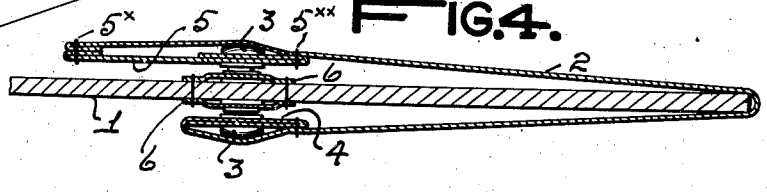
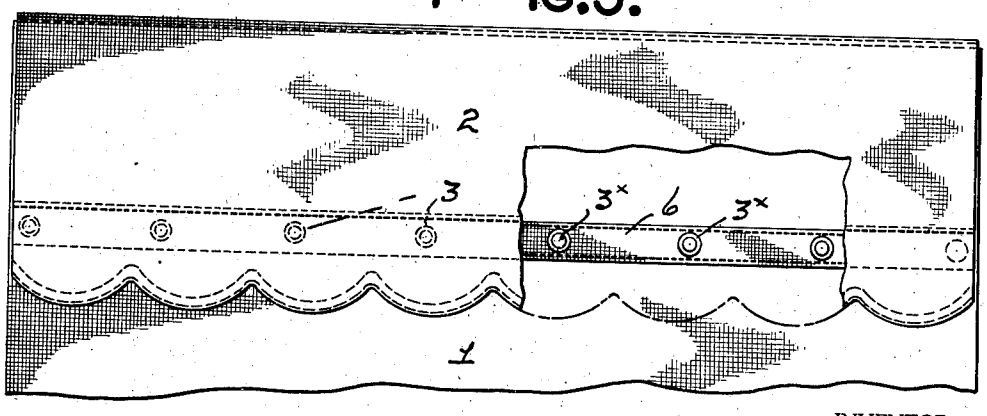


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The object of the invention is to provide an attractive and readily detachable protector for the top areas of blankets and similar bed coverings.

The invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention applied to a blanket shown in position upon a bed.

Figure 1A is a perspective view showing the upper section of a blanket, and an embodiment of the invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a rear face elevation showing one end section of the blanket protector.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary detailed perspective showing one of the fastener element carrying tapes.

Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view through the upper area of the blanket and transversely through the protector, the snap fastener elements being purposely enlarged for clarity of illustration.

Figure 5 is a plan view showing the upper area of the blanket, carrying the blanket protector, the latter being partly broken away.

Referring to the drawings, I have shown at 1 a blanket to receive at its upper area the protector which is generally indicated by the numeral 2. The longitudinal margins of the protector are turned under after receiving a plurality of snap-fastener elements 3 and these margins may be unitary with the main face of the protector as in the case of margin 4, or may be, as to one or both margins, a separate textile piece secured to the main protector body by stitching, as in the case of marginal piece 5, the stitching being indicated at 5*x* and 5*xx*.

Each of the under margins 4 and 5 is preferably of double thickness at the region of the snap fastener elements 3, forming a supporting tape for said elements, and is permanently secured by stitching or otherwise at both opposite longitudinal edges thereof to the adjacent side of the protector, thus concealing the snap fastener elements thereby. The snap fastener elements 3 extend through the tape formed by the under margins 4 and 5, and have the heads and securing discs thereof on opposite sides of the respective tapes.

The complementary snap-fastener elements 3*x* are carried by tapes 6 which are stitched to the blanket at opposite faces of said blanket, as shown in Figure 4.

The tapes are preferably secured in permanent attachment to the blanket and when the protector is applied the snap-fastener elements are entirely concealed by the protector.

The upper or outwardly disposed section of the protector, preferably is of substantial width below the seam 5*xx* and below the snap-fastener elements so that such lower area of the protector lies loosely upon the top face of the blanket. Thus when the protector is made of percale or similar material used for bed sheets, the blanket on a bed will appear to be covered at its top by the turned over sheet, such being the effect of the protector as to appearance, in such case.

The topmost lower edging of the protector may be of decorative form as desired, a simple scalloped edging being shown in Figures 1A to 5 inclusive and a lace edging being shown in Figure 1.

My invention provides an improvement over such protectors as are shown in the patent to Mead, No. 1,009,332 of November 21, 1911, in that so-called secondary flaps or pockets for the reception of fastening devices such as safety pins are eliminated, and the complementary snap-fastener elements include elements carried by tapes permanently connected with the blanket, the tapes forming a part of the complete assembly and being readily attachable to a blanket without damaging the latter in the least. The protector when soiled may be very quickly detached and replaced by a freshly laundered member which will be aligned and held in place by complementary snap-fastener elements exactly as aligned and held by the protector which is removed for cleansing.

Having described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. A blanket top protector comprising a textile piece foldable transversely thereof to provide a top section and an underlying section adapted to receive the top area of a blanket between them, tapes extending lengthwise of said top and underlying sections and having the opposite longitudinal edges thereof rigidly secured to said sections, snap-fastener elements carried colinearly by the tapes, and opposed tapes adapted to be stitched to the upper and lower faces of a blanket, snap-fastener elements carried by said blanket tapes, said last-mentioned snap-fastener elements being complementary to the snap-fastener elements carried by the protector tapes, said upper section of the protector extending a substantial distance below the snap-fastener elements carried by its tape so that the lower area of said top section is adapted to lie loosely upon

the top face of the blanket as a decorative draping area.

2. The combination with a blanket having tapes extending along opposite sides thereof adjacent one edge and carrying snap fastener elements, of a protector comprising a sheet of material folded transversely upon itself to provide top and bottom sections embracing said edge of the blanket, a strip underlying the inner face of each of said top and bottom sections and secured thereto along opposite longitudinal edges of said strip, and snap fastener elements carried by said underlying strips in position for coaction with the first-mentioned snap fastener elements.

3. A blanket top protector comprising a strip of fabric foldable transversely thereof to provide a top section and an underlying section adapted to receive an edge of a blanket therebetween having snap fastener elements secured to opposite sides of the blanket adjacent said edge, each of said sections having an under ply permanently secured thereto at both opposite longitudinal edges thereof, snap fastener elements extending through said under ply and having heads and securing discs on opposite sides of said under ply with the heads thereof concealed between the section and the under ply and adapted to coact with the snap fastener elements attached to the blanket.

4. A blanket top protector comprising a strip of fabric folded transversely thereof providing a top section and an underlying section adapted to receive an edge of a blanket therebetween, each of said sections having an under ply permanently secured thereto at both opposite longitudinal edges thereof and having a reinforcing strip superposed on said under ply, snap fastener socket elements extending through said under ply and having heads and securing discs on opposite sides respectively of the under ply and reinforcing strip with the heads thereof concealed between the section and under ply and adapted to coact with snap fastener pronged elements attached to the blanket.

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