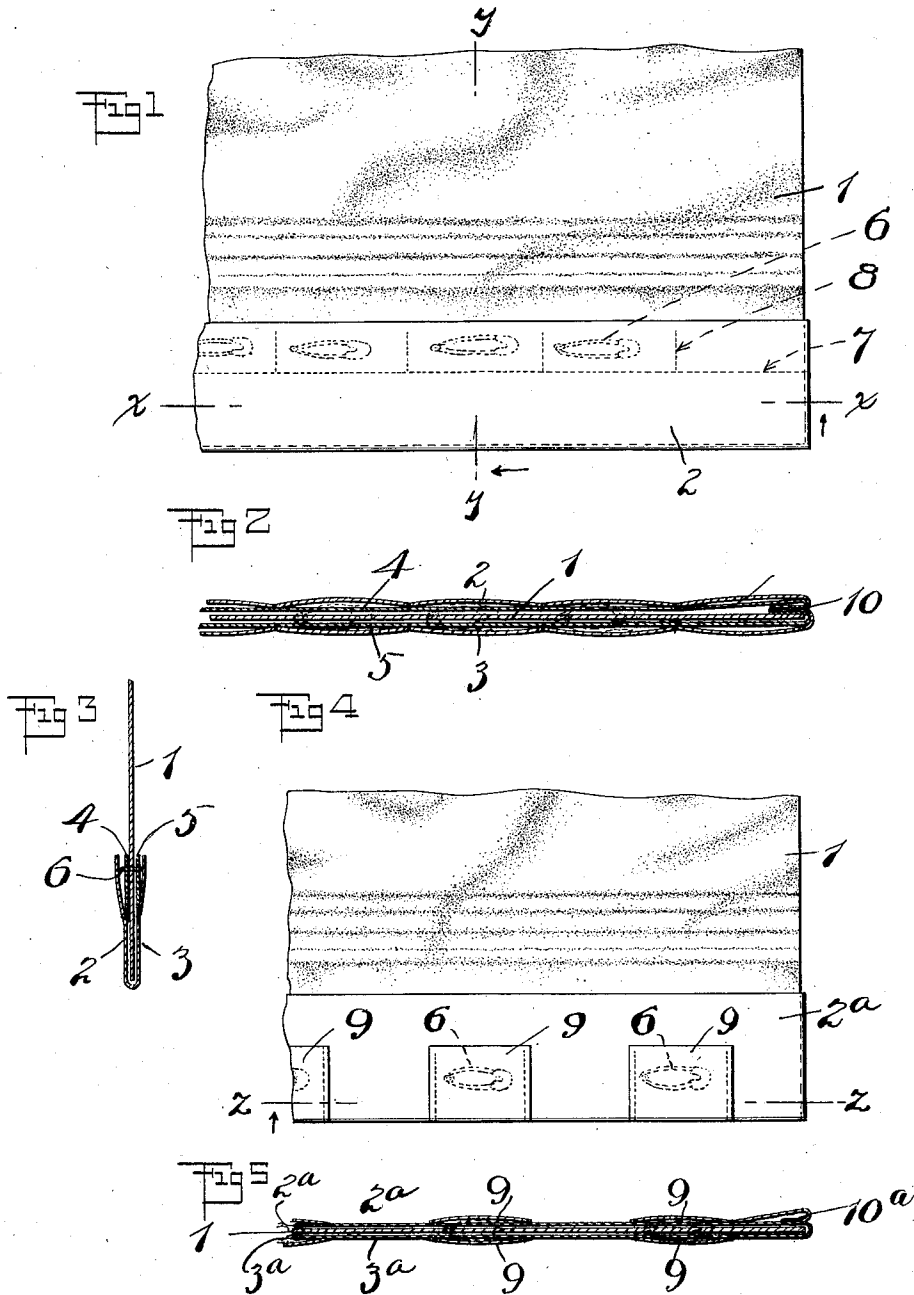


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCES R. MEAD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greenwich, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blanket-Protectors, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in bed coverings, and particularly to an improvement for comfortables and the like.

The invention consists in providing a protecting device for the upper ends of bed comfortables and blankets.

The purpose of my invention is to provide for blankets and comfortables a neat and inexpensive covering and protector for that part of the blanket which is subjected to the greatest wear and which, experience has shown, becomes quickly soiled and worn in ordinary use. It is to guard against this rapid soiling and wear that I have devised my improved protecting device, which comprises a protector slip arranged to overstand the upper edge of the blanket, or so much thereof as is ordinarily soiled or worn in the use of the device.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of one end of a blanket with one end of my protector slip thereon, the balance of the parts being broken away. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line $x-x$ Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line $y-y$ Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a modification. Fig. 5 is a section thereof on the line $z-z$, Fig. 4.

1 represents one end of a blanket or comfortable; the protector slip is arranged to overstand one edge thereof to prevent the undue soiling or wear of said edge. This protector slip preferably comprises the two main flaps 2—3, and the two secondary flaps 4—5. Between the secondary flaps 4—5 and the main flaps 2—3, respectively, are pockets into any of which may be introduced a safety pin or other suitable fastening, which pin may be passed through the material of the slip, and that part of the blanket arranged between the same, (see Figs. 2 and 3), so as to secure said slip on the edge of the blanket and prevent the same from becoming accidentally detached. A safety pin in place is indicated at 6.

When the safety pin is in place it is obvious that there is an overlying part of the slip which entirely covers and protects said pin. These protector slips may be easily and

cheaply made and sold for a comparatively small sum and may be quickly attached to a blanket or comfortable so as to protect that edge of the blanket or comfortable which is drawn up toward the upper part of the bed. As is well known, it is this edge of a blanket or comfortable which is most rapidly soiled, and which shows the greatest amount of wear. It is obvious that by reason of this fact the employment of an effective protector slip at said edge will result in very substantial economies. In the production of such device it is obviously necessary to provide a means which will not only not detract from the finished appearance of the blanket itself, but which will not annoy the occupant of the bed. To that end, it is important that the fastening devices employed should be entirely protected and covered and yet should be so associated with the slip device and the blanket as to provide an effective connection between the parts when assembled. As shown herein the secondary flaps 4—5 form in effect, pockets for the reception of the aforesaid fastening devices. The secondary flaps may be stitched on or otherwise fastened at any convenient points to the main body, the main line of stitching for one of said flaps being indicated at 7, Fig. 1. Not only are these secondary flaps secured to the main body along the line 7, but it is also preferred to stitch said flaps at intervals, as at 8, to form relatively short pockets. The safety pins may be applied in as many of the pockets as may be desired or necessary for the effective holding of the slip on the upper edge of the blanket or comfortable.

In Fig. 2 I have shown a modification in which the pockets are indicated at 9—9, the same being stitched or otherwise fastened to the main flaps of the protector slip, one of said flaps being indicated at 2^a. If desired, the end edges of the flaps 2—3 may be stitched together as shown at 10, Fig. 2, or 10^a Fig. 5.

It should be understood that I have attempted to describe herein only the preferred form of my invention, it being obvious that a variety of inventions may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope thereof.

It is obvious that whenever a protector slip becomes soiled it may be easily removed and cleansed for reapplication to another blanket or comfortable.

What I claim is:

1. In a protector slip for blankets, comfortables and the like, two main flaps, and a series of fastener pockets along one edge of one of said flaps.

2. In a protector slip for blankets, comfortables and the like, two main flaps, a series of fastener pockets along one edge of each of said flaps.

3. In a protector slip for blankets, comfortables and the like, two main flaps and a series of fastener pockets along one edge of one of said flaps, said main flaps being stitched together at their ends.

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