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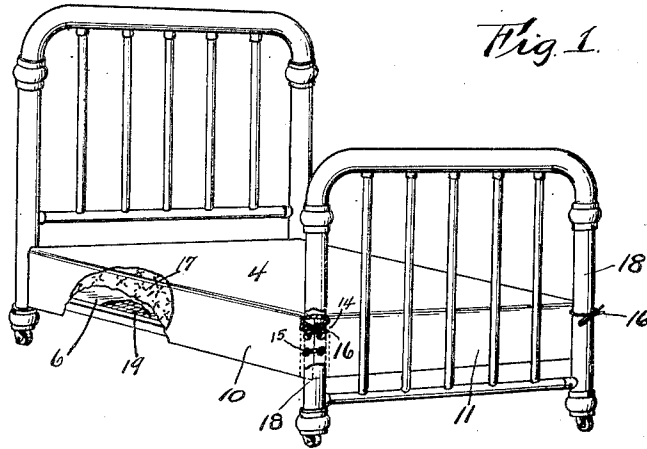


Fig. 2.

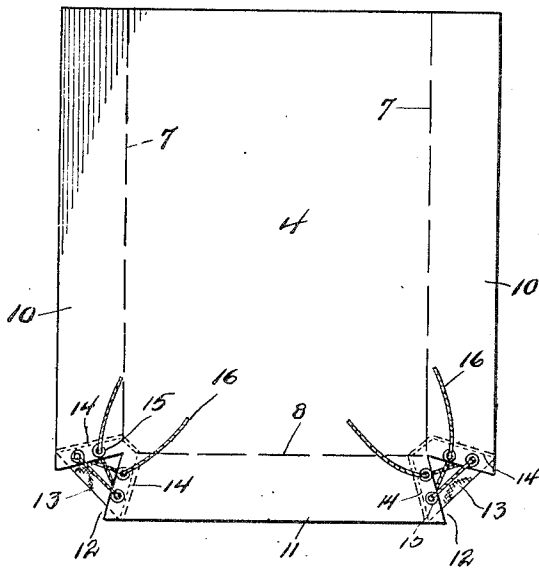
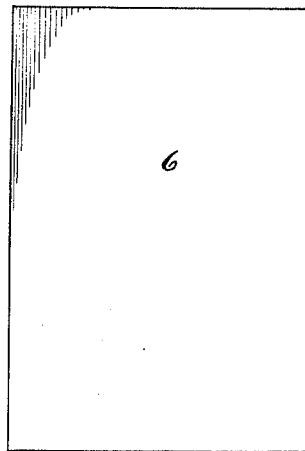


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAGGIE BROWN RAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Bed-Coverings and Bed-Springs Coverings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bed coverings and aims to provide a protective covering of this character which will be neat, durable and inexpensive and particularly adapted for beds of sleeping porches, outdoor hospitals, camping outfits,—in short, all types of beds intended for outdoor use.

One of the objects in view is to devise a covering for bedding which will both protect the bedding from dirt, soot and the like, and also shield the occupant of the bed from cold air currents as well as effectively retain the natural warmth of the occupant's body within the bed. In carrying out this feature of the invention a cover is provided consisting of a soft, tough and pliable, and comparatively heavy, paper material, and preferably having a glazed surface on one of its faces. This glazed surface serves as an effective barrier against air currents, and against the passage of heat, and where such glazed surface forms the exposed face of the top covering of the bed, its smoothness tends to prevent the clinging of lint and soot, and any deposits thereof are readily brushed or shaken off and the covering and the underlying bed clothing thus maintained sanitary.

It is a further object to provide a covering which may be neatly and snugly fitted to the bedding, and for this purpose an adjustable construction is provided for insuring a neat fit of the corners of the covering to the corners of the bedding, said construction also including means for detachably securing said corners to the foot of the bedstead.

With these general objects in view the invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein is illustrated one form of embodiment of the improvement, after which the novel features therein will be set forth and defined in the appended claim.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view (partly

broken away) showing a bed provided with a protective covering for the bedding embodying the present improvement; and

Figs. 2 and 3 are plan views respectively of the top and bottom sections of the covering.

Referring to the said drawing in detail, the top covering 4 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and also the bottom section 6 of the protective covering, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, are made of a soft but strong, tough and pliable paper material of any suitable quality adapted for the purpose, and preferably glazed on one side, as, for example, the top face of the covering 4. Being soft and pliable, the paper will be of a substantially noiseless character, and a covering of such material, and having the glazed surface, serves as an effective means of protection against both dirt and cold, and especially against currents of air. The top covering 4 is made to fit the top and sides and foot of the bedding, being turned down at the sides as shown in Fig. 1, and along the lines represented by the broken lines 7 in Fig. 2, and also turned down at the foot along the line represented by the broken line 8 in Fig. 2,—thus providing the side flaps 10 and the foot flap 11. The foot corners of the top covering 4 are cut out as at 12 to form miter corners at the foot corners of the bed, and the cut out portions are spanned by gussets 13 of elastic material secured by stitching 14 to the covering. Between said stitching 14 and the edges of the cut out portions are provided eyelets 15 for the passage of lacing cords 16 whereby the miter corners may be drawn up snugly around the corners of the mattress 17 and the other bed clothing and then said cords tied to the foot corner posts 18 of the bed as illustrated in Fig. 1.

The bottom section 6 of the covering is simply placed flat upon the springs 19 of the bed below the mattress 17.

A simple and inexpensive covering is thus provided for carrying out the desired objects of the invention. The miter corners with the elastic gussets and lacing affords a construction adapted to be fitted neatly to the contour of the corners of the bed and at the same time firmly secured thereto. The use of a strong and tough yet soft and pliable paper material with one face thereof

glazed provides a covering which is agreeable and noiseless and serves all the essential functions of a top covering for protecting against dirt and the like, and furthermore, due to the properties of the paper material, affords a more effective shield against cold, dampness and air currents than the usual type of cotton and woolen covers and blankets. The glazed surface of the paper, by its reflecting properties, not only shields against air currents but aids effectively in retaining the natural warmth of the body of the occupant of the bed. Thus the use of such a covering enables the number of blankets and other ordinary covers to be reduced. Again, the glazed outer surface of the covering 4 provides a smooth surface to which ordinary dust, lint and soot will not cling, and any such dust and the like may be readily brushed or shaken off the cover, so that a saving is effected in the laundry of the under blankets or bed clothing.

While the foregoing represents what is now regarded as the preferred form of embodiment of the improvement, the right is reserved to make such formal changes or

modifications as may fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A bed covering comprising a sheet of soft and pliable paper material having a glazed outer surface and formed to fit snugly over the top, sides and foot of the bedding, said sheet having mitered corners at the foot of the bedding with gussets of elastic material inserted in said mitered corners and adapted to yieldingly and adaptably embrace the foot corners of the bedding.

2. A bed covering comprising a sheet of soft, tough and pliable paper material having a smooth glazed outer surface, said sheet of material being formed to fit snugly over the top, sides and foot of the bedding and having mitered corners at the foot of the bedding with gussets of elastic material inserted in said mitered corners and adapted to yieldingly and adjustably embrace the foot corners of the bedding, and lacing means for securing the edges of said mitered corners together and also serving to secure said mitered corners to the foot of the bedstead.

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