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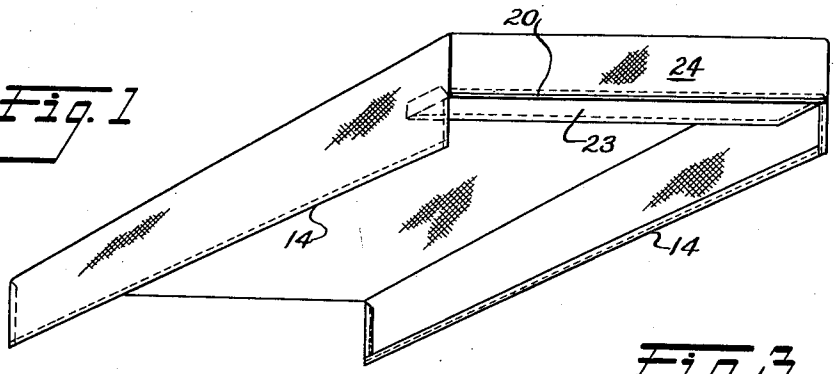


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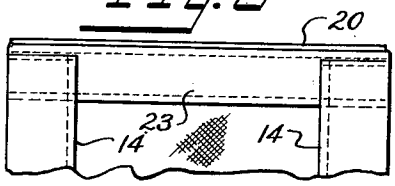
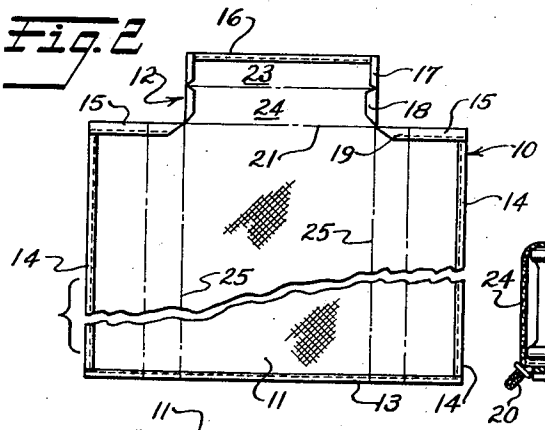


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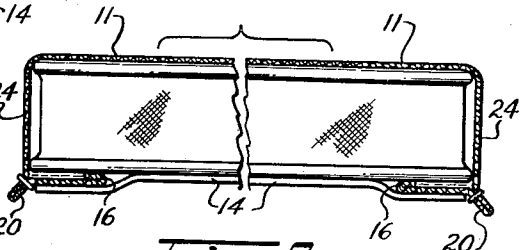


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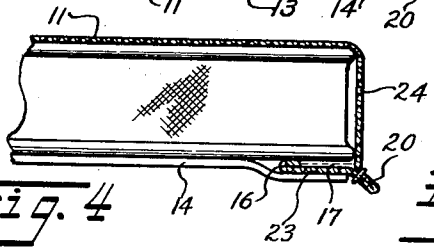
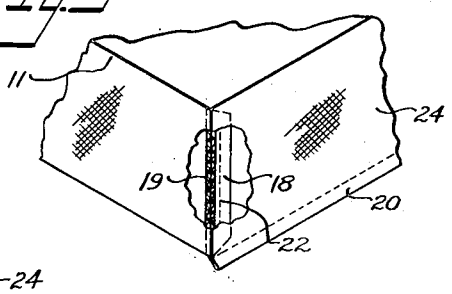


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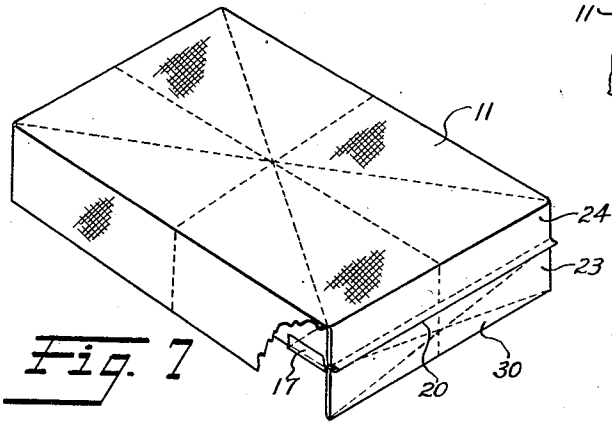


Fig. 7

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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in bed covers.

The advantage of providing bed covers, such as bed sheets and bed spreads with pockets or like means for retaining the same on a mattress are well known. However, prior attempts to provide covers of this nature have not proven satisfactory mainly because the construction failed to afford suitable ease of attachment with effective engagement of the mattress.

It is, accordingly, an object of this invention to provide a bed cover having a mattress engaging pocket of improved construction.

Another object of the invention is to provide a bed cover having a pocket embodying shape retaining characteristics.

A further object of the invention is to provide a bed cover having a pocket constructed so as to stiffen the angular parts thereof.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a bed cover having the pocket constructed so as to more effectively grip the mattress.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a pocketed bed cover of the aforesaid character which can be readily laundered.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the underside of a bed sheet in its operative position on a mattress.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the sheet in its open blank form.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view illustrating the completely folded sheet on a mattress.

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical section of the sheet on one end of the mattress.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary corner view broken to show the seam structure, and

Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section through another form of the bed sheet.

Figure 7 is a top perspective view, partly broken away, of a bed spread constructed in accordance with the invention.

Referring to the drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the views, the cover constructed primarily as a bed sheet, shown at Figures 1 to 5, embodies a sheet 10 of any preferred sheeting material. This sheet is initially cut to form a blank as shown at Figure 2, embodying a rectangular body part 11 cut at one end to provide a smaller rectangular extension 12 centrally thereof. The blank is of such size that a margin, to be folded onto the bottom face border is provided. The marginal folds at the straight end edge and longitudinal side edges of the body part are stitched to provide hems 13 and 14. The outer lengths at the opposite end edge of the body and the outer edge of the extension are also stitched to provide hems 15 and 16. The infolded margins at the sides of the extension and adjacent parts of the body provide unstitched seam margins 17, 18 and 19.

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Along a line spaced inwardly of and parallel with its outer edge extension 12 is folded and stitched to provide an outwardly protruding doubled thickness of the sheeting to form a rib 20. The extension is then folded at a right angle to body 11 along a line 21 in alignment with the adjacent end edges of the body and the margins 18 are stitched to infolded margins 19 to form a seam 22 at each end thereof. The extension is then folded along the seam of rib 20 so that the outer part is directed inward and the infolded margins 17 are stitched to the side parts of the body to provide a part 23 at a right angle to extension part 24.

When placed upon the mattress of a bed, the cover thus constructed provides a pocket having extension portion 24 depending from the foot end of the sheet body and lying against the foot end surface of the mattress with extension portion 23 directed horizontally inward under the end of the mattress. The side parts of body 11 fold along lines 25 and drop at the sides of the mattress. The operations can then be completed by folding the lower parts of the drop sides of the body under the sides of the mattress.

The provision of the doubling fold or rib 20 and the marginal seam stitching of the ends of the pocket to the sides of the sheet produce a sharply angled and stiffened shape retaining pocket structure which can be easily fitted over the foot end of a mattress and which will effectively grip the mattress to prevent unintended detachment while enabling convenient intended removal by a straight longitudinal pull longitudinally of the mattress.

Figure 6 illustrates a modification in which the bed sheet has a pocket of the improved shape retaining construction, described in the foregoing, at each end. This form is designed so that a pocket can be slipped over the head end as well as the foot end of the mattress to retain the sheet firmly in place where the single foot end pocket would not afford sufficient connection.

In the construction of a bed cover to be employed as a covering spread a flap 30 is attached

to the bottom angle of the pocket, as illustrated in Figure 7, with the remaining portion constructed in accordance with the bed cover described in the foregoing.

For this purpose a length of material corresponding to that of the spread and of a size which may approximate that of the outer drop side of the pocket, is disposed with a longitudinal margin fitted against and stitched to rib **20**. When fitted on the bed the pocket is pulled over the foot end of the mattress, with the flap **30** hanging in conformity with the hanging drop sides to provide a spread which is form fitting and securely held in place.

The construction of the cover in this manner provides not only a stronger shape retaining pocket but affords good holding qualities with a bottom inturn **23** of minimum dimension lengthwise of the mattress.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit and scope thereof and therefore the invention is not limited to that which is shown in the drawing and described in the specification but only as indicated in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a bed cover, a rectangular body of cloth having a rectangular extension centrally of an end thereof, said extension being folded along a line spaced from and parallel with the adjacent end edges of the body to provide a doubled part stitched to form an outwardly projecting rib, the extension being turned down and having side marginal parts stitched to contiguous marginal parts of the body to provide corner seams, the extension having its outer part turned inward along the line of said rib and marginal side parts stitched to sides of the body to form a right angular pocket at the end of the body for engaging an end of a mattress.

2. In a bed cover, a sheet having a major body portion adapted to cover the top face and sides of the bed mattress, a pocket formed at one end of the sheet having a first part arranged to cover an end face of the mattress and perpendicular to the body portion of the sheet, said pocket having a second part extending inward of the bottom edge of the first part and perpendicular to the latter so as to fit against the bottom face of the mattress, said first part of the pocket having an extension margin at each end secured to an adjacent marginal part of the body portion of the sheet, and the second part of the pocket having a marginal extension at each end secured to the body portion of the sheet.

3. A bed cover as claimed in claim 2 wherein the juncture of the first and second parts of the pocket is formed to provide a doubled portion stitched to provide a rib.

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