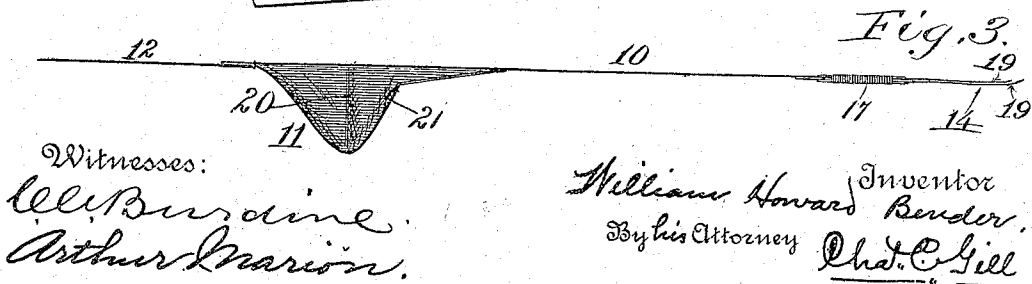
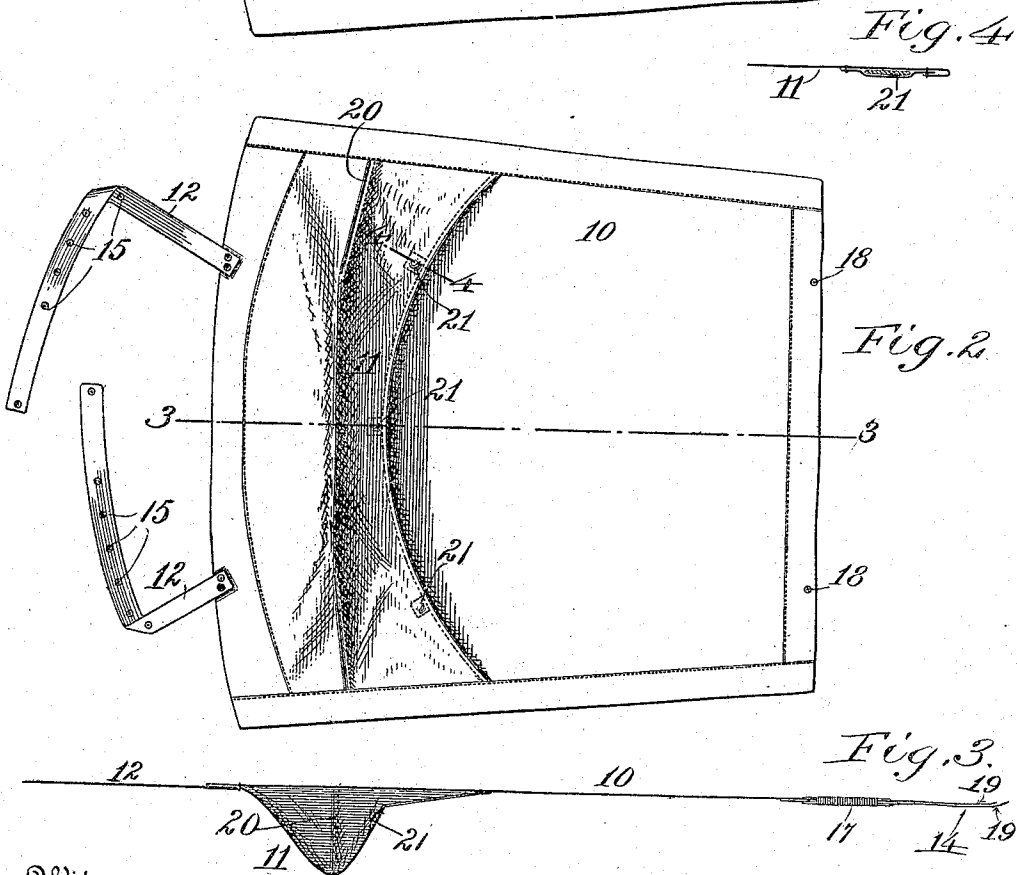
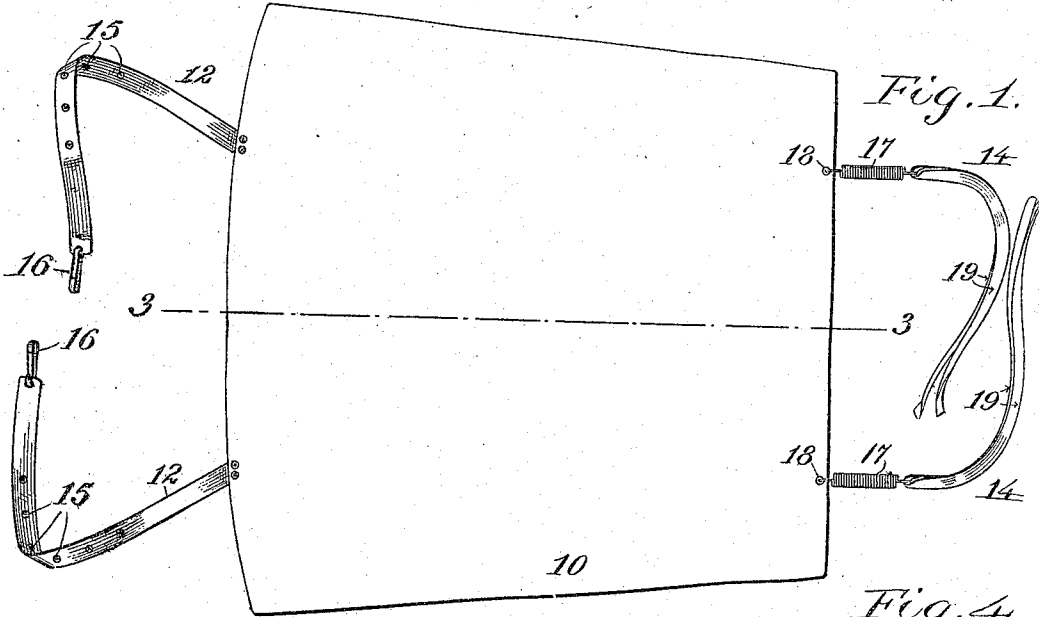


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HOWARD BENDER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bed-Coverings, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates more especially to top sheets or covers for the beds of babies and young children, and its object is to provide a top-sheet or cover which will prevent the child from becoming uncovered and at the same time be comfortable and permit the baby to turn its legs upwardly in the accustomed manner.

The covering may be formed of linen, cotton, flannel or other fabric and for convenience of explanation I will designate the same as a top-sheet since it is to be placed over and directly onto the child. The sheet will be of a size suited to the dimensions of the bed on which it is to be placed and, in its preferred form, equipped with flexible means secured to its upper and lower edges for detachably fastening the sheet to the corner posts or other convenient parts of the bed. The flexible connections at the foot-edge of the sheet will preferably be wholly or in part of an elastic or yielding character so that they while normally holding the sheet reasonably taut will permit the child to force the sheet upwardly to a proper extent and then when the child's legs are down restore the sheet to its normal position.

An important feature of the sheet is that at the lower side of its upper end portion it is provided with a transverse pocket which opens toward the foot-end of the sheet and into which the feet of the child will pass when it throws its legs upwardly in the manner common with babies. The fabric of the pocket hangs loosely and at its edge will preferably be lightly weighted so as to remain close down against the child.

The invention will be fully understood from the detailed description hereinafter presented, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a top view of a sheet embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a bottom view of the same; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same on the dotted line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a detached section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2 through a portion of the pocket.

In the drawings, 10 designates the sheet, 11 the pocket on the lower side of the upper end portion thereof, 12 flexible straps secured to the upper end of the sheet for fastening the latter to the head-posts of the bed, and 14 flexible connections fastened to the lower end of the sheet for securing the sheet to the foot-posts of the bed. The straps will preferably be formed with eye-letted holes 15 and provided on their outer ends with hooks 16 adapted to said holes, and in the employment of said straps their outer ends will be passed around the head-posts or other convenient parts of the bed and the hooks engaged in the appropriate holes 15. There are a series of holes in each strap 12 and hence the relation of the upper edge of the sheet to the neck of the child may be regulated at will. The flexible connections 14 will preferably comprise coiled springs 17 hooked through eyes 18 provided in the hem of the sheet and tapers 19 connected with the outer ends of said springs. The tapes 19 may be tied around the foot-posts or other convenient parts of the bed. When the sheet is secured on the bed it cannot be pushed downwardly from off the child but it may yield at its lower end to the extent permitted by the springs 17 and any slack left in the tapes 19.

The pocket 11 extends transversely of the sheet and is formed by sewing a strip of fabric thereto, the sewing extending along the ends and upper edges of said strip and said pocket being free and open at the lower edge of the strip. I create a fullness in the pocket 11 by darts in the ends of the strip (at 20) so that the pocket may settle downwardly on the child should the sheet at its middle portion be pushed upwardly. The edge of the pocket 11 has a few light weights sewed in it, as at 21, to assuredly open the mouth of the pocket should the sheet below said pocket be pushed upwardly.

The purpose of the pocket 11 is to receive the feet of the child should it turn its legs upwardly and forwardly in the familiar manner and thereby prevent the feet from protruding outwardly beyond the upper edge of the sheet. The pocket 11 being made full so as to bag downwardly will cover the chest even though the feet be turned upwardly and forwardly into said pocket and partly raise the upper end of the sheet.

The pocket 11 and suitable means for holding the sheet on the bed will prevent the

child from becoming uncovered. The yielding character of the connections 14 permits the child to have a certain freedom in raising the legs, and the straps 12 prevent the sheet from being pushed downwardly by the turning down or straightening out of the legs or from other cause.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

10 1. A cover-sheet having at the lower side of its upper end portion a transverse pocket which opens toward the lower end of the sheet; substantially as set forth.

2. A cover-sheet having at the lower side 15 of its upper end portion a transverse pocket which opens toward the lower end of the sheet, the material of said pocket being full so as to bag downwardly and afford a covering when adjacent portions of the sheet below it are pushed upwardly; substantially as set forth.

3. A cover-sheet having at the lower side 25 of its upper end portion a transverse pocket which opens toward the lower end of the sheet, and the said pocket at its mouth being

weighted so that the pocket may open when adjacent portions of the sheet below are pushed upwardly; substantially as set forth.

4. A cover-sheet having at the lower side of its upper end portion a transverse pocket 30 which opens toward the lower end of the sheet, and said sheet having means at its upper and lower ends for fastening it to the bed; substantially as set forth.

5. A cover-sheet having at the lower side 35 of its upper end portion a transverse pocket which opens toward the lower end of the sheet, and said sheet having at its upper end flexible connections for securing it to the head of the bed and at its lower end connections of elastic nature for securing it to the 40 foot of the bed; substantially as set forth.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 18th day of February, A. D. 1909.

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