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[54] **PROTECTIVE BED SHEET**

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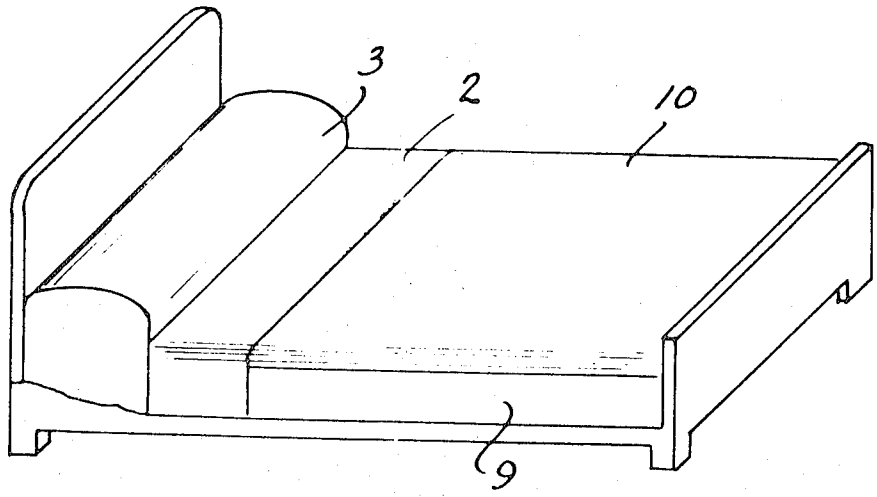
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

This specification describes a bed sheet including two flaps at one end thereof, one of said flaps adapted to cover the pillows to prevent the bedspread from contacting the pillows, the other flap adapted to be folded down over the top of a blanket and to be secured to the sheet to prevent soiling of the blanket.

4 Claims, 2 Drawing Figures



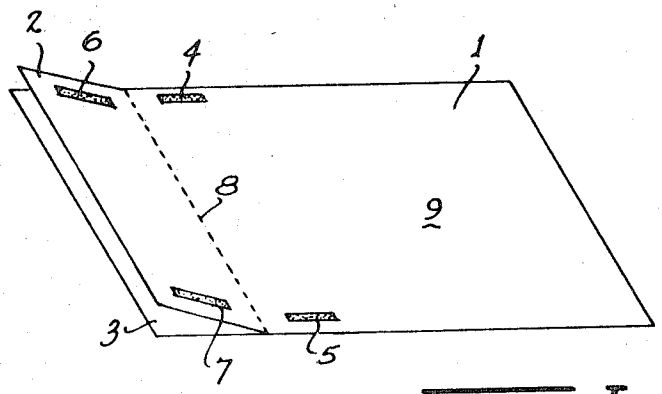


Fig. 1.

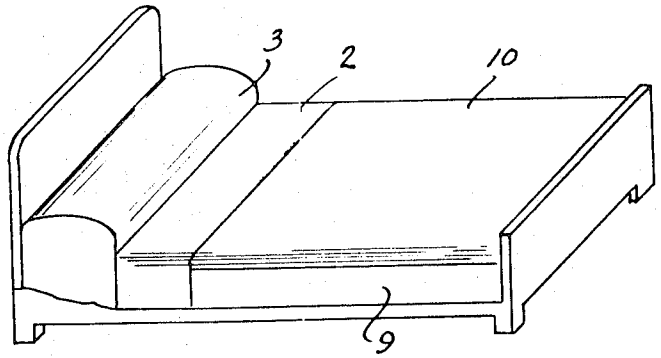


Fig. 2.

PROTECTIVE BED SHEET

This invention relates to a bed sheet which will reduce wear and soiling of blankets and at the same time prevent contact between soiled bed covers and the portions of the bed clothes contacted by the sleeper.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Hotel operators do not normally change used blankets or bedspreads in contrast to bedsheets, after a hotel guest has departed. Consequently, hotel guests may find that they come in contact with soiled blankets and with fresh bed sheets and pillow cases that have been in contact with soiled blankets or bedspreads. Moreover, blankets exposed to close contact with a succession of sleeping guests tend to wear rapidly.

In order to prevent contact between a sleeper and the blankets covering the sleeper, it has been proposed that the top sheet be adapted to fold over the blanket and to be fastened to the blanket. However, such systems require a fastening means both on the blanket and on the sheet. Moreover, such a system does not prevent the soiled bedcover from contacting the pillows and the folded portion of the top sheet which the sleeper must contact.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a bed sheet which prevents contact between a sleeper and the blankets covering the sleeper, wherein the sheet is not restricted for use with a special type of blanket or is not dependent on securing means located on the blanket.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a bed sheet which prevents contact between a bed spread and the pillowcases and portions of the top sheet contacted by the sleeper.

The features of the invention which are believed to be novel are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. The organization and manner of operation of the invention, together with further objects and advantages thereof, may best be understood by reference to the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in the several figures of which like reference numerals identify like elements and in which:

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a bed sheet in accordance with the present invention; and

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a bed with a bed sheet in accordance with the present invention.

The present invention contemplates a bed sheet comprising a main portion, and a first foldable flap and a second foldable flap at one edge of said main portion, said first flap being capable of being folded back over and being fastened to said main portion to provide a pocket, said second flap being capable of forming an extension to said main portion and also being capable of being folded back over said first flap, said first flap and said main portion being provided with means for removably fastening said first flap to said main portion.

In FIG. 1, of the drawings there is shown a perspective view of a bed sheet in accordance with the present invention. As shown in FIG. 1, the sheet 9 consists of main body portion 1 and flaps 2 and 3. Flap 2 is attached to one edge of main body portion 1 along seam 8. Flap 3 is also attached to main body portion 1 along seam 8. An adhesive material such as that sold under the trade mark VELCRO is attached in strips 4 and 5, to the main body portion 1 of sheet 9. Strips 6 and 7 of the adhesive are also attached to the flap 2 so that when flap 2 is folded along seam 8, strip 6 will contact strip 4 and strip 7 will contact strip 5.

FIG. 2 shows a bed covered with a sheet 9 in accordance with the present invention and a blanket 10. when the bed is made, an ordinary bottom sheet is placed over the mattress and pillows are placed at the head of the bed. A top sheet in accordance with the present invention having adhesive strips 4, 5, 6 and 7 on the top surface thereof is then placed over the lower sheet and pillows. Blanket 10 is then laid over sheet 9 with the top edge of the blanket along seam 8. Flap 2 is then folded back over blanket 10 and pressure is applied to the contacting strips of adhesive to maintain flap 2 in position. Normally, the blanket is not as wide as the spacing of the strips 4 and 5. However, should the blanket be wider it is obvious that it is only necessary to fold the top edges of the blanket inwards so that the strips 6 and 7 on the flap 2 contact strip 4 and strip 5 respectively on the main body portion 1 of sheet 9.

With flap 3 covering the pillows, the bedspread is then placed over the bed. It will be readily seen that when a bed is made with a bed sheet in accordance with the present invention the bedspread is prevented from contacting and soiling the pillows and the upper part of blanket 10.

When it is desired to use the bed, the bedspread is removed and flap 3 is folded down to cover flap 2. Thus there will be no contact between the sleeper and any part of the bed clothes contacted by the bedspread. At the same time, the present invention aids in maintaining the blanket and sheet in place thereby preventing accidental contact between the sleeper and the blanket, which might occur as a result of movement by the sleeper. Since the blankets do not normally contact the sleeper, they will not become soiled as quickly and will require cleaning less often.

The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The above-described embodiment is, therefore, to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are therefore intended to be embraced therein.

I claim:

1. A bed sheet comprising a main portion, and a first foldable flap and a second foldable flap at one edge of said main portion, said first and second flaps being coextensive with the dimension of the edge of said main portion, said first flap being capable of being folded back over and being fastened to said main portion to provide a pocket, said second flap being capable of forming an extension to said main portion of a length to form a cover for a pillow and also being capable of being folded back over said first flap, said first flap and said main portion being provided with means for removably fastening said first flap to said main portion at

lateral edge portions of said first flap and said main portion.

2. A bed sheet as defined in claim **1** in which said means for fastening said first flap to said main portion is in registration with the portion of the fastening means on said main portion when said first flap is folded back over said main portion.

3. A bed sheet as defined in claim **1** in which said means for fastening said first flap to said main portion is adhesive material.

4. A bed sheet as defined in claim **2** in which said means for fastening said first flap to said main portion is adhesive material.

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