

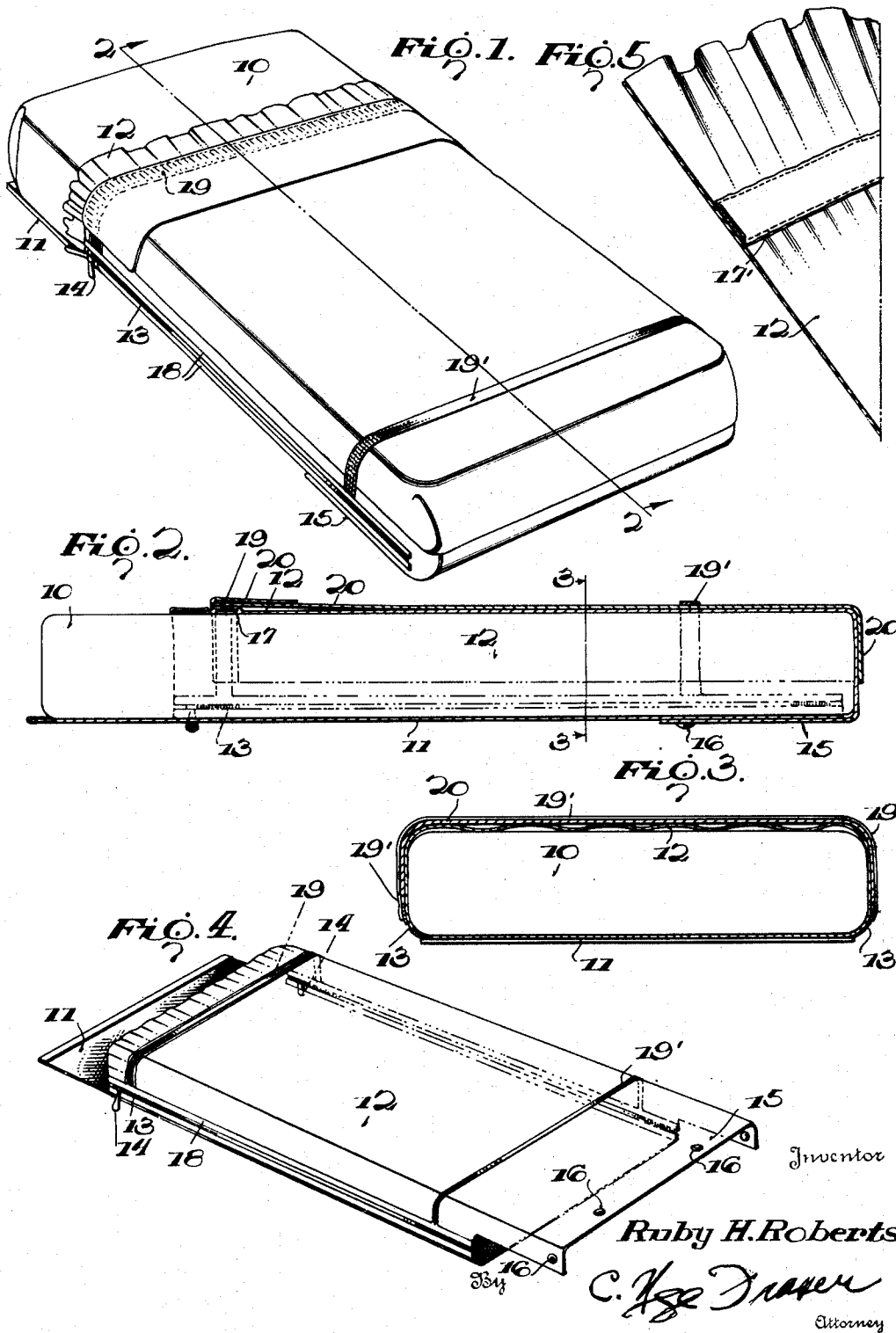
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The present invention relates to coverings for beds or mattresses and to means for securing coverings of this type in place.

An important object of the invention is the provision of a coverlet which has particular utility for use with babies or young children to keep them fully covered.

A further object of the invention is to provide a coverlet with means to hold additional bed clothes in place.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a covering for beds or mattresses which is inexpensive to manufacture, easily placed on a bed or mattress and removed therefrom, and which will keep the occupant of the bed covered while permitting freedom of movement.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the drawing, which forms a part of this specification and wherein like characters of reference denote like parts throughout—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a mattress having the present invention applied thereto,

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof, on the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the coverlet before being applied to the mattress, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary detail perspective view of a modified form of neckline.

In the drawing, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 10 designates a mattress for use on a bed, cot or crib. A pad 11 extends the full length of the mattress on the under side thereof, and may be of any suitable material such as canvas, which is sufficiently heavy for the purpose and washable.

A sheet 12 of any suitable material is adapted to be removably fastened along its side edges to the side edges of the pad 11 from the foot end of the pad to a point adjacent but spaced from the head end thereof. Any suitable fastening means may be employed. In the drawing, talon or "zipper" fasteners 13 are secured to the edges of pad 11 and sheet 12 and operated by the usual movable key member 14. The sheet 12 extends below the foot end of the pad and of the mattress to form an overhanging flap 15 which may be tucked under the foot end of the mattress and removably secured to the underside of the pad by suitable fasteners or pins 16. The head end of the sheet 12 is preferably doubled upon itself

and gathered or shirred, an elastic tape 17 being disposed between the doubled portion of the sheet transversely thereof. When a child or other occupant is lying on the mattress, the elastic tape or band 17 will hold the sheet in position under his neck or armpits. The gathered portion of the sheet permits stretching of the tape 17.

In place of the doubled sheet end and tape 17 disposed therebetween, a strip or tape 17' of suitable elastic material such as "Lastex" may be sewed directly to the underside of the gathered top of the sheet, as shown in Figure 5.

The sides of the sheet 12 are reinforced at 18 to support the fasteners 13 without tearing the sheet. An elastic band 19 is secured to the reinforcement 18 at each side of sheet 12, exteriorly of the sheet and extends above the sheet adjacent the head end thereof. A similar elastic band 19' is disposed adjacent the foot end of the sheet and secured to reinforcements 18. Tapes 19 and 19' may be of any suitable elastic or resilient material, and may be covered with ribbon or cloth if desired. In use, blankets or additional covers 20 may be disposed over sheet 12 and under tapes 19 and 19' to be held in place by said tapes. As shown in Figures 1 and 2, the head ends of covers 20 may be folded back over tape 19. It will be seen that tapes 19 and 19' will securely hold the covers 20 to the sheet 12, and that any desired numbers of covers 20 may be held by the tapes. In place of elastic tapes, ribbons may be secured to each side of the sheet and tied above the sheet, but elastic tapes are more readily handled.

Fasteners 16 may be omitted and the weight of the mattress relied upon to hold flap 15 in place. By operating keys 14, the sheet 12 may be completely removed from pad 11 for laundering, and a new sheet secured to the pad. The gathered head end of the sheet permits a comfortable, close fit at the head of the sheet while the fasteners 13 extending to the foot of the mattress prevents displacement of any part of the covers by the occupant. The elastic tapes 19 and 19' bring the other covers into the coverlet to form a part thereof. It will be seen, therefore, that the fasteners 13, gathered resilient head portion of the sheet 12 and the straps or tapes 19 and 19' insure proper covering of the occupant at all times without discomfort.

An important feature of the present construction is that the sheet 12 and pad 11 are independent of the mattress, and may be easily removed and replaced, or applied to other mat-

tresses. Various materials may be used for the several parts, as desired, and other types of fasteners than that shown may be employed.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, various changes in the size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. The combination with a mattress, of a pad adapted to be disposed beneath the mattress, a sheet adapted to be disposed above the mattress, means to fasten the edges of the sheet and pad from a point adjacent the head end of the sheet to a point adjacent the foot end thereof, said sheet being shirred at its head end, means resiliently urging the shirred end of the sheet towards the mattress, and a tape secured to opposite sides of the sheet and extending transversely across the sheet and mattress to retain covers disposed above said sheet.

2. The combination with a mattress, of a pad adapted to be disposed beneath the mattress, a sheet adapted to be disposed above the mattress, said sheet being reinforced at its side edges, interlocking fastening members secured to the reinforced side edges of the sheet and the side edges of the pad and adapted to detachably connect the sheet and pad for substantially the full length of the sheet, said sheet being gathered at its head end, an elastic member associated with the gathered end of the sheet and resiliently urging it towards the mattress, and spaced resilient bands secured to the opposite reinforced edges

of the sheet and extending transversely across the sheet to engage and hold covers disposed above the sheet and beneath the bands.

3. The combination with a mattress, of a pad adapted to be disposed beneath the mattress, a sheet adapted to be disposed above the mattress, said sheet being reinforced at its side edges, interlocking fastening members secured to the reinforced side edges of the pad and adapted to detachably connect the sheet and pad for the greater part of the length of the sheet, said sheet extending beyond the foot end of the pad to form a flap adapted to be tucked under the foot of the mattress, said sheet being gathered at its head end, an elastic member associated with the gathered end of the sheet and resiliently urging it towards the mattress, and resilient bands disposed adjacent the head and foot end of the sheet and secured to the opposite reinforced edges of the sheet to extend transversely across the sheet and engage and hold covers disposed above the sheet and beneath the bands.

4. The combination with a mattress, of a pad adapted to be disposed beneath the mattress, a sheet adapted to be disposed above the mattress, said sheet being reinforced at its side edges, interlocking fastening members secured to the reinforced side edges of the sheet and the side edges of the pad and adapted to detachably connect the sheet and pad for substantially the full length of the sheet, and spaced resilient bands secured to the opposite reinforced edges of the sheet and extending above and transversely across the sheet to engage and hold covers disposed between the sheet and bands.

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