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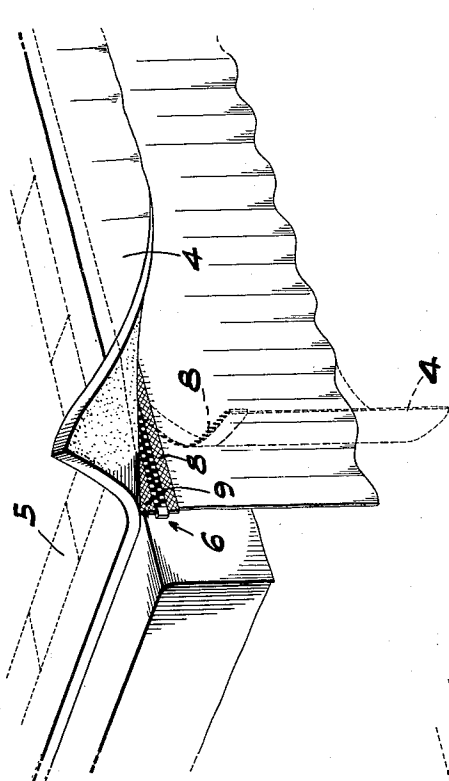


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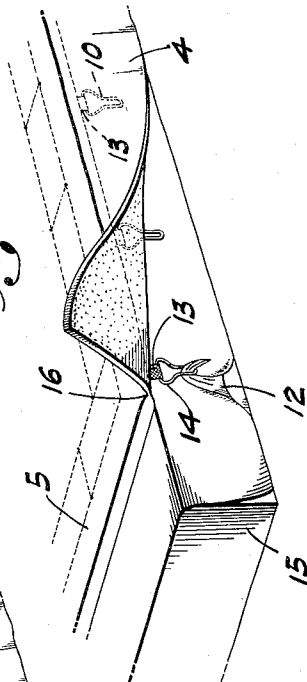


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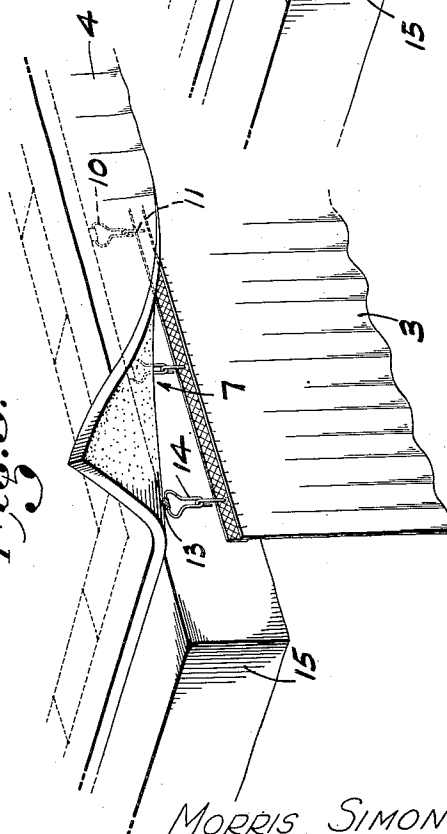
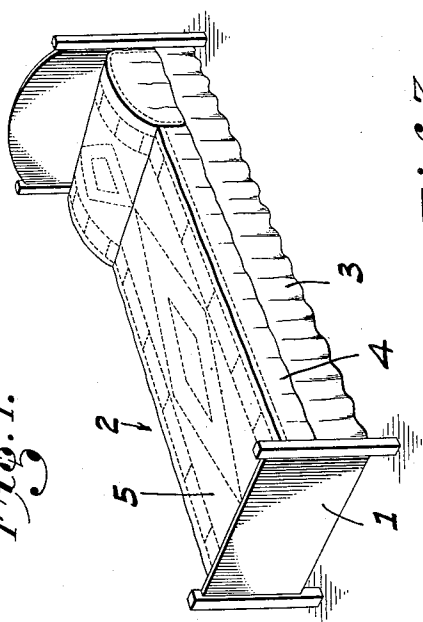


Fig. 1.



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My invention relates to improvements in bed coverings and particularly to a combination bed covering adapted for use as an ornamental bed-spread in the daytime and as a utilitarian comforter in the night-time.

An important object of the invention is to provide a combination bedspread and comforter which is convertible from a bed-spread to a comforter and vice versa, whereby the cost of providing an expensive bedspread for ornamenting the bed in the daytime is obviated.

A second object of the invention resides in an improvement of this character wherein the normal area of the bed to be covered for warmth of the individual sleeping thereon may be furnished with down padding and side and possibly foot portions thereof consist of a like padding, or of a thinner padding, which will serve as an auxiliary ornamental flounce or valance under which the valance proper may be detachably fastened for daytime use. Said auxiliary flounce will serve as an overlapping portion of the comforter for night-time use to compensate for the extra material necessary to accommodate the elevating of the covering when individuals recline thereunder in order to keep their bodies from exposure, this auxiliary material being tuckable between the mattress and side and along the end rail of the bed or being permitted to overhang as desired.

A third object of the invention resides in the feature of having a combination bedspread and comforter adapted for conversion from one to the other wherein the valance which is attached to the comforter forming the spread, may be easily and quickly detached and when detached utilizing a portion of the fastening means for the added purpose of securing the comforter to the sheet or underlying bed covering to prevent the comforter from sliding off the bed or slipping to a position wherein the occupant of the bed may as a consequence become exposed and chilled.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a combination covering as specified whereby the decorative element for dressing up a bed may be easily detached and placed aside without becoming soiled while the remaining covering is being used for sleeping purposes.

Other objects, advantages, and features of the invention will hereinafter appear.

Referring to the drawing showing preferred and alternative embodiments of the invention,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved

combination comforter and bedspread applied to a bed.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective view of a corner portion of the device illustrating a preferred manner of detachably fastening the flounce or valance to the comforter proper, there being included in the view a detached portion of the valance shown in dotted lines.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 illustrating a different way of fastening the valance to the comforter and,

Fig. 4 is a further similar view showing the valance detached and utilizing a portion of the detachable means for securing the comforter to a sheet or underlying bed covering to prevent the comforter from slipping.

Comforters and bedspreads alike vary in price from a low throughout a high range, all depending upon the quality of material expressed therein. For example, in the spreads they may range from cotton materials to the more expensive silk materials. The same is true of the comforters. However, in the comforters, the quality of the padding or stuffing causes a wide divergence in price depending on the grade of cotton, wool, or down used.

It is most every woman's desire to have her bed decorative. To equip a bed in the daytime with an expensive spread and replace the article with an expensive comforter at night involves quite a sum of money if she were inclined to be too artistic in her selections; hence, a bed garment convertible from one to the other has both appeal from an artistic as well as an economic standpoint. This is especially true from an ornamental viewpoint wherein the use of the decorative element of the auxiliary drop augments the ornamental feature of the valance proper. Aside from these ornamental gestures, they also have a utilitarian value, as will presently be disclosed.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, in Fig. 1, I disclose a bed 1 equipped with a comforter 2 provided with a detachable valance 3, and an auxiliary drop 4 overhanging a portion of said valance.

The mattress portion of a bed may be said normally to comprise an area of 54" x 80", and a comforter is usually made in a standard size of 72" x 84".

In constructing my comforter, I propose to make the body 5 approximately 54" x 90" with the auxiliary drop 4 nine inches deep. The drop 4 serves three useful purposes. First, it is a decorative element, secondly, it obscures the detach-

able fastening means of the valance, and third, it serves as an overhang at the sides and end of the bed to protect individuals sleeping thereunder from exposure of air which would otherwise creep in due to their bodies elevating a portion of the cover.

This detachable means may preferably comprise a slide fastener arrangement 6 as shown in Fig. 2 or a hook and clasp arrangement 7 as shown in Fig. 3. However, it is possible to utilize still other detachable fastening means to advantage, as the scope of the claims may define.

When the detachable means comprises a slide fastener, I fasten the valance 3 through the medium of the tape 8 provided with the male portions to the strip 9 provided with the female portions and in turn secure the strip 9 to the under side of the comforter at the juncture of the drop 4 therewith. The slide fastener is well known as a fastening means and when incorporated in the present invention provides for quick detachability and attachability by the chambermaid when the bed is laid and dressed.

This slide fastener feature may, however, be dispensed with in favor of the detachable fastening means comprising the clasp 10 and hook 11 shown in Fig. 3, when the advantage of utilizing the clasp 10 for hooking the sheet 12 shown in Fig. 4 to prevent the comforter from slipping off the bed or becoming disarranged is afforded.

The clasps 10 depend from an elastic 13 stitched to the under side of the comforter at the same juncture as that at which the strip 9 is stitched. When undue strain is placed on the sheet, the elastics will yield so as not to rupture delicate fabrics to which they may be applied.

In Fig. 4 the clasps 14 adjacent the corners of the mattress 15 may suffice for holding the comforter from slipping. However, as many clasps as desired may be selected to assure a non-shift of the slippable garment.

In some instances, the drop or marginal por-

tion 4 will be constructed of a different thickness of material than the comforter portion covering the bed proper as shown in Fig. 4 and may be defined apart from the body portions by longitudinal seams 16 extending from end to end of the comforter, since little warmth is necessary along the rails of the bed. When not constructed so thick, it may be adapted to drape more closely in conformity with the valance hanging below it. This result is due to the fact that the marginal portion is united to the body portion along the line of flexure possessing a greater flexibility than the body portion of said comforter. The valance strip 3 is attachable to the underside of the marginal portion 4 in a spaced relation to its free edge.

It should be understood that the present disclosure is for the purpose of illustration only and that this invention includes all modifications and equivalents which fall within the scope of the subject matter claimed.

What I claim is:

1. A comforter consisting of a body portion comprising upper and lower sheets of material with stuffing or padding therebetween, said sheets of material being extended beyond the side edges of said body portion to form drops integral therewith, said drops being defined apart from the body portion by longitudinal seams extending from end to end of said comforter, said drops having thinner padding than said body portion, and a valance detachably secured to said comforter along the line of juncture of said drop and said body portion.

2. A comforter comprising a body portion, and a marginal portion united thereto along a line of flexure possessing greater flexibility than the body portion of said comforter, and a valance strip attachable to the under side of said marginal portion in a spaced relation to its free edge.

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