A closable dual sleeping system divides a bed in two for the comfort of two occupants. A top comforter and a bottom comforter are removably interconnected down a longitudinal centerline by a mating hook and loop fastener strip to form two separate sleeping compartments. The system may attach to a bed mattress by corner elasticized loops. Relensing the mating hook and loop fasteners creates a single sleeping compartment. The system may also include other removable bedding, such as, sheets and electric blankets for additional comfort and warmth.
INTERCONNECTED DOUBLE COMFORTER DUAL SLEEPING SYSTEM

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] Not Applicable.

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[0002] Not Applicable.

THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT


BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0004] 1. Field of the Invention

[0005] The present invention relates to bed clothes and particularly to a double comforter which comprises a top comforter which is removably attached to a bottom comforter by means of a longitudinally oriented medial hook and loop fastening system; the bottom comforter is secured to a mattress using elastic bands located at each of the corners, on the top thereof.

[0006] 2. Description of Related Art Including Information Disclosed Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98

[0007] The practice and materials used in preparing a bed have remained substantially the same for many years. Normally a mattress is provided with a fitted lower sheet, a tucked-in upper sheet, a blanket and a single piece bedsprad or comforter over the blanket.

[0008] None of the prior patents combine two comforters removably along a longitudinal centerline with the bottom comforter removably attached to a mattress.

[0009] U.S. Patent Application #20070000053, published Jan. 4, 2007 by Yang, claims a bed sheet assembly which has a bed sheet and a pad cover. The pad cover is detachably connected to the bed sheet with a first connection device and adapted to detachably mount on and enclose a mattress. Accordingly, the bed sheet assembly is conveniently assembled or disassembled and is easily connected to and disconnected from a mattress. In an alternate embodiment, two comforters are provided on the flat sheet so as to provide a further warmth effect.

[0010] U.S. Pat. No. 5,457,830, issued Oct. 17, 1995 to Fox, is for a bed divider. Delineation of the centerline of a bed is provided by incorporating visible and tactile decoration into the centerline of form fitted bottom sheeting. More elaborate tactually sensitive means such as cable stitching, embroidery, piping and the like may be used to define the centerline of the bed. Yet another more elaborate form a fastening means is applied to the center of fitted bottom sheet and the center of the upper bedding; the two interlocking to provide a physical centerline barrier.

[0011] U.S. Pat. No. 4,069,526, issued Jan. 24, 1978 to Deikel, provides a bed covering apparatus comprising a blanket member of a size approximately as the size of the bed and including first and second coverlet members of a size substantially equal to one-half of the size of the blanket member. The coverlet members are removable and pivotally attached to the center section of the blanket member. The first coverlet member can be pivoted from the first position adjacent to and resting on the right half of the blanket member to a second position adjacent to and resting on the second coverlet member. The second coverlet member can be pivoted from a third position adjacent to and resting on the left half of the blanket member to a fourth position adjacent to and resting on the first coverlet member.

[0012] U.S. Pat. No. 4,771,496, issued Sep. 20, 1988 to Cobb, shows bundling bedding comprising a bed covering that includes a flat top sheet interconnected to a fitted bottom sheet along a central longitudinal connecting and reinforcing region. In this manner two separate sleeping compartments are defined which allocate bed space, prevent loss of bed coverings during sleep and limit contact between adjacent sleepers.

[0013] U.S. Pat. No. 6,718,579, issued Apr. 13, 2004 to Greenstein, claims a covering for a wall, a bed or a floor, which has a base and at least one flip panel, wherein the flip panel is joined to the base along a flip axis. The flip panel allows a user to select between at least two different surface designs.

[0014] U.S. Pat. No. 5,664,269, issued Sep. 9, 1997 to Broder, describes a foldable blanket for revealing different patterns. The bedding cover has a flap positioned at its center, which extends laterally from one side to the other. The flap may be folded to cover one or the other ends of the cover, and is large enough to fully cover the selected end. The flap has the bedding pattern of one end of the cover on one side and of the other end of the cover on the other side so that when it is folded to cover the first side, the entire surface of the cover presents a uniform appearance, and when it is folded to cover the other side, the entire surface of the cover presents a uniform appearance also, but of a selected different design or color, etc. In a second embodiment, the reverse side of the cover may be constructed to provide a third and a fourth appearance when the cover is turned over.

[0015] U.S. Pat. No. 3,965,504, issued Jun. 29, 1976 to Ainsworth, discloses a bedding assembly, particularly adapted for transport in a camper vehicle and utilisable in a camping mode which comprises a mattress, top and bottom sheets and heat insulating means such as a blanket, bedspread or the like, disposed in stacked, non-slip relation and releasably interconnected along interconnection lines adjacent opposite long sides thereof, said sheets also being interconnected at the foot end but not the head end thereof. The top sheet and blanket are wider between the interconnection lines than are the mattress and bottom sheet so that a pocket, open at the head end, is formed between the top and bottom sheets, into which pocket the camper can dispose himself for sleep. The assembly stays together neatly regardless of the presence of the camper and so need not be remade after each night’s occupancy. The assembly may further include a bed pad and a bedspread interconnected through zippers disposed along the interconnection lines. The top sheet, blanket and bedspread may also be interconnected through connector means such as spaced Velcro strips or the like. The bottom sheet and pad may be similarly interconnected. The assembly is simple, compact and light in weight.

[0016] U.S. Pat. No. 3,144,666, issued Aug. 18, 1964 to Mazera, indicates a bedspread which is held in place by an elastic band wrapped around the foot portion of the mattress.

[0017] U.S. Pat. No. 6,745,419, issued Jun. 8, 2004 to Delvis, puts forth a quilted-top featherbed including a conventional featherbed, which is adapted and arranged to lie on top of a conventional bed mattress and is filled with feathers. A quilted-top member is secured around the periphery thereof.
to the featherbed, wherein the top member comprises successive layers of woven fabric, polyester batting and nonwoven fabric, the three layers being secured together by a quilted stitching pattern.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,732,424, issued Mar. 31, 1998 to Bond, concerns a bedding arrangement specifically designed for children's bunk beds, but useful in other situations where a bed is only accessible from one side, and where there is difficulty in tucking sheets under a mattress. The bedding arrangement comprises, basically, a rectangular mattress cover which can be secured to a mattress, and a rectangular insulating covering such as a blanket or bed cover attached, preferably sewn, along a rear one of its longer edges to a rear edge of the mattress cover. The arrangement also includes a sheet or liner foldable to produce two rectangular panels permanently connected along adjacent rear edges, the panels being similar in size to the mattress cover. Releasable fasteners are provided on the inwardly facing surfaces of the mattress cover and covering and which cooperate with releasable fasteners adjacent the margins of the outer surfaces of the sheet or liner panels.

What is needed is a flexible dual sleeping system which enables two people sharing a bed to each sleep in one of two separate compartments or alternately to sleep together in a single compartment as desired in a simple sleeping system which is easy to maintain and use.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

An object of the present invention is to provide a pair of comforters comprising a top and bottom comforter removable interconnected down the longitudinal centerline by mating hook and loop fastener material creating a flexible dual sleeping system which enables two people sharing a bed to each sleep in one of two separate compartments or alternately to sleep together in a single compartment as desired in a simple sleeping system which is easy to maintain and use.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a sheet attached to each side of the dual sleeping system.

One more object of the present invention is to provide a temperature adjustable separate heating blanket attachable to each side of the dual sleeping system.

In brief, the present invention comprises a closable dual sleeping system with separate compartments for easy access and comfortable sleeping in a variety of room temperature ranges. The present system enables each co-occupant of the dual sleeping system to maintain the cover for the compartment as desired. The present system prevents one person from pulling the covers off of the other person in the dual sleeping system during the night. The present invention has the heat retaining properties of a comforter but the warmth retaining properties of a sleeping bag.

An advantage of the present invention is that it is easily attached to a bed in place of a top cover or comforter.

Another advantage of the present system is that it retains the heat of the user, so no outside energy source is necessary.

One more advantage of the present invention is that it is easy to make the bed after use.

A further advantage of the present invention is that it requires no special maintenance other than standard washing as you would any quilt or comforter.

Still another advantage of the present invention is that it has a detachable seam for intimacy by opening the seam to make one large shared compartment.

Another advantage of the present invention is that it can be easily gotten into and out of at any time.

One more advantage of the present invention is that it can change the way beds are made to make it simpler to make the bed.

An additional advantage of the present invention is that it is easily maintained and can provide more comfortable sleeping.

A further advantage of the present invention is that it is a solution to having the covers pulled off of you during the night as covers stay secured to the centerline of the system.

A contributory advantage of the present invention is that it provides the user warmth and comfort in a variety of temperature ranges.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS**

These and other details of my invention will be described in connection with the accompanying drawings, which are furnished only by way of illustration and not in limitation of the invention, and in which drawings:

FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view of the top and bottom comforters of the dual closable sleep system of the present invention aligned for interconnection;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the top and bottom comforters of the dual closable sleep system of the present invention interconnected and attached to a top of a bed for use;

FIG. 3 is an exploded perspective view of the top and bottom comforters of the dual closable sleep system of the present invention aligned for interconnection with a sheet on each side in between the comforters;

FIG. 4 is an exploded perspective view of the top and bottom comforters of the dual closable sleep system of the present invention aligned for interconnection with a separately controlled electric blanket on each side in between the comforters.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

In FIGS. 1-4, a closable dual sleeping system 10 is shown that comprises both a top comforter 20 and bottom comforter 30 interconnected by mating hook and loop fasteners 15A and 15B along a longitudinal centerline. This enables the system to be convertible between separate sleeping compartments and a shared sleeping compartment.

The double comforter comprises a bottom comforter 30 secured to a mattress 41 (as shown in FIG. 2) on a box spring 42 on a bed 40 by elasticized bands 33 located at each of the corners of the bottom comforter and a top comforter 20 which is removably attached to the bottom comforter by means of the longitudinally oriented medial mating hook and loop fasteners 15A and 15B. The fasteners extend along the length of the two comforters and when normally connected form two sleeping compartments side by side, one on the left side 31A and 21A, and one on the right side 31B and 21B to separate the two users in the bed. Each of two users lifts an outer open side of the top comforter to enter and exit the bed 40 (shown in FIG. 2) and utilizes one of the two sides of the top comforter as desired for covering and uncovering themselves. The mating hook and loop fasteners may also be unconnected to form a single shared sleeping compartment so that the two users can share the space between the top and bottom comforters. The system, therefore, provides a clos-
able dual sleeping system convertible between separate sleeping compartments and a shared sleeping compartment. [0041] In FIG. 3 a sheet 11A and 11B may be removably attached to each side of the dual sleeping system by having the bottom of each sheet attach to the top of the bottom comforter 30 along the edges by mating hook and loop fasteners, snaps, buttons or other standard means of connecting fabric.

[0042] In FIG. 4, an adjustable heating blanket 12A and 12B may also be removably attached to each side of the dual sleeping system with each blanket attached at least to the bottom of each side of the top comforter by mating hook and loop fasteners, snaps, buttons or other standard means of connecting fabric.

[0043] It is understood that the preceding description is given merely by way of illustration and not in limitation of the invention and that various modifications may be made thereto without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

1. A closable dual sleeping system convertible between separate sleeping compartments and a shared sleeping compartment comprises:
   a double comforter comprising a bottom comforter secured to a mattress by elasticized bands located at each of the corners of the bottom comforter and a top comforter which is removably attached to the bottom comforter by means of a longitudinally oriented medial mating hook and loop fasteners extending along the length of the two comforters to form two sleeping compartments side by side so that each of two users lifts an outer open side of the top comforter to enter and exit the bed and utilizes one of the two sides of the top comforter as desired for covering and uncovering the user and the medial mating hook and loop mating fasteners, when normally connected, form two separate sleeping compartments to separate the two users in the bed and when the medial hook and loop mating fasteners are unconnected, form a single shared sleeping compartment so that the two users share the space between the top and bottom comforters thereby providing a closable dual sleeping system convertible between separate sleeping compartments and a shared sleeping compartment.

2. The system of claim 1 further comprising a sheet removably attached to each side of the dual sleeping system.

3. The system of claim 1 further comprising an adjustable heating blanket removably attached to each side of the dual sleeping system.

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