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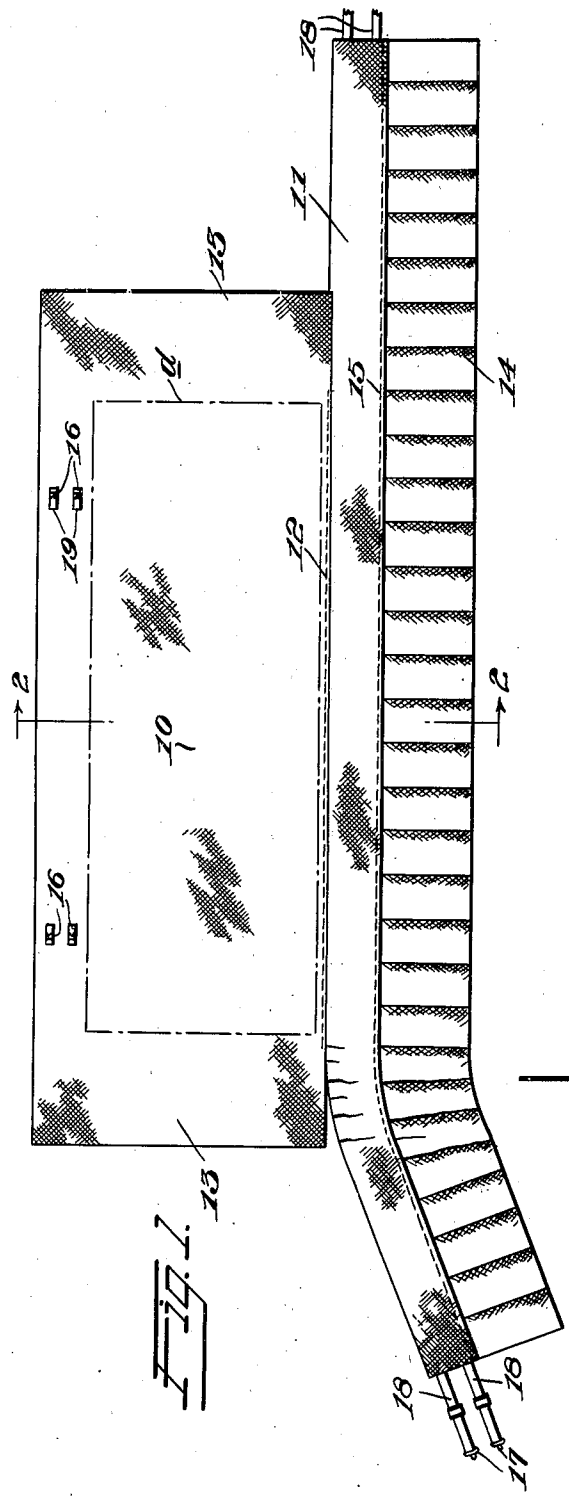

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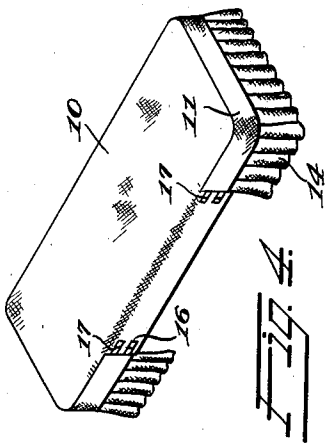

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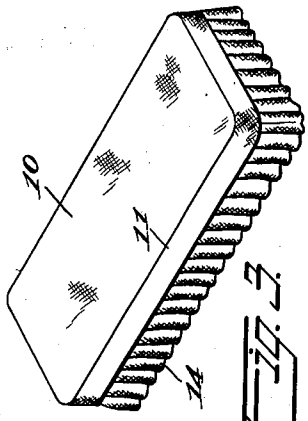

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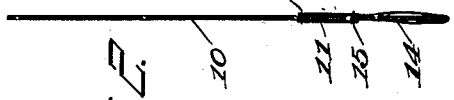

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This invention relates to a cover for beds or couches and more especially to a readily removable cover particularly adapted for use with day beds or couches.

A primary aim of the invention is the provision of a removable cover for day beds or couches which when in applied position conforms to the marginal surface of the bed mattress with substantially no wrinkles, and which when in non-applied or removed position is substantially flat thereby greatly facilitating the laundering thereof.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a cover of the above noted character which is reversible, thereby presenting two soiling surfaces and consequently a greater period of use between laundering operations.

A still further purpose of the invention is the provision of a removable cover for couches, which in applied position presents a pleasing appearance and which positively maintains its position on a couch mattress thereby retaining its pleasing appearance.

With the above objects in view as well as others which will present themselves in the course of the following disclosure, reference will now be made to the accompanying drawing, forming part of same, and wherein—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the improved cover in accordance with a preferred embodiment thereof.

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view as seen on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front perspective view of a couch with the improved cover in applied position thereon.

Fig. 4 is a rear perspective view of the couch showing in particular the means for securing the cover in removable position.

Referring in detail to the drawing by reference characters, 10 designates the main body portion of the cover. The body portion 10 is of rectangular form and may be dimensioned to suit various sizes of day beds and couches and may also be of any suitable or desirable fabric.

A band 11 is sitched to one margin of the body portion 10 as indicated at 12, the stitching 12 terminating inwardly of the opposite ends of the body portion 10 providing opposite end portions 13 which are free of the band 11.

A pleated or ruffled band or strip 14 is stitched to the band 11 as indicated at 15. The band 11 and strip 14 provide a border or frill for the cover. The body portion 10 is provided with eyes or similar female fasteners 16 adjacent the edge thereof opposite the band 11 and the band 11 is provided with hooks or similar male fasteners 17. The fasteners, particularly those designated at 17, are preferably supported by adjustable elastic bands 18 for a purpose later described and the fasteners 16 may be carried by short elastic or inelastic bands or tapes 19, one end of each of which is stitched to the fabric of the body portion 10.

As will be appreciated upon inspection of Figs. 1 and 2, the entire cover in non-applied position is substantially flat thereby greatly facilitating ironing thereof. Further, the cover is capable of quick application to and removal from a day bed or couch and is applied as follows:

The body portion 10 is laid upon the top of the couch with the portion thereof within the dot-and-dash rectangle *d* indicated in Fig. 1 covering the top surface of the couch, the end portions 13 being then tucked under the mattress leaving the margin carrying the fasteners 16 as well as the portion of band 11 which is secured to the body portion 10 depending at the rear and front edges of the mattress respectively. The free end portions of the band 11 are then carried around the opposite ends of the mattress whereupon the cooperating fasteners 16 and 17 are engaged as is indicated in Fig. 4.

As thus applied the cover will present a very pleasing appearance from the front and ends of the couch as indicated in Fig. 3, the cover smoothly conforming to the shape of the mattress and no wrinkles will be visible as the free end portions of band 11 will cover any wrinkles formed upon tucking the end portions 13 under the mattress.

By the provision of the hook carrying adjustable elastic tapes or bands 18 the cover may be adapted to various sizes of mattresses and the tension of the tapes 18 will positively maintain the end portions of band 11 in position. The improved cover in accordance with this invention need not be constructed from pre-shrunk material as the adjustable fasteners adapt it to accurately fit even though it should shrink.

The cover is readily adapted for various sizes of studio couches and day-beds and fits perfectly with or without bed clothes on the couch. The improved cover may be constructed to be reversible whereby when one side thereof becomes soiled, the other side may then be exposed. Thus the body portion 10 as well as the band 11 may be made from a material presenting uniform characteristics from opposite sides thereof and as the pleats in the strip 14 are formed by folds

in the material the opposite sides thereof will present substantially the same appearance.

While the band 11 may be constructed from a single strip of material folded where stitched to the body portion 10 when reversibility is not desired, it is preferably formed from two strips as indicated in Fig. 2 with the adjacent edges of the body portion 10 and the strip 14 disposed therebetween. With this construction both sides of the cover will present substantially the same appearance. Of course, fasteners 16 would have to be attached at both sides of the body portion 10 for a reversible cover, this being true also of the fasteners 17. However, the tapes 18 may be twisted to permit use of the hooks 17 with either set of fasteners 16.

While I have disclosed but a single specific embodiment of my invention, such is to be considered as illustrative only, and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being defined in the sub-joined claims.

What I claim and desire to secure by U. S. Letters Patent is:

1. A cover for beds or couches comprising a rectangular fabric body portion, a fabric border or frill secured to one edge of the body portion throughout a portion of the length thereof to provide free end portions on the body portion, fasteners secured to the opposite edge of the body portion, fasteners secured to the ends of the border for cooperation with the first fasteners, said border comprising a double ply of fabric and a pleated strip having one edge thereof secured between the plies of fabric, said free end portions adapted to be folded down over the ends of the bed or couch, and said border adapted to cover said folded-down free end portions.

2. A cover for couches and the like comprising a rectangular fabric portion adapted to cover the top surface of a couch mattress, opposite ends of said fabric portion being adapted to be tucked under the couch mattress, one side edge of said fabric portion having spaced fasteners and adapted to cover a side of the mattress, the other side edge of said fabric portion having a fabric border secured thereto for a portion of its length, said border being of greater length than said fabric portion and having free ends each equipped with fastening means, the free ends of said border adapted to cover the tucked in ends of said fabric portion, said fastening means cooperating with said spaced fasteners for holding the cover in position on the couch, and said border having a depending pleated strip adapted to cover the front and sides of the couch, the material of the fabric portion and border having finished surfaces on both sides thereof and the border being secured in such a manner as to present finished surfaces on both sides of the cover whereby the cover is reversible.

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