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BED JACKET

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Our invention relates to a bed-jacket and in particular to a bed-jacket for a sick person or a convalescent.

One of the principal objects of our invention is the provision of a novel bed-jacket which permits freedom of movement to the wearer while simultaneously providing adequate coverage, protection and warmth.

A further object is the provision of an improved bed-jacket which may be easily and quickly put on and removed from the patient by an attending person.

A further object is the provision of a novel bed-jacket which is washable and which may be folded into a compact bundle for storing.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel bed-jacket incorporating a portion which may be folded to provide a pocket utilizable for the storage of small objects.

Still another object of the invention is to provide an improved bed-jacket which is very simple in construction which permits it to be made at low cost while simultaneously providing all of the aforesaid objects.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of our novel bed-jacket showing how a portion of the bed-jacket may be folded to provide a marginal pocket;

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of our bed-jacket;

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the bed-jacket spread out in flat condition; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on a greatly enlarged scale through the head and neck opening looking toward one side edge of the garment along the shoulder line.

Our novel bed-jacket referred to generally by the reference character 10 is made from a single piece of material 12 cut as shown generally in Fig. 3. The choice of material is not critical but the material should be selected with a view to the provision of a comfortable and warm garment which may be readily washed and folded. As an example of suitable materials for this type of garment we might mention quilted cotton, blanket material and flannel. And, if desired, it may be made with two or more thickness of material 12 as illustrated in Fig. 3.

The material 12 is cut so as to provide a front panel 14, a rear panel 16, and sleeve-forming portions 18. The front panel 14 is integral with

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the rear panel 16 by means of portions 20 which, when the garment is being worn, cover the shoulders and are joined to the sleeve portions 18. A suitable finishing binding or tape 22 is stitched to the peripheral edge of the jacket to give it a pleasing appearance and to provide the reinforcing for snap fasteners as will be described hereinafter. We have found that these garments, while designed primarily for utilitarian purposes, can be given a pleasing and attractive appearance by careful selection of body material 12 and binding or tape 22.

The center of the jacket is provided with a neck opening 24 of a size closely to fit the neck of the wearer. In order that the garment may be slipped over the head of the wearer the neck opening 24 is slit outwardly at 26 toward the sleeve portions 18. The neck opening 24 and the slits 26 are finished with an edge binding or tape 28 similar to the binding or tape 22. The slits 26 are closed and the garment is caused closely to fit the neck of the wearer by a pair of tabs 30 arranged at either side of the neck opening 24 at the inner ends of the slits 26. The tabs 30 are stitched at 32 to the inside or bottom of the front panel 14 along the binding 28. The tabs 30 extend across the inner ends of the slits 26 and overlie the rear panel 16 to which they are secured by suitable snap fasteners 34.

It is preferred that the tabs 30 be sewed to the front panel 14 and secured by snap fasteners to the rear panel 16 to facilitate the removal of the garment from the wearer by an attending person or nurse who normally would face the sick person or convalescent while assisting him. It is readily appreciated that it is easier to unfasten the snap fasteners 34 by pulling on the free ends of the tabs 30 than by pushing and lifting them. In a similar manner the fastening of the tabs in the direction shown by us is somewhat easier.

Our bed-jacket 10 is adapted to cover the upper portion of the body of the wearer, that is, up from approximately the hips or waist. In order that the sides and sleeves of the garment may be closed about the body and arms of the wearer we have provided the peripheral edge of the garment along the binding or tape with snap fasteners 36 and 38. The fasteners 36 cooperate with the fasteners 38 to secure the marginal side edges 14' of the front panel 14 to the corresponding marginal side edges 16' of the rear panel 16 and to secure the adjacent edges 18' of the sleeve portions 18 together (Figs. 1 and 2). The reference character 36 may indicate the female elements of the snap fasteners while the reference character

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38 may indicate the corresponding male members.

By securing the snap fasteners 34, 36 and 38 to garment on the binding strips or tapes 22 and 28, these fasteners will not tear the body material 12 or pull loose from the jacket.

Fig. 3 shows the garment in condition to be put on the wearer with all of the fasteners 34, 36 and 38 being unsnapped. The garment is put over the head of the wearer and the tabs 30 adjacent the neck opening 24 are snapped. The marginal edges 14', 16' of the back and front panels 14, 16, respectively, are joined at the sides of the person and the fasteners 36 and 38 are snapped together thus forming the body portion which encloses the upper part of the wearer's body. The under sides 18' of the sleeve portions 18 are snapped together and the person may sit or recline in bed in perfect comfort and ease, being assured of sufficient warmth and freedom of movement.

Another feature of our invention is the provision of a marginal pocket 40 which may be formed at the front of the garment by portion 42 of the panel 14. It is seen from Fig. 3 that the front panel 14 is longer than the rear panel 16 by about the depth of the pocket 40. The portion 42 is folded up and back upon itself and is secured to the outer face of the front panel 14 by snap fasteners 44 to form the pocket 40 which extends across the front of the jacket at the bottom edge. Children in particular like the convenience of this marginal pocket for use in holding pencils and crayons and small toys with which they like to play, particularly during the convalescent period of an illness. Adults also find this pocket handy for holding such things as handkerchiefs and other personal objects.

It will be appreciated from the foregoing description that we have provided a novel bed-jacket which attains all of the objectives set out in the opening paragraphs of this specification. The garment of our invention is very quickly removable from or put on either by the wearer or by an attending person. This is particularly desirable in garments which are worn by sick persons or convalescents so that soiled garments can be changed with a minimum of effort and time. However, in providing the simplicity of construction we have not sacrificed either the warmth of the garment or the comfort which it affords to the wearer.

It is possible that others skilled in the clothing art will make changes and modifications in our garment without departing from the spirit and scope of our invention. Therefore, we desire to be limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

What we claim is new and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

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1. A bed-jacket comprising a front panel, a rear panel, sleeve-forming portions, said front and rear panels and said sleeve-forming portions being integral with each other, a head and neck opening at the center of the garment formed by a circular opening adapted closely to fit the neck of the wearer and a pair of sidewardly extending slits to enlarge the neck opening so that the garment may be slipped over the head of the wearer, the periphery of said opening and said slits being finished with an edge binding, means for closing said slits adjacent the neck of the wearer, said means comprising a pair of tabs positioned at the sides of said opening and at the inner ends of said slits, each of said tabs being sewed to said edge binding on the underside of said front panel, and fastening means for removably securing said tabs to said edge binding on the outer side of said rear panel, and means secured to the side for securing the front and back panels together at the sides of the wearer.

2. A bed-jacket comprising a front panel, a rear panel, sleeve-forming portions, said front and rear panels and said sleeve-forming portions being cut from a single piece of material, a head and neck opening at the center of the garment formed by a circular opening adapted closely to fit the neck of the wearer and a pair of sidewardly extending slits to enlarge the neck opening so that the garment may be slipped over the head of the wearer, a pair of tabs permanently secured to the underside of said front panel and adapted removably to be secured to the outer side of said rear panel so as to close the inner ends of said slits adjacent the neck opening, means secured to the side edges of said front and rear panels and the edges of said sleeve-forming portions to secure said side edges of said front panel to the corresponding side edges of said rear panel and to secure the adjacent edges of the sleeve-forming portions together, said front panel being longer than said rear panel, and means for securing the bottom edge of said front panel to the outer face thereof to form a marginal pocket from the longer portion of said front panel.

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