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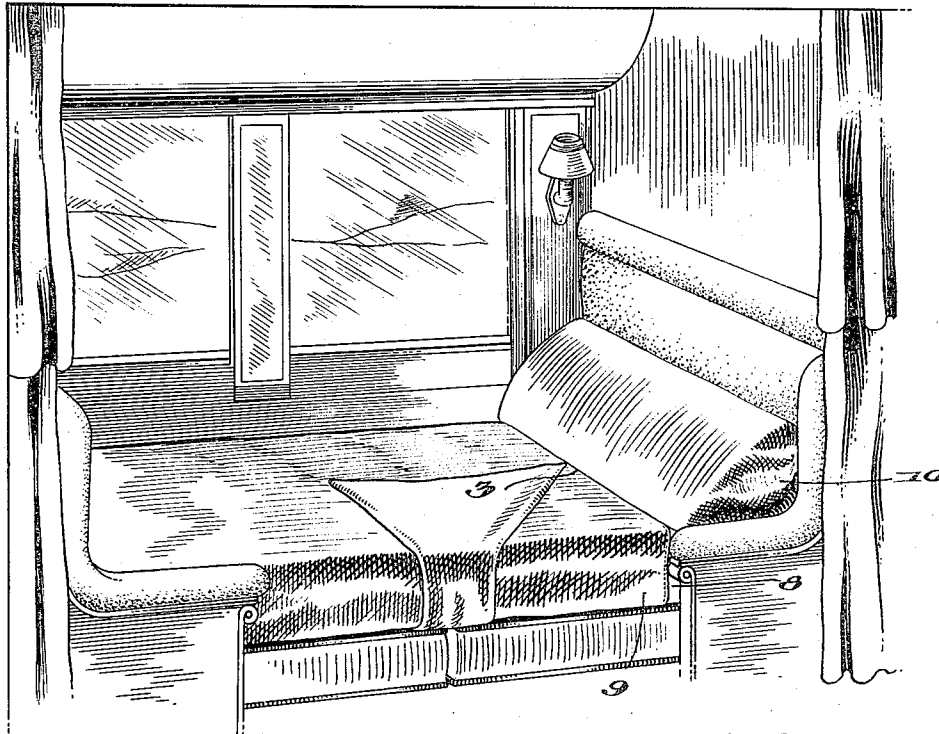


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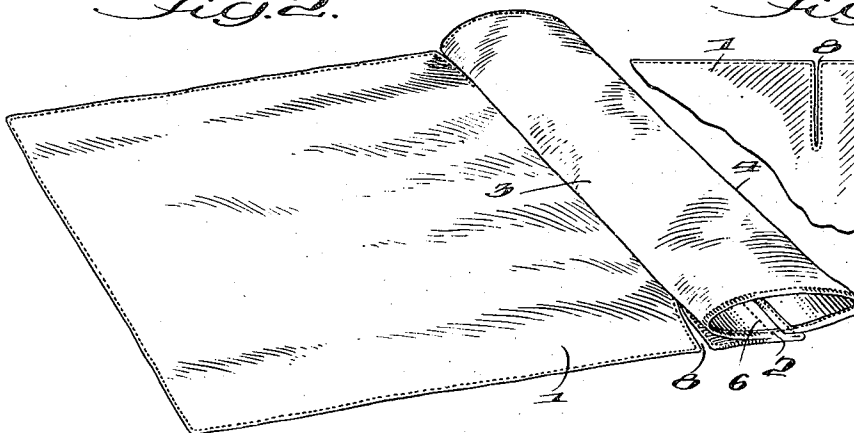
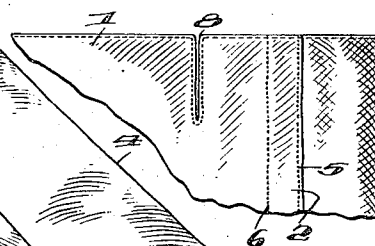


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Fig. 5.

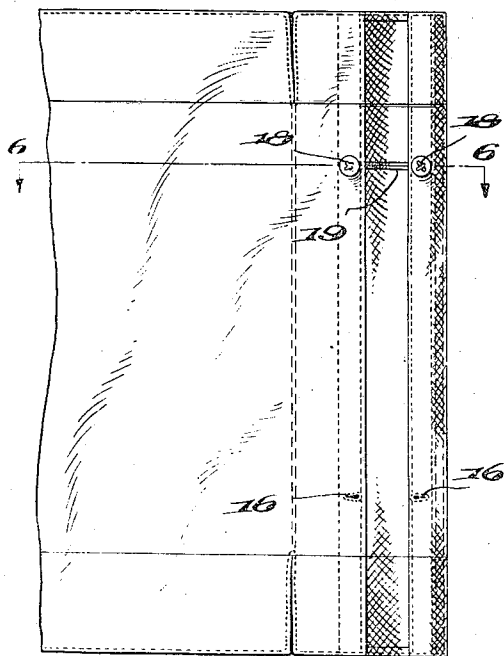


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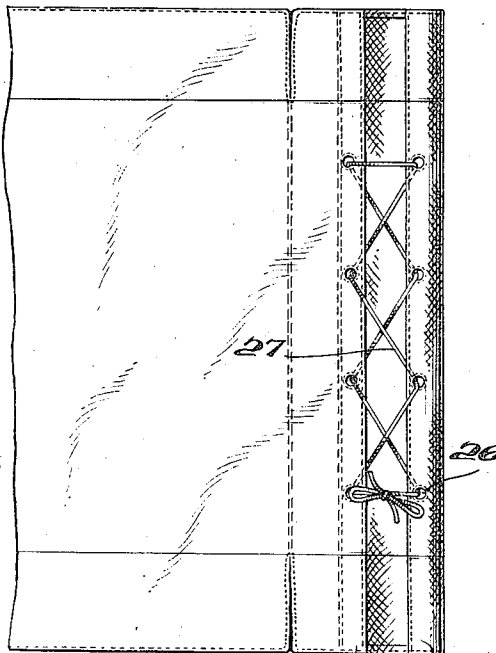


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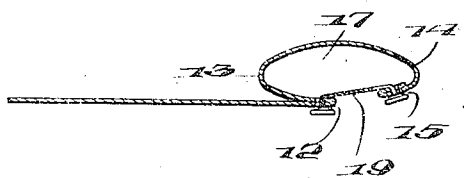


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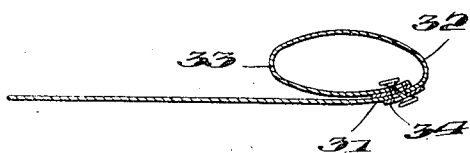
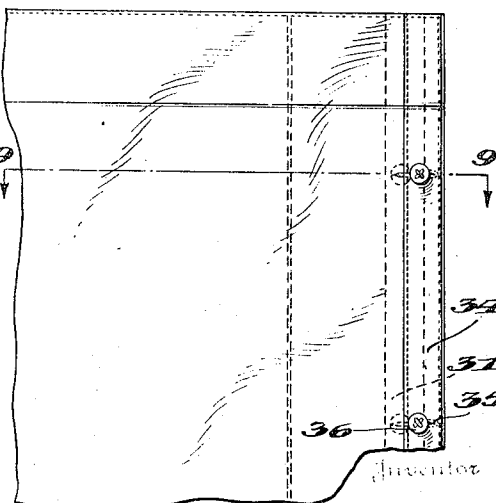


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This invention relates to sheets and pillowcases and the object of the invention is to provide a one-piece sheet and pillowcase.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination sheet and pillowcase which can be easily placed in position and which serve all the functions and purposes of a conventional separate sheet and pillowcase.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination sheet and pillowcase which can be installed on a bed in a more sanitary manner than the separate sheet and pillowcase now in use.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination sheet and pillow case which will have the same appearance when in use as the conventional sheet and pillowcase.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a combination sheet and pillowcase for Pullman cars, steamships, hospitals and the like which will be economical to manufacture and which will also materially reduce the laundering expense now required for separate sheets and pillowcases.

It is a well known fact that the expense of laundering sheets and pillowcases incurred in operating Pullman cars, steamships, hospitals and the like is very high and if the use of separate pillowcases could be eliminated, a material reduction would be effected. However, merely placing a sheet over both the mattress and pillow is most unsatisfactory since it does not permit of any relative movement between the mattress covering portion and the pillow covering portion, nor does it provide for a space for placing the hand or arm under the pillow which many sleepers find a most comfortable position.

It is also well known that there is much petty thieving of pillowcases by travelers in sleeping cars and steamships and the cost of replacement is very high over the period of a year.

Moreover, while sleeping car porters and bedroom stewards are carefully trained how to insert pillows in cases with minimum handling of the pillows, it is still apparently necessary for them to hold the pillows close to them when inserting it in a case which is held by the hands and many travelers consider this most objectionable.

We accomplish the foregoing objects of the invention and others, which will be apparent as the description proceeds, and overcome the objectionable features of the conventional separate sheet and pillowcase by means of the construction shown in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective of a Pullman made up berth with our invention applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a perspective of the combined sheet and pillowcase constituting our invention;

Fig. 3 is a bottom plan of the construction shown in Fig. 2, partly broken away;

Fig. 4 is an edge view of the upper portion of the construction shown in Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a bottom plan of a modified form of our invention, partly broken away;

Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 is a bottom plan showing a modified form of fastening means for the pillow enclosing portion;

Fig. 8 is a bottom plan of a further modification of our invention; and

Fig. 9 is a section on the line 9—9 of Fig. 8.

On the drawings in which like reference characters indicate like parts on all the views thereof, Fig. 1 illustrates the well-known form of Pullman made-up berth having a mattress and a head rest. 1 indicates the main portion of a lower sheet which covers the mattress. The upper portion of the sheet is folded back upon itself, as shown at 2, then folded in a reverse direction, as shown at 3, and the upper edge finally folded reversely, as shown at 4, so that it may be stitched to the first fold 2 at 5. A second row of stitching 6 for the fold 2 serves to provide a reenforcement and also to hold the folded portions in suitable pillow receiving position. As is obvious, the portion of the sheet between 2 and 5 must enclose sufficient space 7 to receive and surround the circumference of a conventional pillow.

In order to facilitate the tucking in of the sheet under the mattress and under the ends of the pillow, it has been found desirable to provide slits 8 at the longitudinal edges of the sheet just beneath the fold 3 which is the portion which covers the lower edge of the pillow. The portions 9 can then be turned around the edge of the mattress and the portions 10 around the ends of the pillow.

It will thus be seen that our improved construction will have all the functions and the same appearance when in use as the conventional separate sheet and pillowcase. The pillow or pillows, if two are desired, can be easily inserted in the space 7, as in the conventional pillowcase, while the space 11, between the folded portion 3 and the main body of the sheet is the full equivalent in comfort of the space between the lower face of a pillowcase and the main body of the sheet.

In Figs. 5 and 6 is shown a modification wherein the sheet is folded in the same manner as il-

illustrated in Figs. 2, 3 and 4, at 12, 13 and 14 respectively, but the top edge of the sheet is not stitched to the fold 12, as in the first form of the invention described, but terminates short of the fold and is turned back upon itself and stitched to provide a reenforcement 15. Buttonholes or similar openings 16 are formed in both the reinforced fold 12 and the reenforced edge 15 and the pillowcase portion is held in pillow encircling position by means of pairs of buttons 18 which are joined to each other by the cord 19, the buttons being passed through the buttonholes or openings 16.

In Fig. 7, a further modification is shown wherein the sheet is folded and stitched as at 22 and 25 to provide suitable reenforcements, these reenforcements being provided with eyelets or openings 26 through which is threaded a lacing 27 for holding the parts in pillowcase encircling position.

In Figs. 8 and 9 is shown a third modification wherein the top edge of the sheet is folded and stitched to form a reenforcement 31, and then is folded, as shown at 32 and 33, and finally folded upon itself and stitched to form a second reenforcement 34. In the reenforcements 31 and 34 are provided buttonholes or other suitable openings 35 to receive pairs of buttons 36 joined to each other by cords similar to the cord 19. In this form of the invention, the lower buttons might be secured to the mattress, if desired, thereby preventing the misplacement or loss thereof and holding the device firmly in position.

While our preferred construction is shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, wherein the pillow is entirely enclosed, the other forms of the invention provide advantages such as the ease with which the pillow may be placed in position. It is only necessary to place the sheet in position on the mattress, turn back the pillow encasing portion and after positioning the pillow thereon, insert the buttons or lacings in the openings provided, whereupon the pillow encasing portion with the pillow may be turned back to rest against the back constituting the head board of the bed.

It is to be noted that, while we have described the first three forms of our invention as entirely detached from the mattress, provision could be made for buttoning or otherwise fastening there-

to if desirable to hold the device firmly in position.

It is also to be noted that, while we have described our fastening means as consisting of buttons or lacings, it is within the purview of our invention to employ snap fasteners, zippers or other suitable forms of fastening means.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A combined sheet and pillowcase comprising an upper pillowcase portion and a main sheet portion, the upper portion being folded back upon itself and secured transversely to the main portion, the distance between the line of securement and the upper edge being substantially that of the circumference of a pillow, and means for connecting the upper edge and the main portion adjacent the line of securement.

2. A combined sheet and pillowcase comprising an upper pillowcase portion and a main sheet portion, the upper portion being folded back upon itself and secured transversely to the main portion, the distance between the line of securement and the upper edge being substantially that of the circumference of a pillow, and means for detachably connecting the upper edge and the main portion adjacent the line of securement.

3. The construction as described in claim 1 wherein the main portion is provided with a slit extending from a longitudinal edge thereof and of a length substantially that of the thickness of a mattress, said slit being in substantial alignment with the lower edge of the pillowcase portion whereby the sides of the pillowcase portion may be folded under the pillow.

4. A combined bed sheet and pillowcase, comprising a sheet of material, the upper portion of said sheet of material being folded back and secured to itself adjacent the line of fold, the upper edge of the sheet of material being connected to the main body of the sheet adjacent the line of fold to form a pillowcase, the line of fold being intermediate the upper and lower edges of the pillowcase, whereby the lower portion of the pillowcase may be spaced from the main body of the sheet.

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