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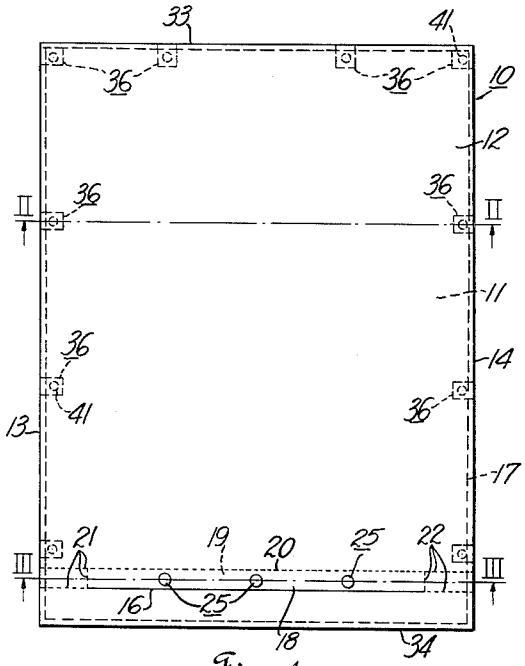


Fig. 1

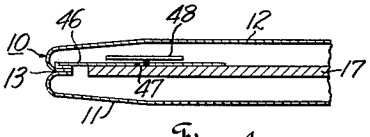


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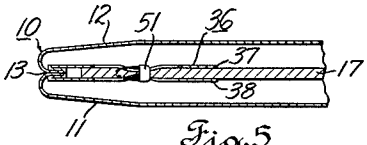


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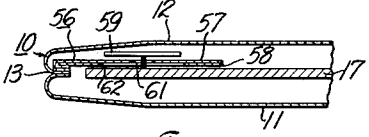


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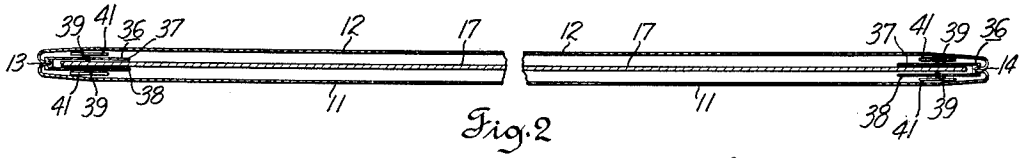


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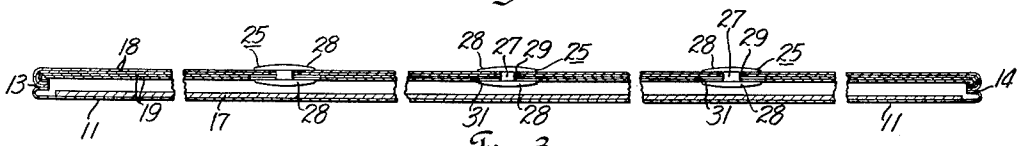


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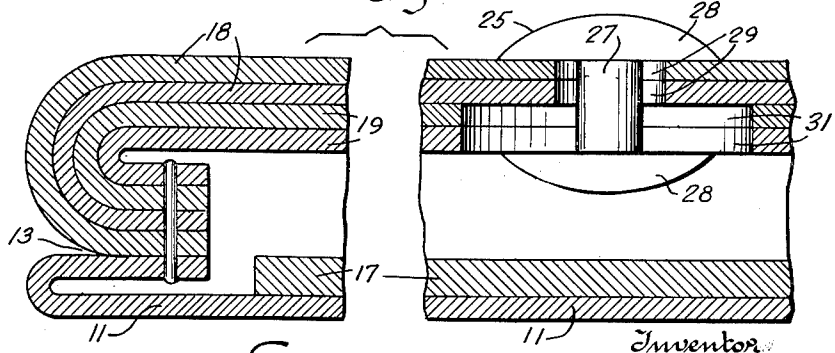


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This invention is directed to a bed clothing cover and is particularly concerned with the securing of the bed clothing completely within the cover.

Bed clothing, such as blankets, often are covered to protect and keep the blanket clean. Another reason for covering a blanket is to keep the rough surface from coming in direct contact with the user. Usually this cover forms an envelope within which the blanket is enclosed. To prevent movement of the blanket relative to the cover it is desirable to have a fastening means between these two elements.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide an improved fastening means between an article of bed clothing and an enclosing cover.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved fastening means between a blanket and enclosing cover including a plurality of flaps secured to the inside seams of said cover with all fastening means completely enclosed therein.

A further object of the present invention is to provide an improved fastening means between a blanket and an enclosing cover including a plurality of flaps secured to the seams of the cover without additional sewing with all fastening means completely enclosed therein.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide an improved fastening means between a blanket and an enclosing cover including a plurality of sewed flaps having crossed buttonholes formed therein to securely fasten the blanket and cover with all fastening means completely enclosed in the cover.

Other objects will be apparent from the following description when read in connection with the drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a bottom view of the enclosing cover;

FIG. 2 is a view in section taken along line II—II of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a view in section taken along line III—III of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a sectional view of part of the cover showing a modification of the improved fastening means;

FIG. 5 is a sectional view similar to FIG. 4 showing another modification of the improved fastening means;

FIG. 6 is a sectional view similar to FIG. 4 showing still another modification of the improved fastening means; and

FIG. 7 is an enlarged view of part of the cover shown in FIG. 3.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference the enclosure for the article of bed clothing is shown as an envelope or cover 10. As seen in FIGS. 1, 2 and 3 envelope 10 is rectangular and consists of a top part 11 and a bottom part 12 made of conventional cloth material and sewed together with adjoining seams on all sides. The longitudinal sides of cover 10 are designated as seam 13 along the left hand side and seam 14 on the right hand side of the drawing.

An opening 16 is formed in bottom part 12 adjacent one end of cover 10 for insertion and removal of the article of bed clothing, shown as a blanket 17. Opening 16 is formed by having part 12 formed in two sections that overlap with the overlapping strips designated as top strip 18 which is the lower end of the upper section and underneath strip 19 which is the upper end of the lower section, as seen in FIG. 1. Opening 16 thus runs along the

lower edge of strip 18 as seen in FIG. 1, and the overlap of strips 18 and 19 is clearly shown in FIG. 3. Opening 16 is closed adjacent seams 13 and 14 by having the overlapping strips 18 and 19 sewed into rectangles enclosed by stitching 21 and 22. Stitching 20 on the upper edge of strip 18 and a corresponding stitching on the lower edge of strip 19 merely fasten a foldback of material to each strip, and these stitchings align with the parallel stitchings 21 and 22.

Opening 16 includes a plurality of closing means which include double buttons 25 that comprise a shank 27 and a button head 28 formed at either end of shank 27. The closing means also includes buttonholes 29 formed in strip 18 and buttonholes 31 formed in strip 19. Buttonholes 29 and 31 correspond and are positioned to engage with buttons 25 to selectively close opening 16. It will be seen in FIG. 3 that buttonholes 29 have their longitudinal dimension perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension of buttonholes 31. These crossed buttonholes effect a more secure engagement with buttons 25 so that even if one button head 28 were to accidentally slip out of engagement, the associated button head would remain engaged.

The cover 10 can be considered to have a top edge 33 which will be positioned near the head of the sleeper and bottom edge 34 positioned near the feet of the sleeper. It will be seen that folded over strip 18 is so formed that opening 16 opens from bottom edge 34, which decreases the possibility of the sleeper's feet being caught in this opening.

Spaced internally along the longitudinal sides of cover 10 and top edge 33 are a plurality of flaps 36. The spacing of the flaps along the seams may be varied, but at least one flap on each side should be positioned at the junctions of top edge 33 with seams 13 and 14. The top part of the combination of blanket 17 and cover 10 is moved about most, and the securing together is thus needed most at this junction. In the embodiment shown four flaps are shown along each side of the cover and two flaps along top edge 33. However, the number of flaps will vary depending on the size of the blankets, and from two to five flaps may be used along the sides, and there can be none or one or two flaps along the top, as the size of the blanket increases.

Flaps 36 are folded and stitched to cover 10 at the same time as seams 13 and 14 are sewed so that the original stitching passes through the middle of flaps 36 and divides each flap into two sections. As seen in FIG. 2, one section 37 of flap 36 will extend adjacent to and parallel with bottom part 12, and the other section 38 will extend adjacent to and parallel with top part 11. A buttonhole 39 is formed approximately in the center of each section 37 and 38, and a pair of corresponding buttons 41 are sewed to blanket 17. Buttons 41 are positioned along the longitudinal edge of blanket 17 so that when blanket 17 is fully stretched out within cover 10 each pair of oppositely positioned buttons 41 will be opposite each pair of button holes 39 and can be engaged therewith to fasten said blanket to cover 10. It will be particularly noticed that the complete fastening means of flaps 36 and buttons 41 are wholly enclosed within cover 10. Neither the buttons 41 or any part of flaps 36 extend outside of cover 10, so cover 10 presents a smooth unbroken surface along its outside edges.

The fastening means which unite blanket 17 and cover 10 are thus seen to be out of sight which improves the looks of the combination, and out of touch to prevent undesirable contact and help to maintain the engagement of the fastening means. This is particularly advantageous if the combined unit is used in a baby buggy or on a baby bed. Although the fastening means have been illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2 as buttons, it is understood that

other fastening means can be used, as snaps or pins (as shown in FIG. 5). Since the fastening means are out of touch to a baby, the combination presents a safety advantage, as an exposed pin could possibly be opened by the baby and be dangerous.

As mentioned before, opening 16 is utilized to insert or remove blanket 17. This may be simply done by actually pushing or pulling the blanket through the opening and reaching inside to secure blanket 17 and flaps 36. However, a suggested method of securing blanket 17 is to reach through opening 16, grasp the corner junctions of top edge 33 where it is connected with seams 13 and 14, and turn cover 10 inside out, thus exposing flaps 36 to the outside. The fastening means on blankets 17 can then easily be secured to flaps 36. Then cover 10 is reversed by reaching through opening 16 to grasp the same junction points and again turn cover 10 inside out. Unbuttoning flaps 36 and removal of blanket 17 from cover 10 can be accomplished by reversing the aforedescribed procedure, so it is seen that the cover unit presents a simple, easily handled procedure for inserting and removing the blanket.

Although the blanket and cover combination illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2 embodies buttons and buttonholes for fastening means, the invention is not to be considered so limited. Flaps 36 can be utilized with other fasteners as pins passing through the blanket and the flaps, snaps or ties, as long as the complete fastening means are contained within the cover. In addition, although the cover with the improved fastening means has been described in connection with a blanket, it is understood that the cover can be used with other bed clothing, as comforters and quilts.

A modification of the invention is shown in FIG. 4 where the fastening means are shown as a flap 46 which has one end thereof sewed to cover 10 by the stitching forming seam 13. Flap 46 is completely contained within cover 10 and has a single buttonhole 47 formed in the center thereof. Blanket 17 has a button 48 mounted thereon and positioned to correspond with and be fastened through buttonhole 47 to secure the blanket and cover together.

Another modification to illustrate the fastening means is shown in FIG. 5 where flap 36 is shown the same as in FIG. 2 where seam 13 fastens flap 36 through the middle to form sections 37 and 38 as described hereinbefore. Sections 37 and 38 lie on either side of blanket 17 and all three elements are secured together by a pin 51.

A further modification is shown in FIG. 6 where the fastening means include flap 56 divided into sections 57 and 58 similar to the flap shown in FIG. 2. However, in this embodiment both sections 57 and 58 lie on one side of blanket 17. A single button 59 is mounted on one side of blanket 17 positioned to correspond to the buttonholes on flap 56. Section 57 includes buttonhole 61 and section 58 includes buttonhole 62 formed approximately in the center of each section. It will be seen that the longitudinal dimensions of buttonholes 61 and 62 are positioned perpendicular to each other so that fastening button 59 with these buttonholes effects a more secure engagement as described in connection with buttonholes 29 and 31 shown in FIG. 3.

It is seen that the present invention furnishes an improved fastening for a blanket cover that is completely enclosed within the cover so that undesirable contact is avoided. Safety is improved as all fastenings are out of reach and accidental unfastening is unlikely. Also this cover when used with babies will not allow them to play with the fastenings, which may be pins, and possibly unfasten them and harm themselves.

The advantages of the improved fastenings will encourage greater use of blanket covers. This will help keep blankets, including electric blankets, cleaner so that less washing and cleaning is necessary. When electric blankets are used, the electric cord may be led out through

opening 16, or a separate opening may be formed for this purpose along the longitudinal seams adjacent opening 16 at the time of stitching seam 13 or 14. The cover will also allow satisfactory use of outside blankets which can be folded over and pinned into the cover.

The particular embodiments of the inventions illustrated and described are to be considered illustrative only. The present invention includes such other modifications and equivalents as may readily occur to those skilled in the art, within the scope of the appended claims.

It is claimed and desired to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A bed clothing cover for completely enclosing a blanket comprising a top part and a bottom part joined directly together on all sides by seam stitching, an opening formed in said bottom part adjacent one end thereof for insertion and removal of the blanket, said opening formed at the overlap of a top section and a bottom section which comprise the bottom part of said cover, each of said overlapped areas having a set of buttonholes formed therein, each said set of buttonholes corresponding in location to the other set of buttonholes and having the longitudinal dimension of each buttonhole perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension of the corresponding buttonhole, said buttonholes adapted to receive individually removable buttons having a head at either end of a shank to fasten said set of buttonholes and overlapping flaps together, a plurality of flaps spaced along the inside periphery of said cover with said seam stitching passing through the center of each flap to secure said flap to the inside of said cover and divide said flap into two equal flap sections, each said flap section having a buttonhole formed therein, said flap buttonholes positioned to correspond in location to each other, and said buttonholes adapted to receive buttons fastened on either side of the blanket in engaging relationship as said flap sections of each flap are positioned one on either side of the blanket.

2. A bed clothing cover for completely enclosing a blanket comprising a top part and a bottom part joined directly together on all sides by seam stitching, an opening formed in said bottom part adjacent one end thereof for insertion and removal of the blanket, said opening formed at the overlap of a top section and a bottom section which comprise the bottom part of said cover, each of said overlapped areas having a set of buttonholes formed therein, each said set of buttonholes corresponding in location to the other set of buttonholes and having the longitudinal dimension of each buttonhole perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension of the corresponding buttonhole, said buttonholes adapted to receive individually removable buttons having a head at either end of a shank to fasten said set of buttonholes and overlapping flaps together, a plurality of flaps spaced along the inside periphery of said cover with said seam stitching passing through the center of each flap to secure said flap to the inside of said cover and divide said flap into two equal flap sections, each said flap section having a buttonhole formed therein, said buttonholes positioned to correspond in location and have their longitudinal dimension perpendicular to each other, and each pair of said buttonholes adapted to receive a button fastened on one side of the blanket in engaging relationship as each pair of said flap sections are positioned together on one side of the blanket.

3. A bed clothing cover for completely enclosing a blanket comprising a top part and a bottom part joined directly together on all sides by seam stitching, an opening formed in said bottom part adjacent one end thereof for insertion and removal of the blanket, said opening formed at the overlap of a top section and a bottom section which comprise the bottom part of said cover, each of said overlapped areas having a set of buttonholes formed therein, each said set of buttonholes corresponding in location to the other set of buttonholes and having the longitudinal dimension of each buttonhole perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension of the corresponding buttonhole, said buttonholes adapted to receive individu-

ally removable buttons having a head at either end of a shank to fasten said set of buttonholes and overlapping flaps together, a plurality of flaps spaced along the inside periphery of said cover with said seam stitching passing through the center of each flap to secure said flap to the inside of said cover and divide said flap into two equal flap sections, each said flap section positioned on an opposite side of the blanket and removable fastening means passing through both flap sections and the blanket to secure a pair of said flap sections and the blanket together.

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