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COMFORTER

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Fig. 1

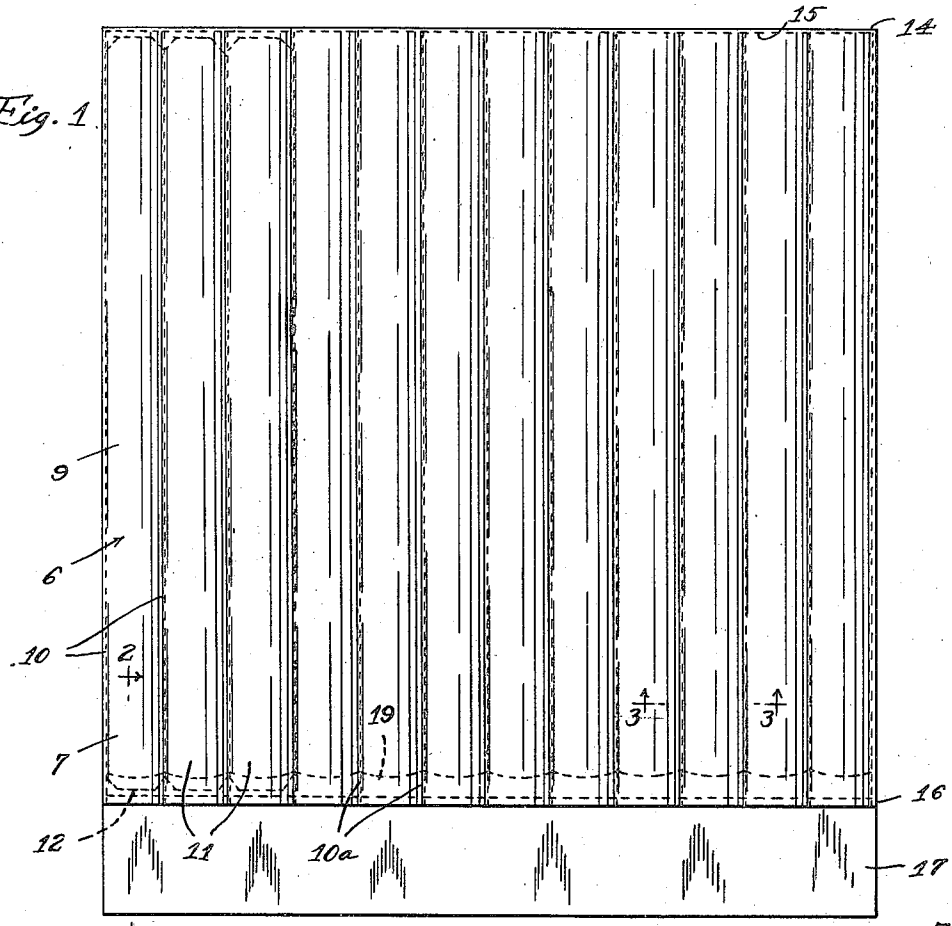


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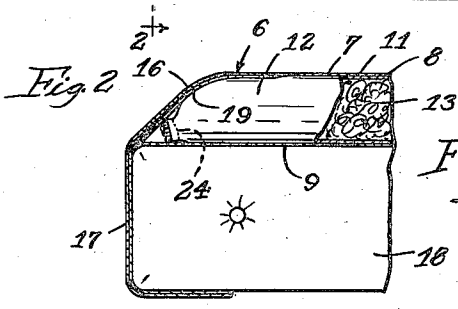


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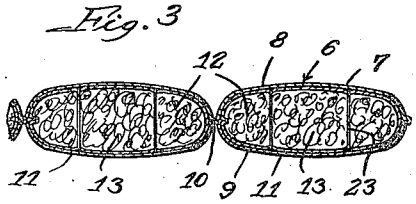


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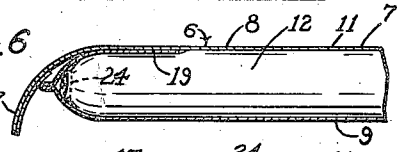


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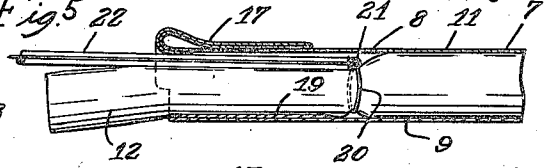
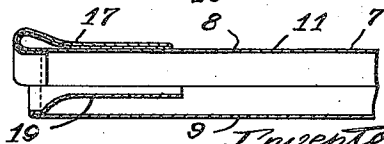


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to comforters, and has for its principal object the provision of a comforter in which there are elongated, tubular, down, kapok, wool, or cotton stuffed fillers, which are easily removable and replaceable from the longitudinally extending pockets in the cover so that the cover may be washed or cleaned without damaging the fillers, the comforter while devoid of zippers, buttons, or other fasteners being so constructed that the fillers once inserted properly are not visible at the ends and cannot slip out accidentally. The elimination of the zippers and other types of fasteners has obvious advantages besides materially reducing the overall cost of the comforter.

In the comforter of my invention, the bottom cover-piece has the foot end folded inwardly to form a pocket closing flap entirely within the end of the pockets, and the top cover-piece has a foot end extension to tuck down under the mattress so that the comforter will not be apt to become displaced from the bed, the extension, moreover, cooperating with the flap to cover the open ends of the pockets while the flap overlies the ends of the fillers and prevents displacement thereof endwise from the pockets. The infolded end of the bottom cover-piece forming the flap is sewed in place at the same time that the top and bottom pieces are sewed together lengthwise to form the longitudinally extending pockets, and in that way the flap so far as each individual pocket is concerned is not loose but is fastened along the opposite sides of the pocket and hence cannot become displaced itself, although it does not extend far enough into the end of the pocket to interfere with the easy tucking in of the end of the filler under it.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view of a comforter made in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional detail on a larger scale on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, but showing the comforter in place on a bed to indicate how the foot end extension is arranged to be tucked in under the mattress;

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional detail on the same scale as Fig. 2 on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional detail of the cover with the fillers removed to better illustrate the relationship of the flap and end extension or apron portion to the end of the pocket;

Fig. 5 is a similar view illustrating how each filler is arranged to be inserted, and

Fig. 6 is another view like Fig. 4 but showing the filler inserted.

The same reference numerals are applied to corresponding parts throughout the views.

Referring to Figure 1, the comforter designated generally by the reference numeral 6 comprises a cover 7 made up of a top cover-piece 8 and bottom cover-piece 9 sewed together by longitudinally extending stitches, as indicated at 10, to provide longitudinally extending pocket portions 11 to receive the removable elongated fillers 12 stuffed with down, kapok, wool, or cotton, as indicated at 13 in Figs. 2 and 3. The pockets 11 are all closed at the head end 14 of the comforter, as indicated by the stitches 15 extending crosswise of that end of the comforter and joining the top and bottom pieces 8 and 9. On the foot end portion 16, the top cover-piece 8 has an end extension or apron portion 17, which when the comforter is placed on the bed can be tucked in under the end of the mattress, as indicated at 18 in Fig. 2, whereby to prevent displacement of the comforter from the bed. This extending apron portion furthermore cooperates with the inwardly extending flap portion 19, provided by the folded in end portion of the bottom cover-piece 9, to cover the open ends of the pockets 11 and conceal the same from view. The flap 19 is arranged to have the end of each of the fillers 12 tucked in under it, as shown in Fig. 2, to more or less conceal the fillers from view from the end of the comforter and prevent endwise displacement of the fillers from the pockets 11. It will be evident that the longitudinal stitching 10 joining the top and bottom cover-pieces 8 and 9 goes through the inwardly folded flap 19 along opposite sides of all of the pockets 11, as indicated at 10*a* in Fig. 1, so that the flap 19 so far as each individual pocket is concerned is held securely against displacement outwardly from the end of the pocket. The flap extends in far enough to conceal the ends of the fillers but not far enough to interfere with the easy tucking in of the ends of the fillers under the flap. The fillers are, of course, pliable easily to the extent needed to enter the ends thereof under the flap after the fillers have been inserted full length into the pockets.

As indicated in Fig. 5, one can easily insert the fillers 12 one at a time into the pockets 11 by thrusting the end of the filler into the pocket by hand as far as the arm will reach, then a cord 20, one end of which is attached to an eyelet 21 on the end of a stick or broom handle, indicated at 22, can be looped around the filler

and through the eyelet and back along the stick 22 so as to grip the filler fairly securely in a sort of snare, whereupon it will be found that the filler can easily be shoved in all of the rest of the way so that the forward end reaches the head end of the cover. Then the cord can be released and the stick withdrawn, taking the cord with it.

The fillers 12 may be of any suitable or preferred construction, the ones herein shown having a tube-like cloth covering with a certain amount of stitches 23 going through the fillers to prevent the stuffing 13 from shifting about too much. The ends of the fillers can be left open and the covering material merely sewed together, as indicated at 24, to prevent loss of the stuffing material when the fillers are in place in the comforter or are hung up for airing. The pockets 11 in the cover into which the fillers are entered are of a size just enough larger to admit the fillers easily. The cover is usually made of rayon or silk, but, of course, any other material suitable for the purpose may be used.

I claim:

1. A comforter, comprising a cover formed by a top cover-piece and bottom cover-piece, a plurality of substantially parallel narrow, elongated pockets formed between the top and bottom cover-pieces by stitching extending lengthwise thereof from end to end, and narrow, elongated fillers removably received in said pockets and extending substantially from end to end thereof, one of said cover-pieces having an infolded end portion through which the aforesaid longitudinally extending stitching passes, whereby to provide flap portions in one end of all of said pockets, the inner end of the said flap portion being free for entry therebeneath of the end portion of the associated filler, whereby to prevent endwise displacement of the filler from the pocket, the other ends of said pockets being closed, the said flap portion in each pocket being of sufficient length measured from its outer end to its inner end to conceal from view from the open end of the pocket the end portion of the filler enclosed behind said flap portion, but said flap portion being short enough to permit relatively easy tucking of the end portion of the filler therebehind or removal therefrom.

2. A comforter as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bottom cover-piece has said infolded end portion forming said flap portions, and the top cover-piece has an end extension reaching beyond the open ends of the pockets to cooperate with the flap portions in closing the open ends of the pockets and concealing the fillers.

3. A comforter, comprising a series of narrow, elongated filler elements and a cover comprising top and bottom portions which are sewed together lengthwise to form therebetween a series of narrow, elongated parallel pockets, said series of pockets extending throughout the width of the cover and the individual pockets extending substantially the full length of the cover, the filler elements being of a length substantially equal to the length of the pockets and being removably entered therein endwise, all of the pockets being open at one end and closed at the other end to retain the filler elements, and a single continuous filler retaining flap connected to and extending inwardly from the end of one of said top and bottom portions and extending crosswise with respect to the open end of all of said pockets the full width of the cover to provide inwardly opening shallow pockets in the open ends of said parallel pockets into which the adjacent end portions of the filler elements are adapted to be tucked to prevent endwise displacement of said filler elements from the parallel pockets and also substantially conceal the ends of said filler elements from view from the open ends of said parallel pockets.

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