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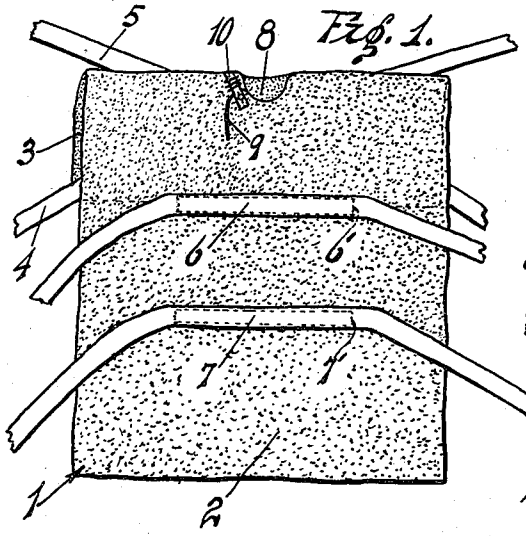


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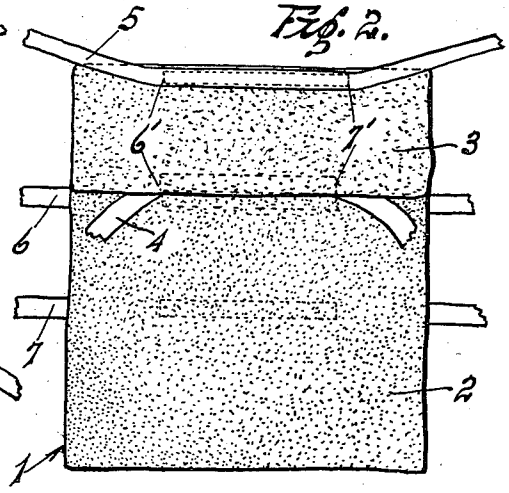


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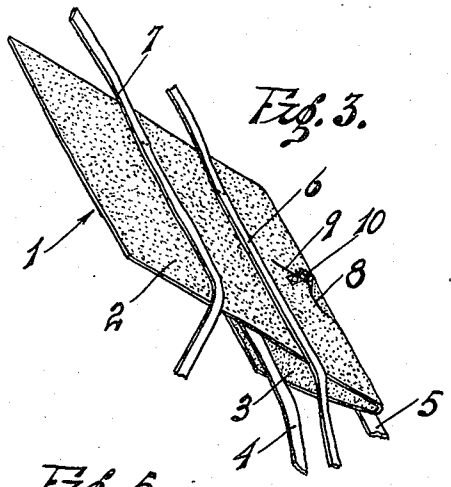


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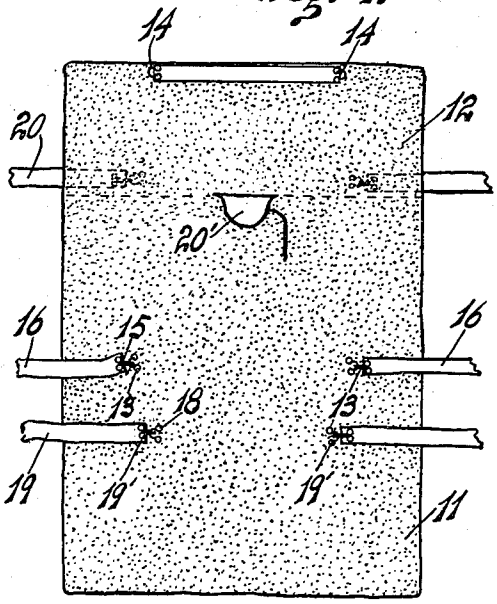
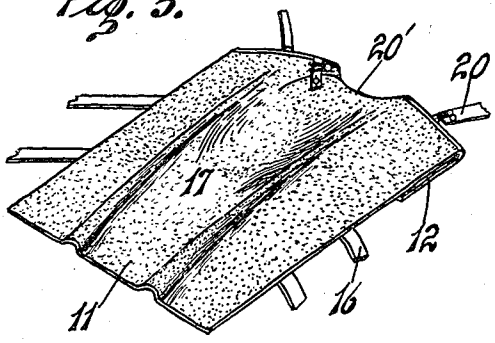


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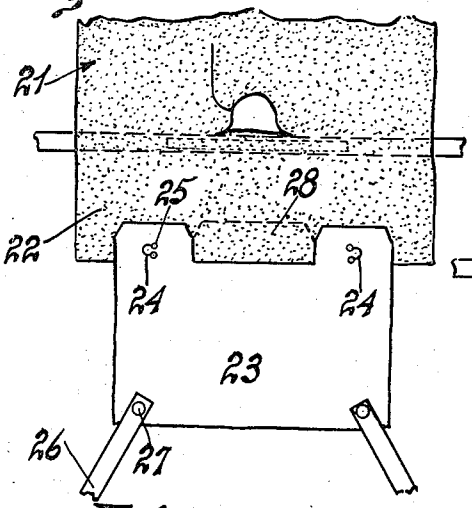


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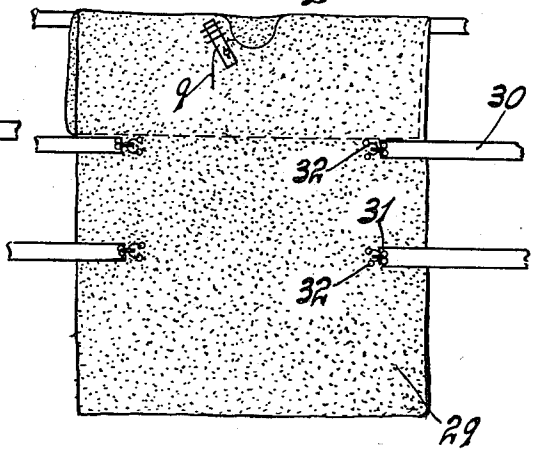


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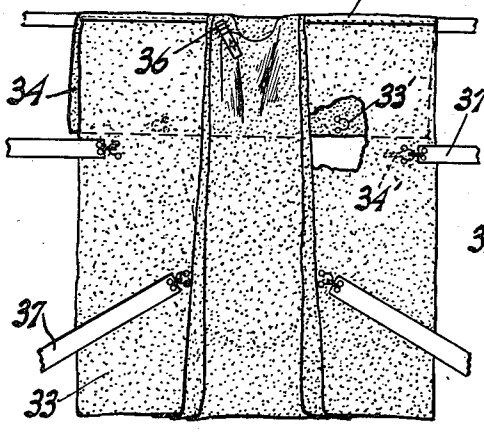


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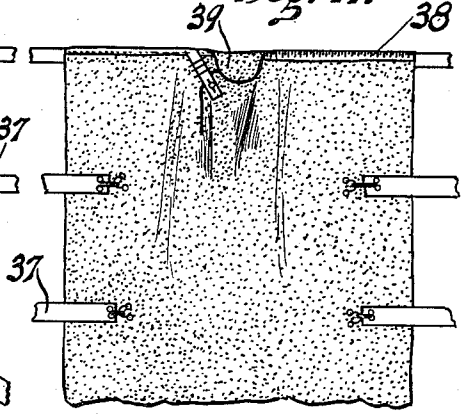


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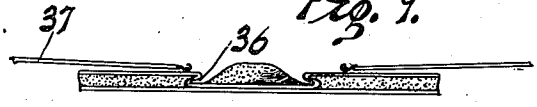


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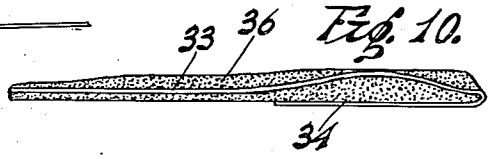
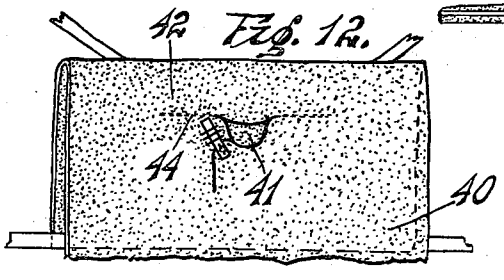


Fig. 12.



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This invention relates to a blanket or covering to be used on cribs, beds, or the like, and while primarily intended for children, can also be used for adults.

The prime object of my invention is to provide a blanket which can be maintained in place and which will prevent the occupant from inadvertently uncovering himself. The blanket allows a maximum freedom of movement, is comfortable, and will keep the child or adult well covered.

Another object is to provide a blanket, a part of which may be pulled over the occupant's head, leaving the head extending thru an opening, while the rest of the body, including the hands, is securely covered.

Another object is to provide a blanket which can be quickly and easily arranged so that in case of need, the occupant may be partly covered or uncovered without disturbing or completely exposing him.

Another object is to provide a blanket which is securely fastened in place, and yet the sides and bottom thereof are free to be tucked around and under the mattress.

Still another object is to provide a blanket of the character stated, which is so constructed that it is loose both lengthwise and crosswise over the occupant, thus giving freedom of movement, and at the same time, preventing the occupant from being uncovered.

A further object of the invention is to provide a covering which may be partly or wholly opened or separated into two parts so that the covering can be opened or closed easily over the occupant.

A feature of my blanket resides in the means by which the occupant can be quickly and easily covered or uncovered, said means including detachable or releasable fasteners.

Another feature is that the portion of the blanket which extends under the occupant is maintained taut and smooth by attaching bands or strips at suitable places on the under portion of the blanket, which bands are fastened to suitable places on the springs, bed or crib.

Other objects, advantages and features of invention may appear from the accompanying drawings, the subjoined detailed description and the appended claims.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my blanket.

Figure 2 is a bottom plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the same.

Figure 4 is a bottom plan view of a modified form of blanket.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the form shown in Fig. 4.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary plan view of a blanket with a water-proof apron attached thereto.

Figure 7 is a top plan view of the blanket showing another means of attaching the strips or bands to the blanket.

Figure 8 is a plan view of a further modified form of blanket.

Figure 9 is an end view of the type shown in Fig. 8.

Figure 10 is a side view of the form shown in Fig. 8.

Figure 11 is a fragmentary plan view of still another modified form of blanket.

Figure 12 is a fragmentary plan view of another modified form of blanket.

My blanket comprises, in general, a rectangular piece of material which is folded back upon itself transversely of the material, the top portion being about four or five times as long as the under portion. The under portion is long enough to extend to approximately the small of the occupant's back, thus preventing soiling of the under portion.

A suitable opening with a slit extending therefrom is provided at the fold so as to permit the occupant's head to pass therethru, when the top portion is put in place and after the occupant has been placed upon the lower portion.

The blanket is provided with suitable bands or strips so positioned as to hold the cover in place when they are fastened to bars or other portions of the springs, crib or bed. The bands are easily loosened or detached, as will be subsequently described.

The lower portion of the blanket also provides a means for attaching a water-proof apron so as to prevent soiling of the mattress or covering thereon.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the blanket 1 is preferably rectangular in shape and is made of any suitable or usual material. The blanket consists of an upper or covering portion 2, and a lower portion 3. The lower portion is shorter than the upper portion and extends downwardly a sufficient distance so that the lower edge thereof is positioned at approximately the small of the occupant's back.

A strip or band 4 is attached to the under portion 3 and this band is long enough to extend beyond each side of the blanket and is tied or otherwise secured to the crib or bed. The band 4 is attached to the lower portion of the part 3. A second band 5 is also secured to the portion 3,

preferably adjacent to the top and on the under side thereof. This last named band is adjacent the upper part of the section 3 and is long enough to be attached to the crib or bed. When the bands 4, 5 are attached to the crib in an outwardly oblique direction, the section 3 will be held taut and smooth upon the crib. The upper, or covering part 2 has two bands 6, 7 attached thereto and these bands extend outwardly and downwardly from the blanket and are suitably attached to the crib or bed. All the bands are attached adjacent the center of the parts 2 and 3 so that the outer edges of the blanket can be tucked under the mattress, as shown at 6' and 7'. The bands 6, 7 are so tied that sufficient looseness is provided over the occupant.

An opening 8 is provided in the blanket adjacent the upper fold and this opening is approximately large enough that the head of the occupant can pass therethru. A slit 9 extends into the opening 8 so that this opening can be enlarged in order to pass over the head. An elastic band 10 is attached to the upper part 2 and extends over the slit 9, and the free end thereof is buttoned so as to releasably hold the slit closed.

In the Figures 4 and 5, the same general arrangement is provided as was described in Figures 1 to 3, inclusive. That is, the blanket has an upper or covering part 11, and a lower or folded part 12.

A pair of eyes 13, 13 are secured to the under part of the cover 11. A pair of eyes 14, 14 are secured to the folded part 12 adjacent the lower edge thereof. The eyes 13, 14 are attached together by hooks 15, on the bands 16, and the eyes 13 are so positioned outwardly and downwardly with respect to 14, 14 that a fullness is provided in the upper covering longitudinally and transversely, as shown at 17.

The fastening bands hold the lower fold 12 taut. The space transversely between the eyes 14 is less than the space transversely between the eyes 13; therefore, when the eyes 13, 14 are fastened together, a fullness in the upper fold 11 will result.

A plurality of eyes 18 are secured to the lower surface of the covering portion 11, and the attaching bands 19 are each provided with a hook 19' which fits into an eye 18. The hooks may be adjustable on the bands, if desired.

A band 20 is also secured to the lower folded portion 12 and at the top thereof, so that portion is held taut and smooth on the bed. The blanket is provided with a head opening 20', identical in construction and arrangement, as previously described in Figures 1 to 4, inclusive.

In Figure 6, the blanket 21 is provided with the under folded portion 22, as previously described. A water-proof apron 23 may be attached to the under folded portion 22 in the following manner: a pair of eyes 24 are secured to the part 22; the apron 23 has a pair of spaced slots 25 formed therein which fit over the eyes 24, or in Figures 1 to 3, the bands 4 extend thru the slots. The usual attaching band is then hooked into the eyes 24, and the apron and under portion 22 are thus held securely in position. A pair of bands 26—which may be elastic—are attached to the apron 23 by means of a snap fastener 27, or the like. The apron is also provided with a central tongue 28 which fits under the folded portion 22.

In Figure 7, the upper part of the blanket 29 is held in position over the occupant by means of a plurality of bands 30, each band having a hook 31 secured thereto which hook fits into an eye 32 which, in turn, is secured to the blanket 29.

In Figures 8, 9 and 10, the upper part of the blanket 33 is a separate piece from the under part 34, and is wider than the under part. The two pieces are stitched together at the fold 35. Prior to stitching the parts 33, 34, together, the upper part is pleated, as shown at 36. This provides a fullness over the occupant so that the blanket is more comfortable. Attaching bands 37 are permanently or detachably secured to the part 33, as previously described.

In order to provide a longitudinal and transverse fullness in the blanket, and particularly on the upper part, I may provide a pair of eyes 33' which are attached to the upper face of the under fold 34. A hook 34' is secured to the under face of the upper fold 33 and this hook is positioned below and towards the edge relative to the eyes 33'. Thus, when the hook 34' is engaged with the eye 33', a longitudinal and transverse fullness is provided in the upper fold of the blanket, in the same manner as the eyes 13, 14, previously described.

In Figure 11, a separable fastener 38 is provided at the fold of the blanket, either at one side or at both sides of the head opening 39. It is obvious that the separable fastener 38 may be provided either at the fold or adjacent thereto. The fastener, of course, extends transversely across the blanket. With this latter arrangement, the upper or covering part of the blanket need not be thrown over the head of the occupant. That is, the fastener can be released and the upper portion of the blanket thrown down, and the occupant placed on the blanket and the covering part then thrown back over him, and the separable fastener again closed.

In Figure 12, I have shown a modified form of blanket in which a space is provided for the free movement of the arms, both to the side and above the head. The blanket 40 is provided with a head opening 41, as previously described. This head opening is below the folded edge of the blanket. At either side of this head opening, and extending above said opening, I thus provide an extension 42. This extension enables the child to move its arms freely towards the side and also above the head. The upper and lower portion of the blanket are secured by means of bands in the same manner as previously described. Stitching 44 extends outwardly from the head opening 41, to act as a stop shoulder and thus prevent the child from kicking itself upwardly in the blanket. The stitching 44 also provides a space between said stitching and the folded edge of the blanket so that a pillow can be inserted from the side, the pillow being effectively held in position.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A blanket comprising a strip of material, said strip including an upper long portion and a lower short portion, said upper portion having a head opening therein, fastening bands detachably attached to the upper and lower portion, said fastening bands being adapted to be attached to a bed whereby the blanket is held against movement and the lower portion is held taut, and interconnected fastening means on the upper and lower portions adjacent the side edges thereof whereby a fullness is provided in the upper portion, said fullness extending longitudinally and transversely of said upper por-

tion, said fastening means on the upper and lower portions being unequally spaced from the side edges of the blanket and from the upper end thereof.

2. A blanket comprising a strip of material, said strip being formed with an upper and a lower portion, and having a head opening therein, a pair of fasteners attached to the lower portion, a pair of complementary fasteners attached to the upper portion adjacent the side edges thereof, said fasteners being joinable whereby a longitudinal and transverse fullness is provided in the upper portion only, and means secured to the lower portion, said means being adapted to be attached to a bed whereby the lower portion is held taut.

3. A blanket comprising a strip of material, said strip being folded whereby an upper and lower portion are provided, said upper and lower portions being joined only at the fold, said strip having a head opening therein adjacent the fold, a pair of fasteners attached to the lower portion adjacent the lower edge thereof, a pair of complementary fasteners on the lower surface of the upper portion, said complementary fasteners being spaced transversely a greater amount than the first named fasteners, said fasteners being engageable whereby a longitudinal and transverse fullness is provided in the upper portion, and means secured to the lower portion, said means being adapted to be attached to a bed whereby the lower portion is held taut.

4. A blanket comprising a strip of material, said strip being formed with a free lower fold and a free upper fold, said strip having a head opening therein adjacent the juncture of the upper and lower folds, means attachable to a bed, said means detachably secured inwardly of the side edges of the upper covering fold, and complementary attaching means on the lower and upper folds whereby said fold may be joined to the upper fold, said means—when joined together—adapted to create a fixed fullness in the upper end of the upper fold, and holding the lower fold taut when said means is attached to a bed.

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