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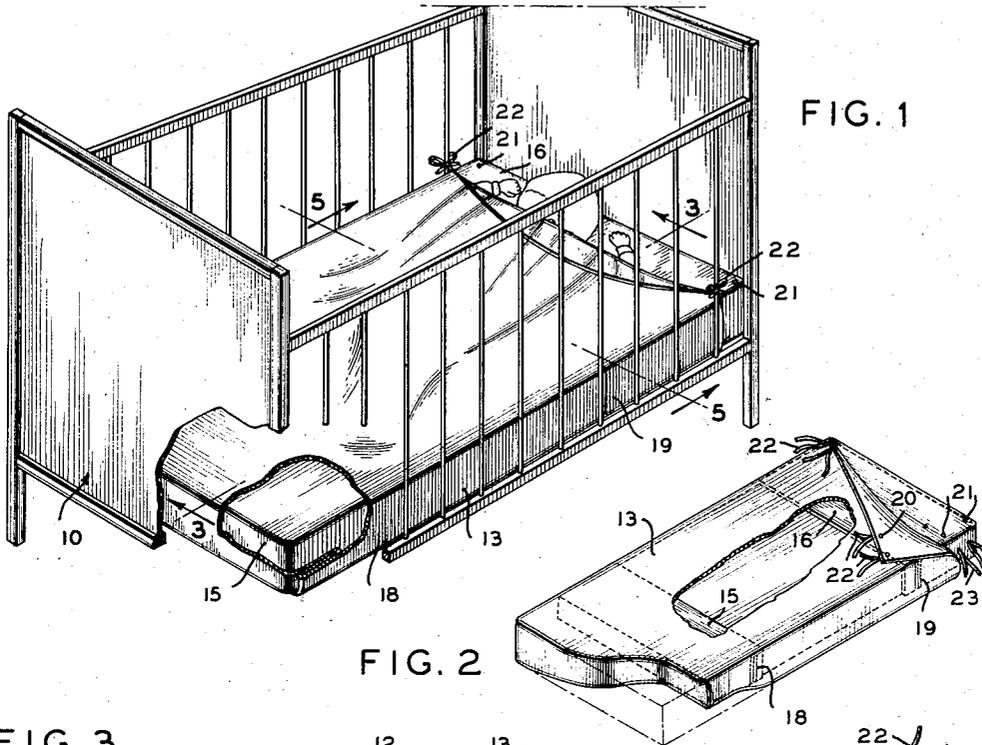


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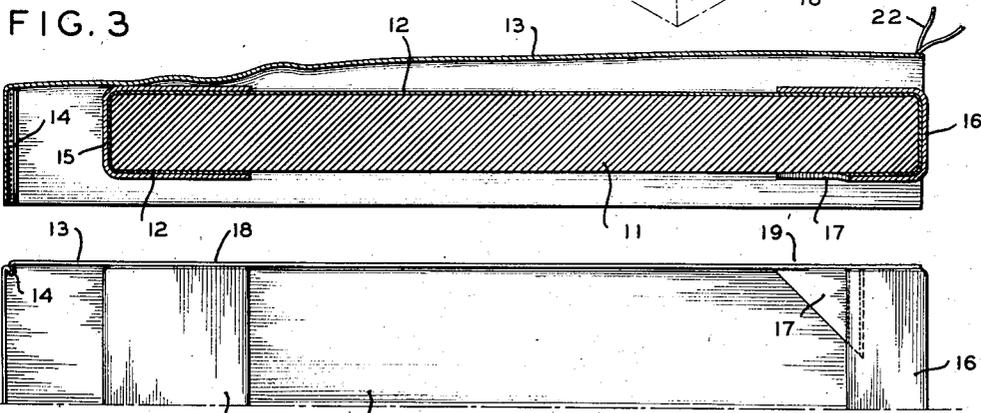


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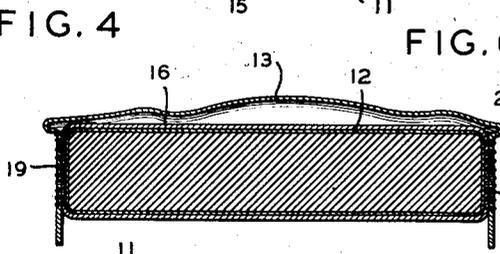
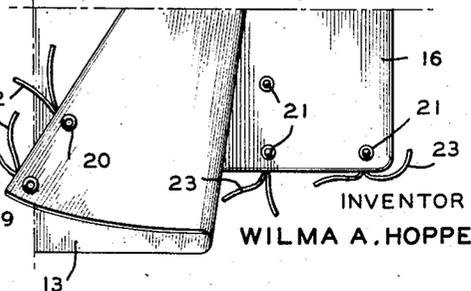


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This invention relates to the care and protection of infants and restless persons including keeping them properly covered while in bed in order that they may be warm or have the proper body temperature, and particularly to prevent the covering from being thrown off or displaced.

The invention relates specifically to a blanket or covering for the body which can be anchored in place by attachment to the mattress of the bed and if desired to other portions of the bed without the use of safety pins or other fasteners in a manner to prevent the cover from becoming loose, entangled, or in other condition to cause discomfort, exposure and damage or injury to the occupant of the bed.

Numerous efforts have been made to maintain bed covering in proper position including by the use of safety pins and other fasteners or holders, with some of which the cover is tucked beneath the mattress, and with others the cover is tied to different parts of the bed or the like. These have been unsatisfactory because they were not reliable and did not satisfactorily perform the function for which they were intended but instead permitted the cover to become disarranged and damaged and others caused injury to the individual.

It is an object of the invention to provide an anchor blanket or cover of simple and inexpensive character, which can be produced from readily available materials and easily and quickly applied to and removed from the mattress for laundering and which will satisfactorily perform the function for which it is intended.

Another object of the invention is to provide an anchor blanket which will add to the appearance, which will stay in the desired position during use, will provide protection to the occupant of the bed as well as to the bed itself, and which will afford peace of mind to persons responsible for the care and welfare of the infant, restless person or other object in the bed.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective of a crib and illustrating one application of the invention;

Fig. 2, a perspective of the invention applied, but with parts broken away for purposes of illustration;

Fig. 3, a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4, a bottom plan view of a portion of the invention along one side;

Fig. 5, a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 6, an enlarged top corner portion of the blanket or cover showing snap fasteners and ties.

Briefly stated, the invention comprises a blanket or cover of the generally rectangular shape of the bed having its foot end stitched at each corner to provide a right angular corner boxing adapted to conform to the end of the mattress and prevent the end of the blanket from passing the end of the mattress when the person in bed kicks or raises his feet. The foot end of the blanket is also adapted to be tucked under the mattress.

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In order to maintain the blanket or cover on the mattress a pair of casings or end covers are provided for the foot and head portions of the mattress, each being of a width and thickness to fit snugly over the end of the mattress, the cover for the head being shorter on its underside and the ends of such short portion being connected by gussets to the side portions of the casings or end covers to facilitate application and removal of the blanket.

The blanket or cover is attached by stitching to and across the thickness of the sides of the casings where they fit over the mattress, and the head portion of the blanket is provided with detachable fasteners for cooperative engagement with complementary fasteners on the casing at the head of the bed and providing for the adjustment of the head portion of the cover. If desired, the head end of the blanket may be provided with ties which can be fastened around the headposts or other portions of the bed, either or both of the fasteners or ties being usable as preferred.

With continued reference to the drawing, a conventional bed or crib 10 is adapted to receive a conventional mattress 11 of foam rubber or other material, such mattress being adapted to receive a conventional sheet 12 or other covering on which an infant, restless person or other animate object reposes.

In lieu of the usual bed covering, which readily can be tossed aside or accidentally displaced unless secured in place by tucking or by safety pins or other fasteners, and which covering it is desirable to retain in position to provide the desired covering, the present invention embodies a cover member 13 of the general rectangular shape of the bed and having cover seams 14 providing a right angular corner boxing at each side of the cover member 13, and located beyond the end of the mattress 11. This overhanging portion is adapted to be tucked under the end of the mattress in cool weather or left untucked in warm weather, the boxed corners preventing the sleeper from kicking the end of the blanket up above his feet by conforming to the end of the mattress.

In order to secure the cover member 13 to the mattress 11, a pair of casings or end covers 15 and 16 are provided, each being of a width and thickness to fit snugly over the end of the mattress. The head end cover 16 is shorter on its underside than the foot end cover 15, so that it is relatively easy to slip over one end of the mattress, it being easy to slip on one casing of substantial width but more difficult to slip on a second casing on the opposite end of the mattress. Gussets 17 are sewed or otherwise attached to each side edge of the head end cover 16 and to the short upper surface of the end cover 16.

The cover member 13 is attached to the foot and head end covers 15 and 16 by vertical stitching 18 and 19 or other conventional means. Additionally the cover 13 is provided with snap fasteners 20 on its head end adjacent its sides for engagement with complementary snap fasteners 21 for securing the upper corners of the cover member 13 in fixed relation to the end cover 16. The upper end of the cover member 13 also may be provided with ribbons or ties 22 for engagement about the corner posts or side bars of the bed or for engagement with ties 23 attached to head end cover 16.

It will be readily understood from the foregoing that an anchor blanket or cover is provided for the bed of an infant or restless person, which can be easily applied and removed and when applied will be securely maintained in position, that such anchor blanket includes a casing at the foot and one at the head of the bed in which the ends of the mattress are received. Also the head portion of the blanket will be adjustably maintained in the proper position.

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It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit and scope thereof and therefore the invention is not limited by that which is illustrated in the drawing and described in the specification, but only as indicated in the accompanying claims.

What is claimed is:

1. An anchor blanket of a character to remain in position on a bed comprising a pair of end casings for a mattress to which the device is to be applied, said end casings being of a size and configuration to fit snugly one over each of the opposite ends of a mattress, the bottom of one of the said casings being of relatively narrow width to facilitate application and removal of the same, a cover member having a foot portion with box corners, said cover member being of a length to extend beyond the bottom casing for tucking it beneath the foot of a mattress or left untucked in an extended position, said box corners preventing the foot end of the said cover member from being disengaged from the foot end of said mattress, stitching securing said cover member at each side to adjacent portions of said casings whereby said cover member will be maintained in extended position, fastening elements on the head end of said cover member by which it may be secured in proper position, and cooperative fastening elements on said casing at the head end of the bed for detachable reception of said first mentioned fastening elements.

2. An anchor blanket of a character to remain in posi-

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tion on a bed comprising a pair of end casings for a mattress to which the device is to be applied, said end casings being of a size and configuration to fit snugly one over each of the opposite ends of a mattress, a cover member having a foot portion with box corners, said cover member being of a length to extend beyond the bottom casing so that it can be tucked beneath the mattress at the foot of the bed or left untucked in the extended position, the said box corners preventing the foot end of the said cover member from being disengaged from the foot end of said mattress, stitching securing said cover member at each side to adjacent portions of said casings whereby said cover member will be maintained in extended position fastening elements on the head end of said cover member by which it may be secured in proper position.

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