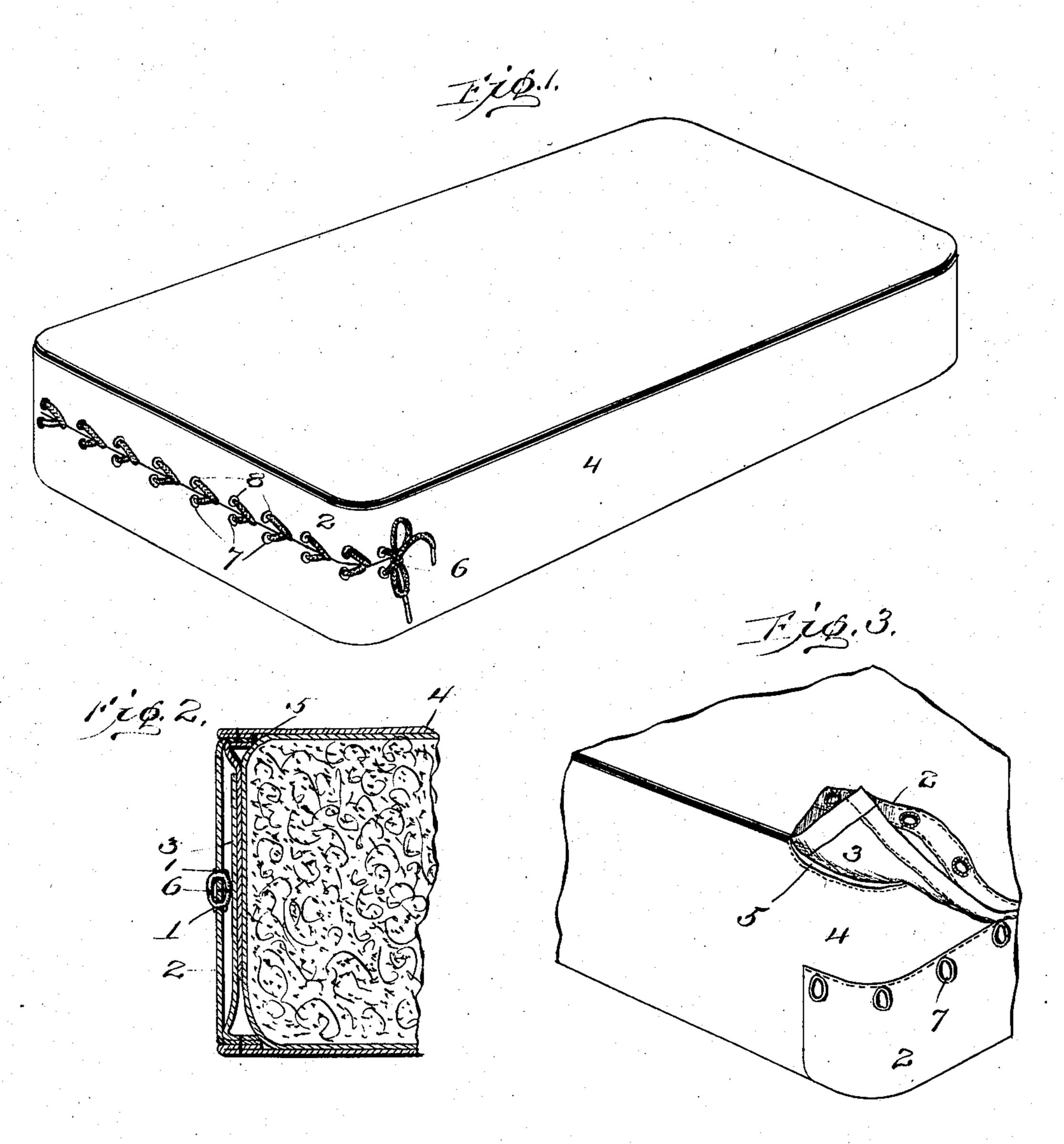
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, David F. Forwood, a citizen of the United States, residing at Taylor, in the county of Williamson and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to mattresses, pillows and similar articles, but more especially to covers for this class of articles.

The object of this invention is to produce
15 a cover for a mattress, pillow, or similar articles which will exclude the dust which accumulates around said articles, and thus to protect them and keep them from being soiled. It is known that many attempts
20 have been made to produce an article of this nature, but they have not been wholly satisfactory, insomuch that they do not entirely exclude the dust.

Another object is to construct a cover for such articles that will render an even, unbroken surface by covering up the impressions made by the insertion of the tufts,

The purpose of this cover is to make mattresses more sanitary. This cover is so formed that it may be removed and washed and then be readily placed over the mattress again and laced.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cover as it contains a mattress.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation in cross section, and, Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cover showing the end as it appears when cross section.

In the accompanying drawings which form a part of this specification, 4 designates the cover which is of rectangular formation and is closed on all sides with the exception of a small slit or opening 5 in one end which extends the whole width of the cover and through which is inserted the mattress. Secured to the end of the cover at the termination of one of its flat sides are two flaps 1 and 3 which are intended to be placed down over opening 5 and to completely close the same. The flap 3 is of such a size as to completely 0 cover the end of the casing. The outer flap 1 is formed so as to only cover one half of the

end of the casing and it carries a series of eyelets 8 along its outer edge through which laces are passed for the purpose of holding flap 1 and flap 3 in a closed position.

At the termination of the opposite flat side of the cover is placed a flap 2 which covers only one half of the end of the cover, the edge of which meets flap 1 at the center and carries a corresponding series of eyelets 60 7 through which laces are passed. In Fig. 2 a portion of a mattress 9 is shown as it is inclosed in the opening end of the cover 4.

In using this cover the mattress is inserted in the opening 5 and then the flap 3 is closed 65 so as to bring it in parallel plane with the end. The flaps 1 and 2 are now closed upon flap 3 and are secured in that position by means of the lacing 6 which passes through the series of eyelets 7 and 8.

It will be noted that the opening, the several flaps and the lacing extend around the end of the cover to the correspondingly opposite sides, thus insuring a tight dust proof closure that will protect the mattress and 75 that will present a smooth and unbroken surface.

What I claim is:—

A closure for a mattress comprising a cover consisting of walls completely cover- 80 ing the ends and all sides, an opening in the form of a slit along the edge of the joining of the top of said cover with one end, said opening extending around the joining edges for a short distance, a flap secured to said joining 85 edge of said cover and extending downwardly over said opening said flap extending to the lower edge of the end of the mattress and entirely covering said end, and two half length flaps covering said flap and said end and the 90 adjoining portions of the sides, said half length flaps being secured at their edges which edges meet along a line midway between the slit and the free end of the flap directly covering said slit.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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