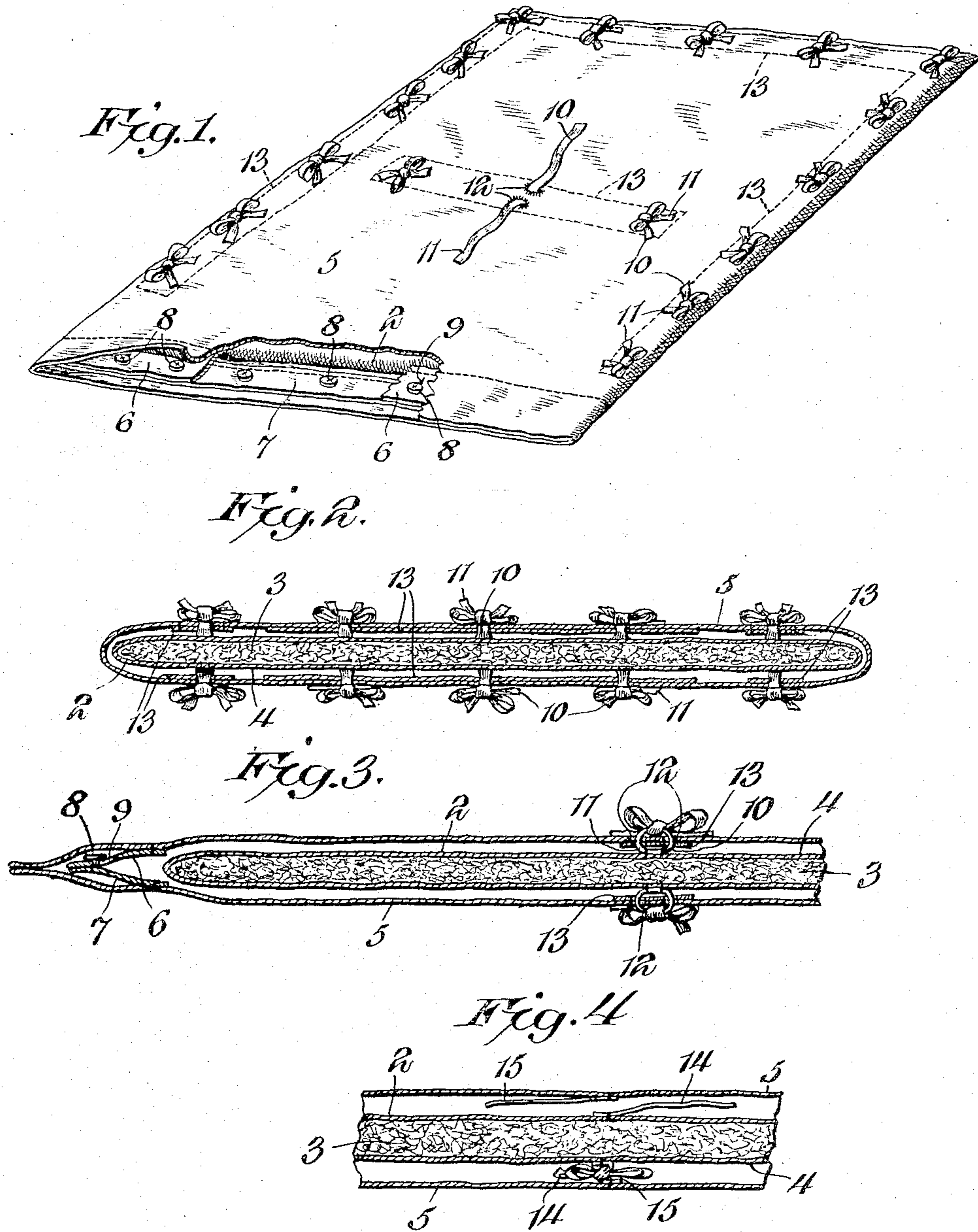


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNIE COWING CALDWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented a new and useful Sanitary Washable Case for Comfortables, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bed comfortables, and has for its object the provision of a case or slip for inclosing the comfortable, the comfortable and slip being provided with means of attachment one to the other, which means may be easily detached to permit the slip to be withdrawn from the comfortable and to be washed.

Heretofore comfortables or like articles of bed furniture have not been washable for the reason that the comfortable was covered by material which was permanently fastened in place. Hence, comfortables of this kind have been unsanitary, liable to collect dirt, become easily soiled and without any means whereby the outer covering of the comfortable could be cleaned or washed, it being, of course, impossible to put the comfortable as a whole into the wash because of the cotton filling. I design to avoid this objection to comfortables by providing a slip cover which is adapted to inclose the comfortable and form an outside facing therefor, this cover having buttons or other fastening devices at one end whereby the ends of the slip may be closed and the comfortable and slip provided with a series of tapes whereby the two may be attached along the length of the comfortable or across it so as to prevent any relative movement between the slip cover and the body of the comfortable.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a comfortable made in accordance with my invention, one end of the slip cover being broken away; Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the comfortable showing one manner of attaching the body of the comfortable to its case or slip; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of a portion of a comfortable showing another means of attaching the body of the comfortable to the slip, and also illustrating the means for closing the end of the slip; Fig. 4 is a fragmentary section of the comfortable and slip, showing the tapes attached to the inside face of both the slip and comfortable and concealed thereby.

In the drawings 2 denotes a comfortable

of any ordinary construction, having the usual filling, 3, and the inclosing case, 4.

5 denotes a slip cover of any suitable material which has the general shape of the comfortable, and is, of course, preferably closed at the two sides and at the end so as to form a bag-like article into which the comfortable body 2 may be readily slipped. One end of the cover 5 extends beyond the body of the comfortable as shown in Fig. 3, and this extension on its inside face is provided with the opposed strips 6 and 7, which may be stitched to the casing 5. One of these slips carries a series of buttons, 8, and the other has corresponding button holes 9. By this means the end of the slip cover may be closed. While this would provide a cover entirely inclosing the comfortable and preventing it from being soiled, yet in use the slip cover would be liable to shift upon the comfortable or the comfortable would be likely to become crumpled or to settle down toward one end of the slip cover. In order to prevent this I attach the comfortable body to the slip cover at various points over its extent. Thus, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3 I provide a series of double tapes, 10, and 11, which project out through slits, 12, made in the casing or slip 5. These tapes are then tied as shown in Fig. 1 and securely hold the slip to the comfortable. Preferably, the inner face of the slip 5 is provided with reinforcing strips 13, which extend lengthwise or crosswise of the slip 5, and are attached to the inner surface thereof in any suitable manner, as by stitching, as shown in Fig. 2. The ends of the tape 10 and 11 are passed up through the slits formed in these reinforcing strips and out to the outer surface of the slip, where they are tied, as shown.

In Fig. 4, I show another manner of attaching the slip 5 to the comfortable, this consisting in providing the inner face of the slip with a tape, 15, and the outer face of the comfortable body with a tape 16, these tapes being tied interiorly of the slip in the manner shown. While this is a more inconvenient manner of attaching the slip to the comfortable, yet it prevents the tapes from being seen, makes a neater appearance, and does not leave any projection on the outer surface of the slip which would interfere with its use.

While I have shown tapes for attaching

the comfortable to the slip, I do not wish to be limited to this, as it is obvious that I might use other attaching means, such as buttons, or clasps; I regard the tapes, however, as preferable, inasmuch as they do not interfere with washing the slip, and can be always kept clean and neat, while not offering any projection, as would buttons or metallic clasps.

10 The advantages of my invention reside in the sanitary nature of the slip and its durability. The comfortable is not only protected from dirt and from becoming soiled, but it is also protected from wear. The slip may be washed and kept in clean condition, and when worn it may be easily renewed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

20 1. A comfortable provided with an interior body inclosed in a permanent case, in combination with an exterior inclosing slip open at one end but provided with means for detachably closing this end, and with a plurality of independent devices on the upper and lower sides of the comfortable whereby the upper and lower sides of the body of the slip may be detachably connected to the body of the comfortable.

30 2. A comfortable having a body portion inclosed in a permanent casing, in combination with a slip adapted to entirely inclose the body portion and casing but removable therefrom, one end of the slip being open but provided with buttons and button holes whereby it may be closed, the upper and lower parts of the said casing and the slip being provided at various points over their surfaces with means whereby they may be detachably attached to each other, the attaching means connecting the upper parts of the casing and slip being separate from the attaching means connecting the lower parts thereof.

45 3. A comfortable having a body portion entirely inclosed in a permanent casing, in combination with a slip open at one end and adapted to entirely inclose the body portion, the open end of the slip being provided with means whereby it may be closed, and sets of

tapes on the top and bottom sides of the comfortable for fastening the slip thereto.

4. A comfortable comprising a body portion inclosed in a permanent casing, and a slip adapted to entirely inclose the body of the comfortable, said slip being open at one end but provided with means whereby the open end may be closed, the body portion of the comfortable being provided at various points with opposed tapes, and the slip being provided at corresponding points with opposed slits through which said tapes may pass and be tied over the slip to hold the slip to the body portion.

5. A comfortable having a body portion provided with an inclosing permanent case and a removable slip entirely inclosing the body and case, said slip being open at one end but further provided with buttons and button holes whereby it may be closed, the body of the comfortable having opposed tapes projecting therefrom and the slip being provided at corresponding points with opposed slits through which the tapes may pass and be tied to each other, the inner surface of the slip being reinforced along the line of said slits by a reinforcing piece attached thereto.

6. A comfortable having a body portion inclosed in a permanent casing and a separable slip adapted to entirely inclose the comfortable and casing, one end of said slip being open and having transverse opposed strips attached to its inner face at said end, one of said strips carrying a button and the other having a button hole for engagement therewith, and said body portion having tapes whereby it may be attached to the slip, said strips being set inwardly from the open ends of the slip and having only their inner edges secured to the latter and free at all their points.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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