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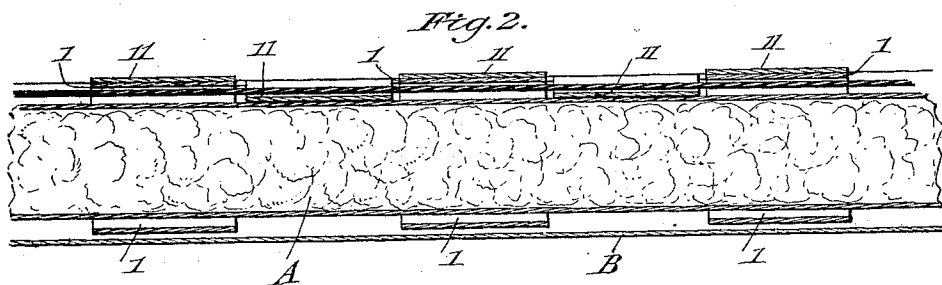
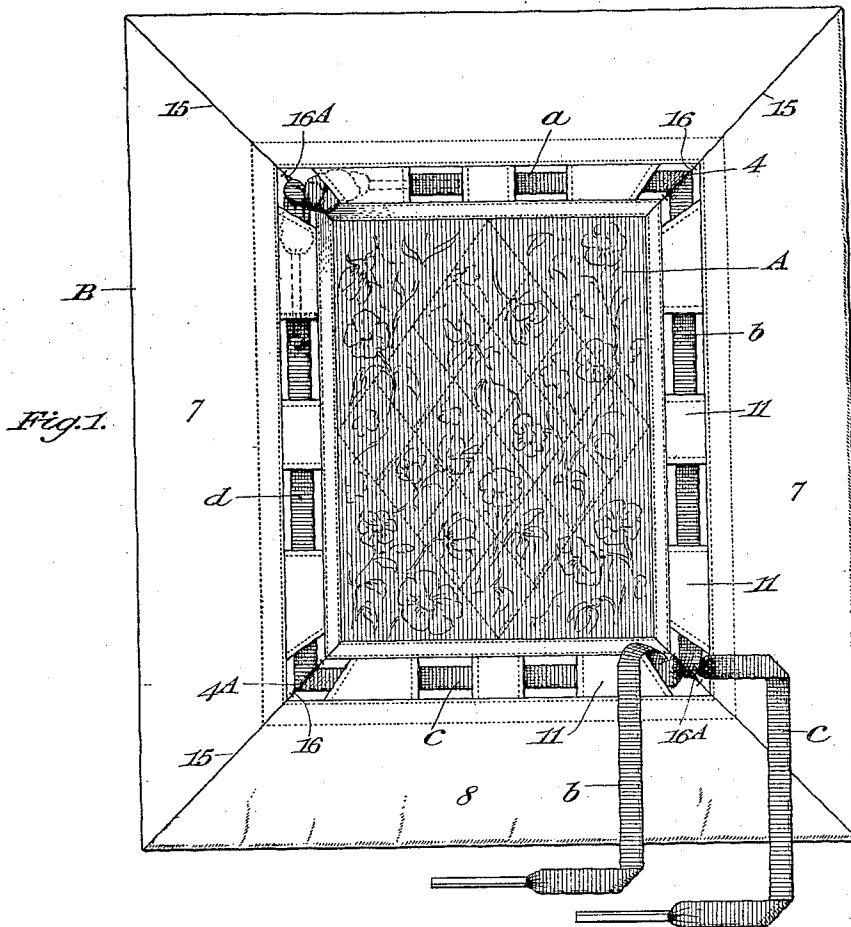
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My invention relates to protectors for bed quilts.

The object of the invention is to provide a protector in the nature of a casing which entirely covers one side of the quilt, and overlaps the side and end edges of the same for a slight width, thereby exposing the greater part of the other side of the quilt, the casing being secured to either side of the quilt by lacings in such manner that it can easily be attached and detached so that when one side of the quilt becomes soiled, the casing or protector can be removed and attached to the opposite side.

I accomplish this in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view showing a quilt provided with the improved protector, which is secured thereon by lacings.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged and exaggerated sectional view through a portion of the quilt and protector showing the manner in which the protector is attached to the quilt by lacing tapes.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a portion of a quilt showing a pair of lacing tapes attached thereto, and also the tabs or loops under which the lacing tapes are passed in attaching the protector to the quilt.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of a portion of the protector or casing showing the openings in the overlapping portions through which the tapes are passed, and,

Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view on the line 5-5 of Fig. 4.

Referring to the accompanying drawings—the letter A designates the quilt and B the protector. The quilt is provided on each side, and at a suitable distance from each edge, with a row of spaced tabs 1, which are stitched to the quilt along their opposite side edges by lines of stitching 2, which also secure reinforcing strips 3, the lines of stitching 2 extending parallel with the edges of the quilt. The tabs are thus left free or unstitched at each end, so that the lacing tapes can be passed under them, in securing the protector to the quilt, as will be later explained.

At two diagonally opposite corners formed by the lines of tabs 1, are secured the lacing

cords or tapes 4 and 4A. Each of these tapes is folded upon itself to form two parts of unequal length, and they are stitched to the quilt at the folding points, one of the parts of each tape being a little longer than the width of the quilt and the other part, a little longer than the length of the quilt, and the end of each part is provided with a relatively long metal tip 5 to facilitate the stringing or lacing of the tapes through the tabs on the quilt and the openings in the protector as will later appear. The parts of tape 4 are indicated by —a— and —b— and the parts of the tape 4A are indicated by —c— and —d—.

The protector or casing B comprises a backing 6 which entirely covers the under side of the quilt and side and end folds 7 and 8, which are adapted to overlap the side and end portions of the upper side of the quilt for several inches the length and width of the protector, being slightly greater than the length and breadth of the quilt, so that the quilt will fit within the protector without wrinkling or puckering. The folded side and end strips 7 and 8 are provided near the edges with eyelets or narrow openings 9, the spaces between these eyelets corresponding to the spaces between the tabs 1, on the quilt and these eyelets are formed in the following manner:

The edges of the strips 7 and 8 are folded as shown at 10 in Figure 5, and to these folded edges are stitched a series of short pieces or sections of double thickness material 11, which are separated by narrow spaces and the outer ends of these sections 11 are connected by border strips 12, which are folded around the edges of the sections and stitched to them as clearly shown in Figure 5. The inner ends of the sections 11 are covered on their under sides by folded strips 13, which are stitched to the overlapping members 7 and 8 by a double line of stitching as shown at 14, and the strips 13 not only provide a neat finish, but they reinforce the edges of the overlapping members 7 and 8. The spaces between the short pieces or sections 11, form the eyelets or narrow openings 9 previously mentioned and as will be understood by reference to Figure 4.

The ends of the overlapping members 7 and 8 are stitched together or seamed at an angle of forty-five degrees, as shown by the seams 15 and these seams are left unstitched for short lengths, to form openings 16 and 16A which are in line with the openings 9, and which are for a purpose which will later appear.

In use, the protector is placed upon the quilt so as to cover one of its sides and overlap its edges, and when properly placed, the sections 11 will exactly match the tabs 1, and the spaces between the said tabs, so that the eyelets or openings 9 in the protector, will be directly above and in line with the ends of the said tabs. The lacing tapes 4 and 4A at the diagonally opposite corners of the quilt, are then passed up through the openings 16 in the protector, and one part of each tape is laced crosswise of the quilt and the other part is laced lengthwise of the quilt, in the following manner: The tip of any one of the lacings say, the lacing —c— at the lower left corner of the quilt is passed down through the nearest eyelet 9 in the protector and under the adjoining tab 1 on the quilt, then up through the next eyelet 9 and over the section 11, to and through the next eyelet 9 and under the adjoining tab on the quilt and so on until the lacing —c— is passed up through the last eyelet in the lower end row of eyelets, at the right hand corner of the quilt. The lacing —b— at the upper right hand corner of the quilt is then strung down through the eyelets and tabs on the right side of the quilt, in the same manner, until it passes through the last eyelet in the row. Then the ends of the lacings —b— and —c— are tied in a slip or bow knot, and the ends of the bows are tucked under the nearest sections 11, while the tips of the lacings are passed through the openings 16A in the protector and slipped, respectively, under the nearest tabs in the right hand and bottom row of tabs, where they are not only hidden from view, but are out of the way when the quilt is in use. The lacings —a— and —d— are then strung respectively across the upper end and up the left hand side of the quilt, and their ends are tied in a slip knot, and disposed of in the manner previously described, as will be clearly understood by reference to Figure 1.

When the exposed side of the quilt becomes soiled, the protector is reversed so as to cover the soiled side and expose the unsoiled side and in that case each pair of lacings is passed through an opening 17 which is formed in the corner of the quilt at the point where the lacing is secured, so that the same lacings can be used on either side of the quilt.

The proportional widths of the overlapping side and end strips of the protector are greater, in the drawings, than they would be

in a full sized quilt, in order to give a clear idea of the construction of the inner edges of these strips, and the manner of attaching the protector to the quilt by the lacings.

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

In a device of the character described, the combination with a bed quilt of a protector for either side of said quilt, comprising a backing for one side of the quilt and having folded side and end strips for overlapping the side and end portions of the opposite side of the quilt, spaced openings along the edges of said folded strips, tabs on opposite sides of said quilt in cooperating relation to said openings, and pairs of lacing tapes secured near two diagonally opposite corners of one side of said quilt, which are adapted to be strung through said openings and under the adjacent set of tabs, to secure the folded strips to the quilt, said quilt having openings at the points where the lacing tapes are secured, so that said tapes can be inserted there-through for use on the opposite side of the quilt when the protector is reversed.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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