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Fig 1.

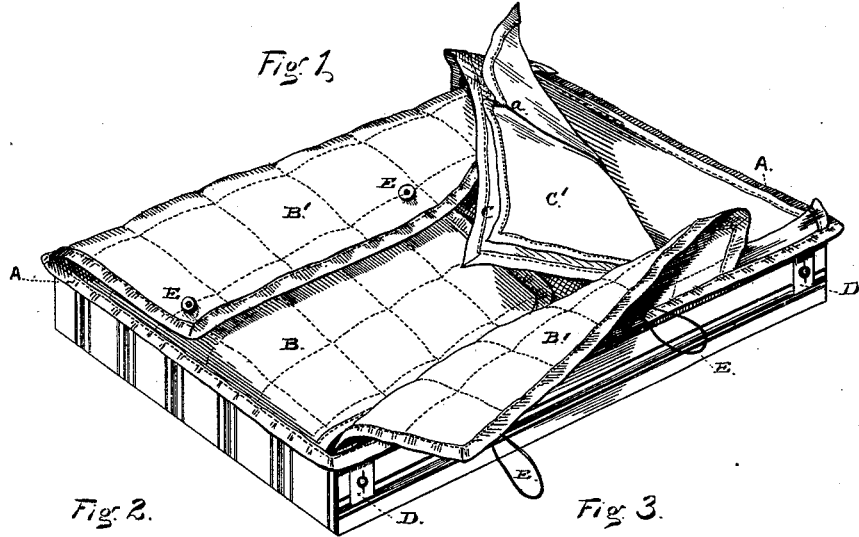


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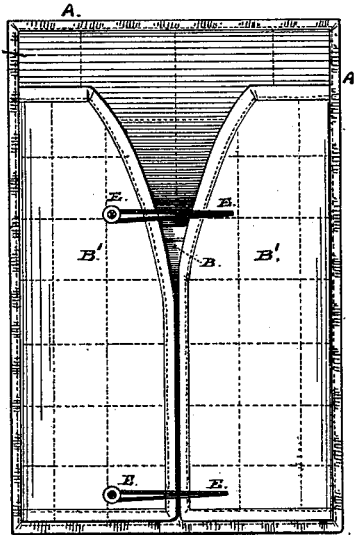


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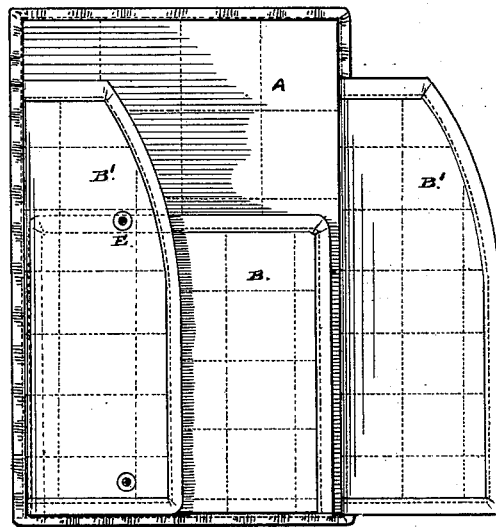
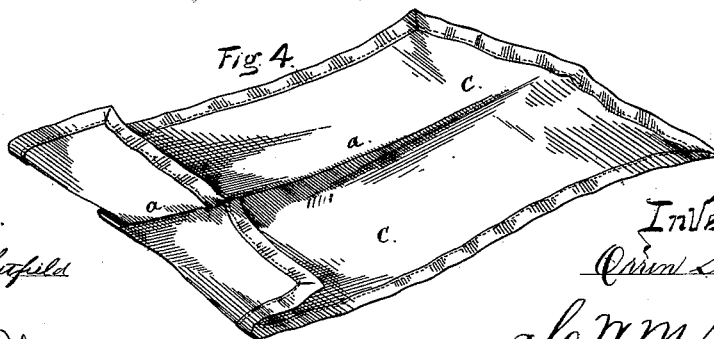


Fig 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-CLOTHING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORRIN S. BAKER, of the city and county of San Francisco, in the State of California, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Bed-Clothing; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the figures marked thereon.

My invention, herein more fully described, relates to a novel construction of wrappings for beds; and it has for its object to provide a wrapping that shall be completely closed at the foot and sides when desired, that shall retain all the bed-clothing in position upon the bed and prevent any displacement by movements of the person beneath, and that can be readily rolled up and packed in small compass for the convenience of travelers.

To such ends and purposes my said invention consists in a novel construction of a wrapping with flaps at the sides and end, which is arranged to be fastened down upon the mattress or bedding, the other necessary bed-clothing being spread upon it, and the flaps to be turned up over the end and sides of the bed-clothing, and buttoned or fastened in any suitable manner together over the top covering, so as to incase all the bed-coverings between the spread beneath and the flaps above, and to entirely close up the openings at the foot and the sides of the bed.

This wrapping and its flaps are made either in one piece, or of several parts or sections permanently fastened or detachably connected together, so that they can be separated for convenience in washing, and they act together to hold the bed-clothing after the manner of a case or envelope, and prevent their being displaced or thrown off.

In connection and combination with this said case or wrapping, I employ also a folded or plaited coverlet, blanket, or other covering in which a fullness of material is provided longitudinally along the middle, from the bottom to the top, for the purpose of having sufficient width of covering to admit the body without drawing from the sides or edges of the bed.

The drawings herein referred to show, in Figure 1, a perspective view of a bed-bottom or mattress with my invention applied thereto;

in Figs. 2 and 3, plan views of the wrapping—one with the flaps closed and fastened, the other with them open; and in Fig. 4, a view of the folded or plaited quilt or blanket.

A represents the wrapping, with end flap, B, and side flaps, B' B'. C C' are the bed-linen and blankets or other necessary clothing. D D are the fastenings for securing the wrapping A in place upon the bedding, and E E are fastenings for keeping the flaps in place upon and over the clothing.

The bottom part, A, and the flaps B B' are either formed in one piece or are permanently fastened together by rows of stitching, or are made in separate detachable parts or sections, with buttons and button-holes or other means of fastening. They are properly lined, and are quilted, if required, to add to their weight and warmth, and the flaps are made of such size that when folded over they cover the lower half or portion of the bed entirely, and also the upper part nearly to the place occupied by the shoulders and head of the occupant; but the ends of the flaps at this upper part are rounded or cut away to make this portion less bulky, and to leave the upper ends of the bed-clothing free to be turned down from the face. The side flaps, B', are provided with fastenings to secure them together over the bed-clothes, and as they cover the bottom flap, B, that part is held without other fastenings. These parts A B B' form together a case or wrapping that serves to hold and inclose the sheets, quilts, and other bed-clothing, these latter being laid upon the spread A, and held in place by the side and end flaps when they are turned up, and no opening is therefore left or liable to be made by displacement of the clothing either at the foot or at the sides; neither can the clothes be thrown off through restlessness of the occupant.

The upper clothing, C C', used in connection with the wrapping A B B', is made somewhat wider than the space within and between the two side flaps, and this extra width is taken up by a fold or plait in the middle along their length, as illustrated in Fig. 4. This construction affords sufficient space between the clothing throughout the length of the bed for the admission of the body, and allows the clothing to yield without being drawn away from the

sides of the bed. When the bed is not occupied this fullness or excess of clothing is taken up by the folds or plaits *a a*, and the bed-clothing is caused to lie smoothly and flattened out beneath the side flaps and the bottom flaps. This extra width or excess of covering is necessary to permit the occupant to retain the clothing over the sides as well as the center of the bed, and this mode of forming a fold or plait longitudinally along the center causes the excess to be taken from the sides and the entire clothing to lie flat and smooth beneath the flaps when the bed is not occupied.

The upper blanket or covering can be made of sufficient length also to allow its bottom end to be turned under, so as to give additional protection to the feet, and the formation of a fold or plait along the center produces a bag-like shape or fullness at the bottom, that permits facility of movement of the feet without disturbing the coverings.

In the application of my invention the spread *A* is laid upon the bedding and secured in place, if required, by means of straps and buttons *D D*, or other equivalent fastenings, and the flaps *B B'* are opened and thrown back. The sheets *C C'* are then spread upon the wrapping *A*, the excess of width in the lower one, if any, being folded up along the edges. The sheets and blankets next laid on are those having the longitudinal folds or plaits formed in them, and over these the end flaps, *B*, and the

side flaps, *B'*, are turned up, laid over, and secured by the fastenings. By turning back the upper portion of one flap and folding down the top portion of the clothing, a sufficient opening is made for the admission of the body, and after a person is properly covered the flap previously loosened can be fastened down.

This wrapping *A B B'* and the clothing inclosed within it can be compactly rolled up or folded for transportation and use on steam-boats and sleeping-cars, and is of especial value to invalids and travelers.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A wrapping, *A*, for beds, having flaps *B B'*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A wrapping, *A*, for beds, having flaps *B B'* formed therewith, and a means of fastening the said flaps in place over the bed-clothing combined therewith, consisting of the fastening *E*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of December, 1878.

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