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[54] **BABY CRIB BUMPER**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A baby crib bumper for use in a baby's crib such that the bumper pad may remain in place while sheets are changed. A plurality of fasteners and a partial sheet are attached to the bumper pad. The fasteners fasten to the rails of the crib which assists in securing the bumper pads. The partial sheet covers the periphery of the mattress which, also, assists in securing the bumper pad.

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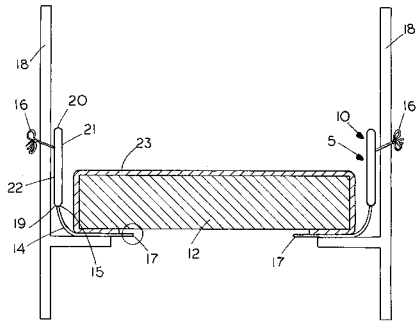

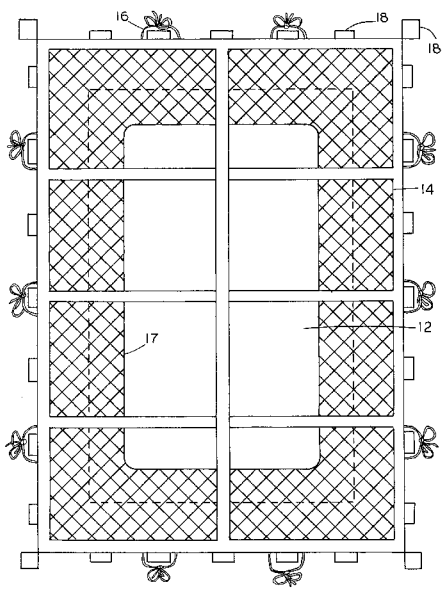

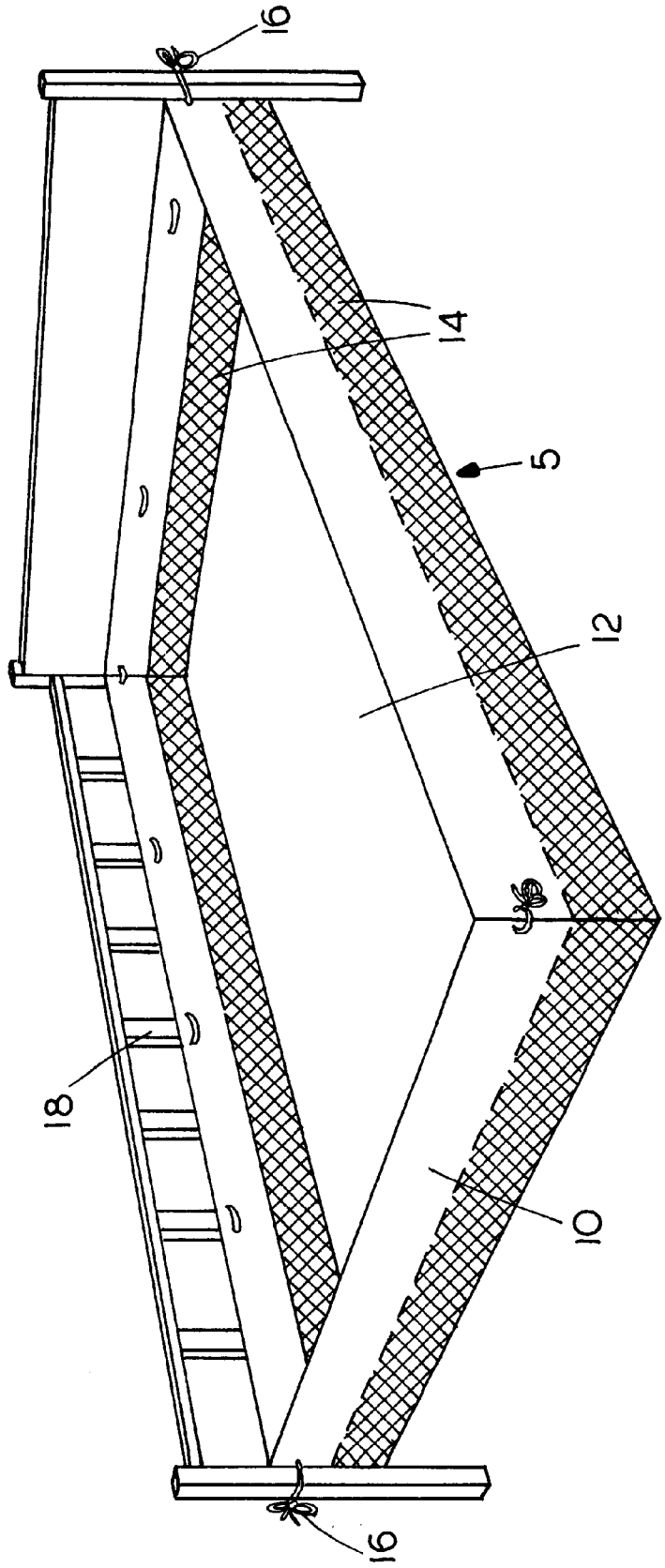

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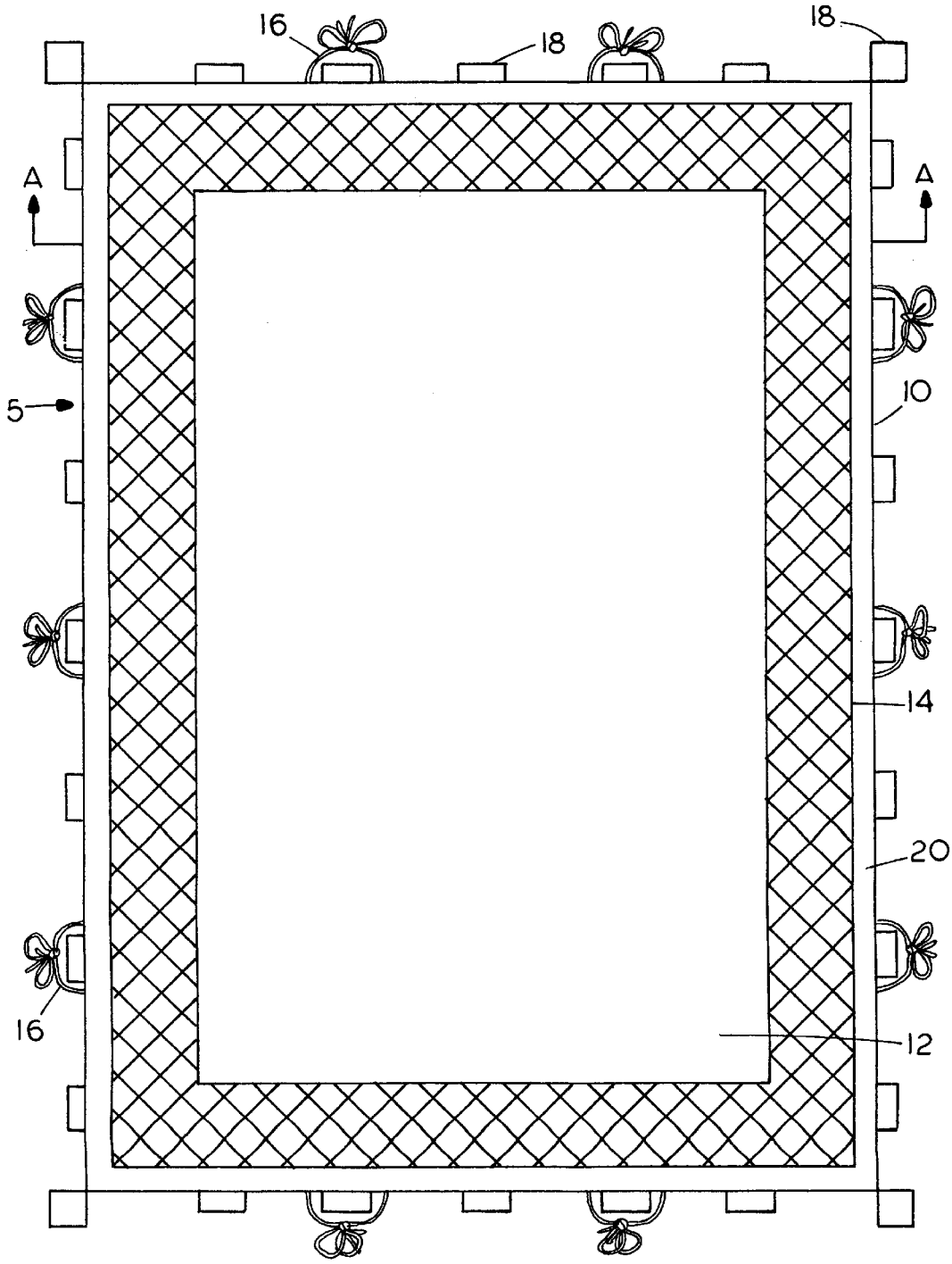

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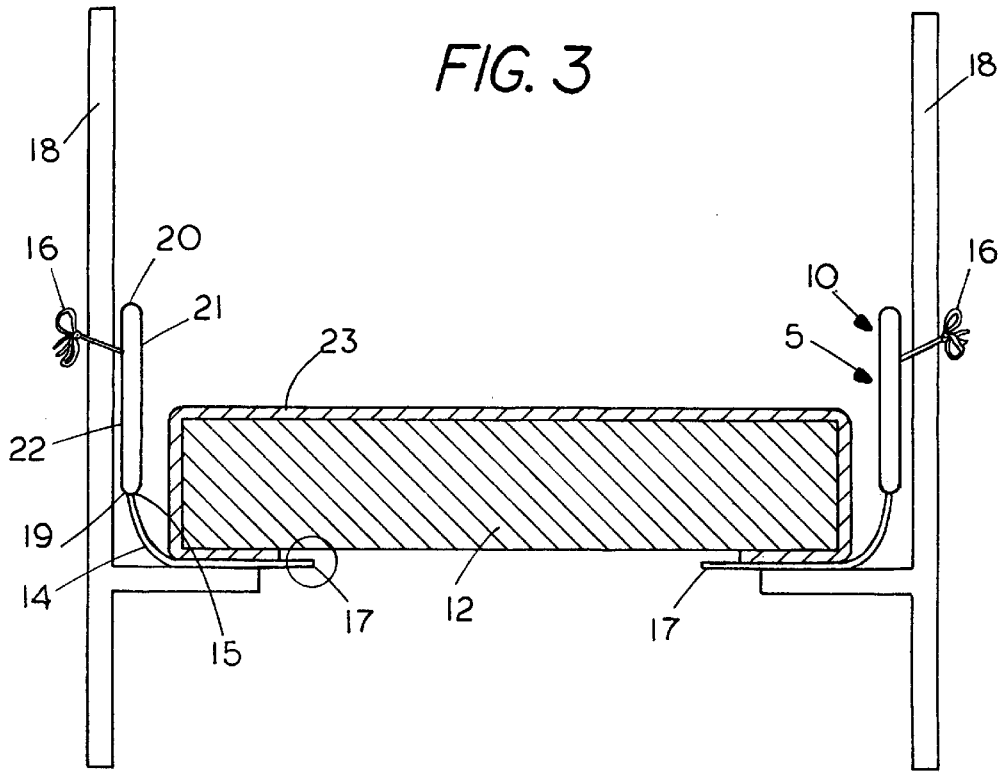

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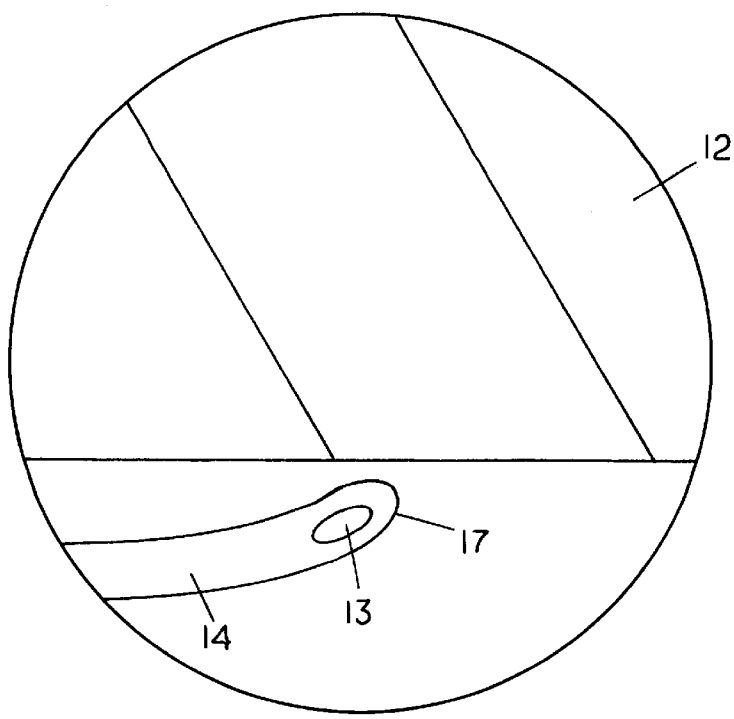

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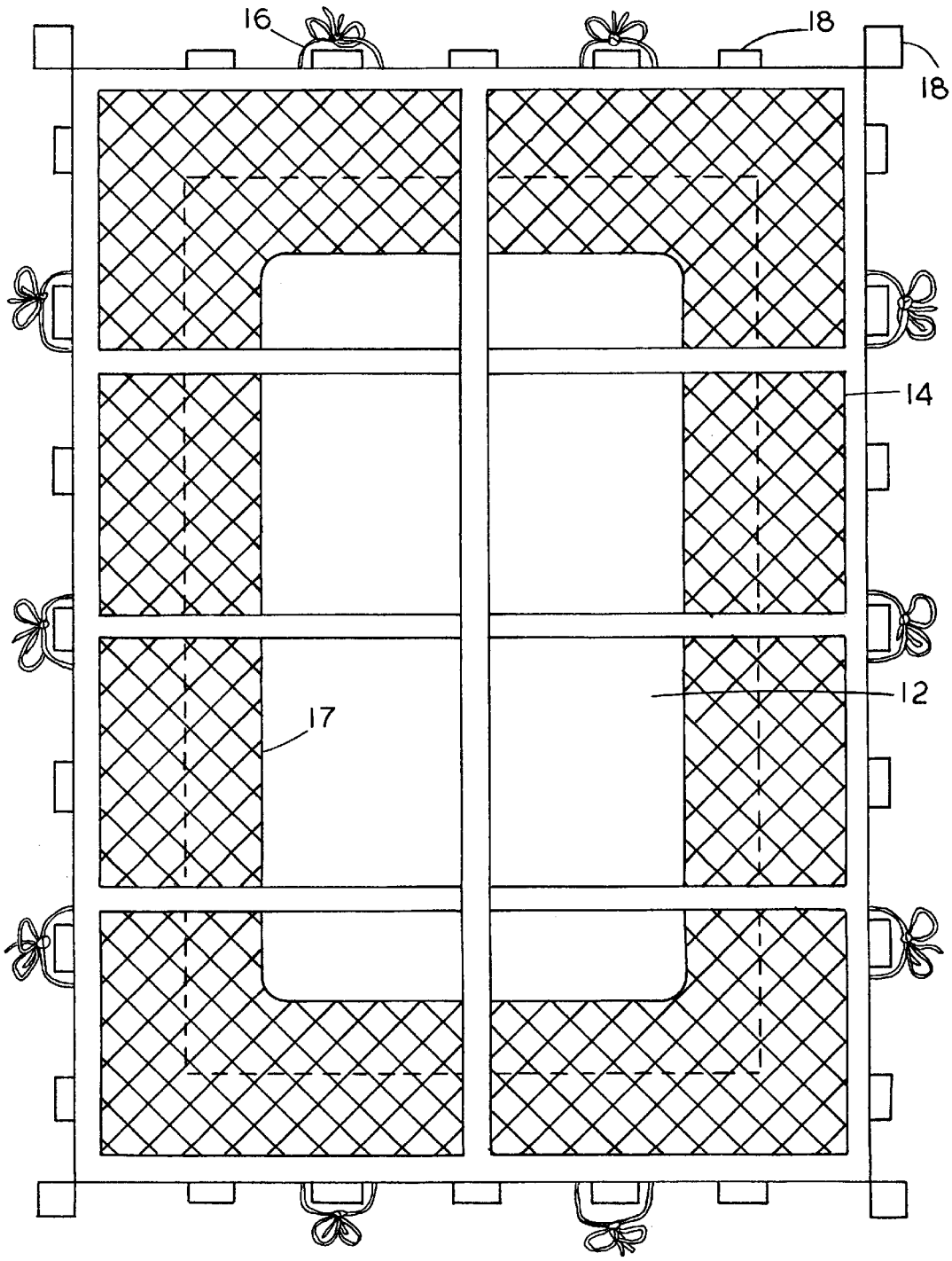

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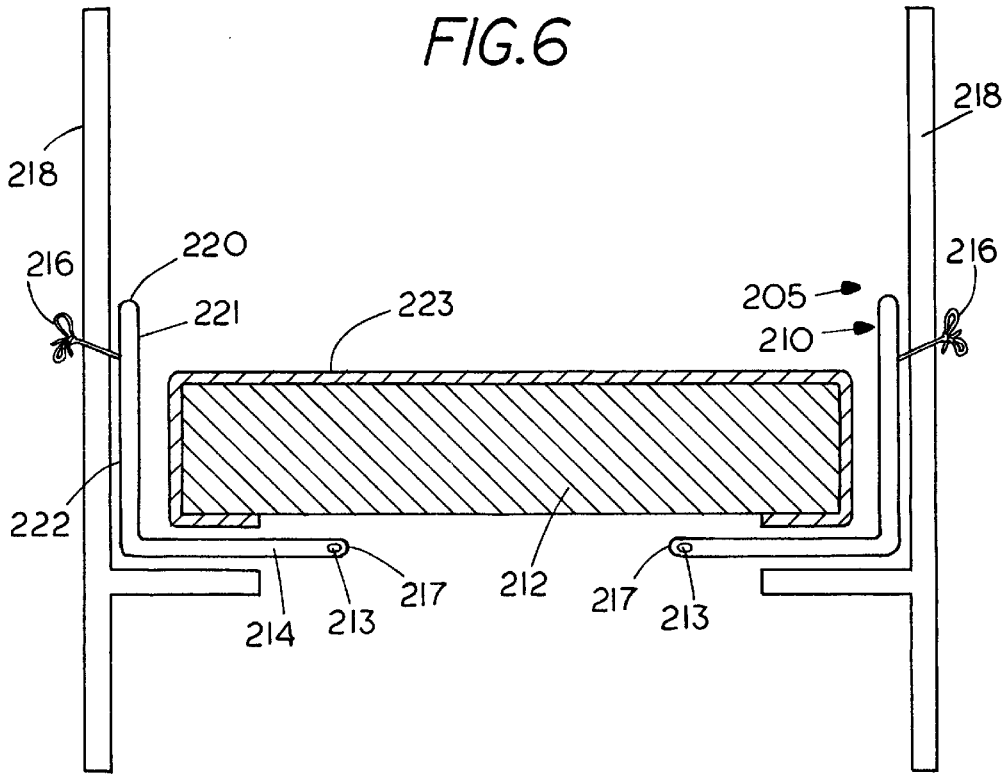
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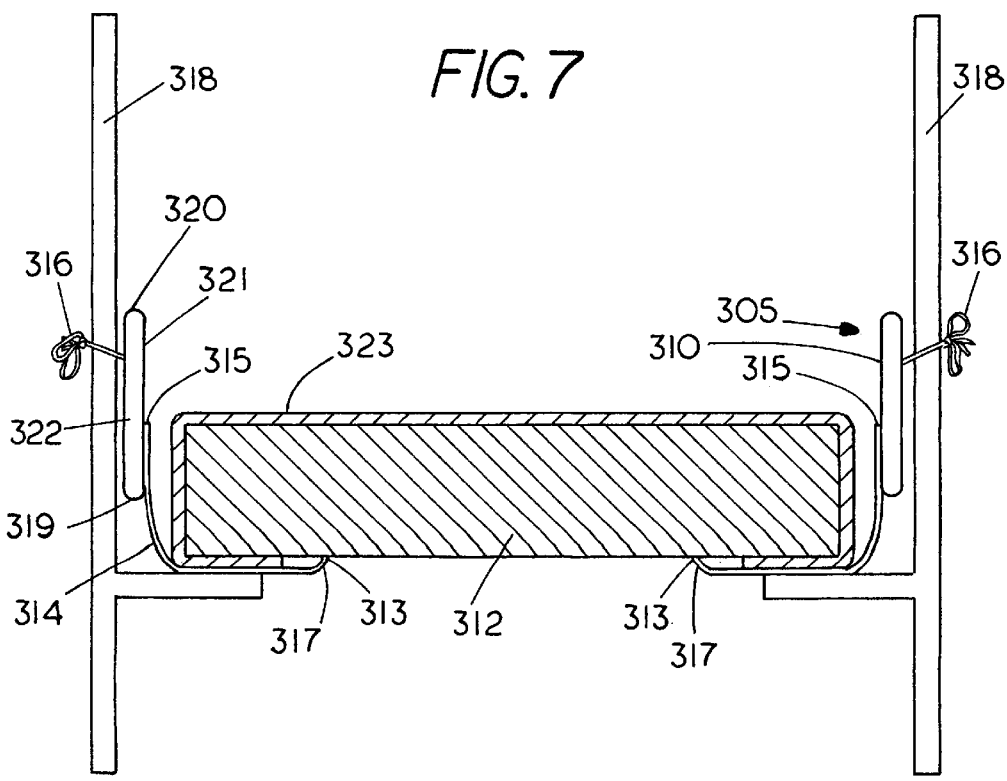
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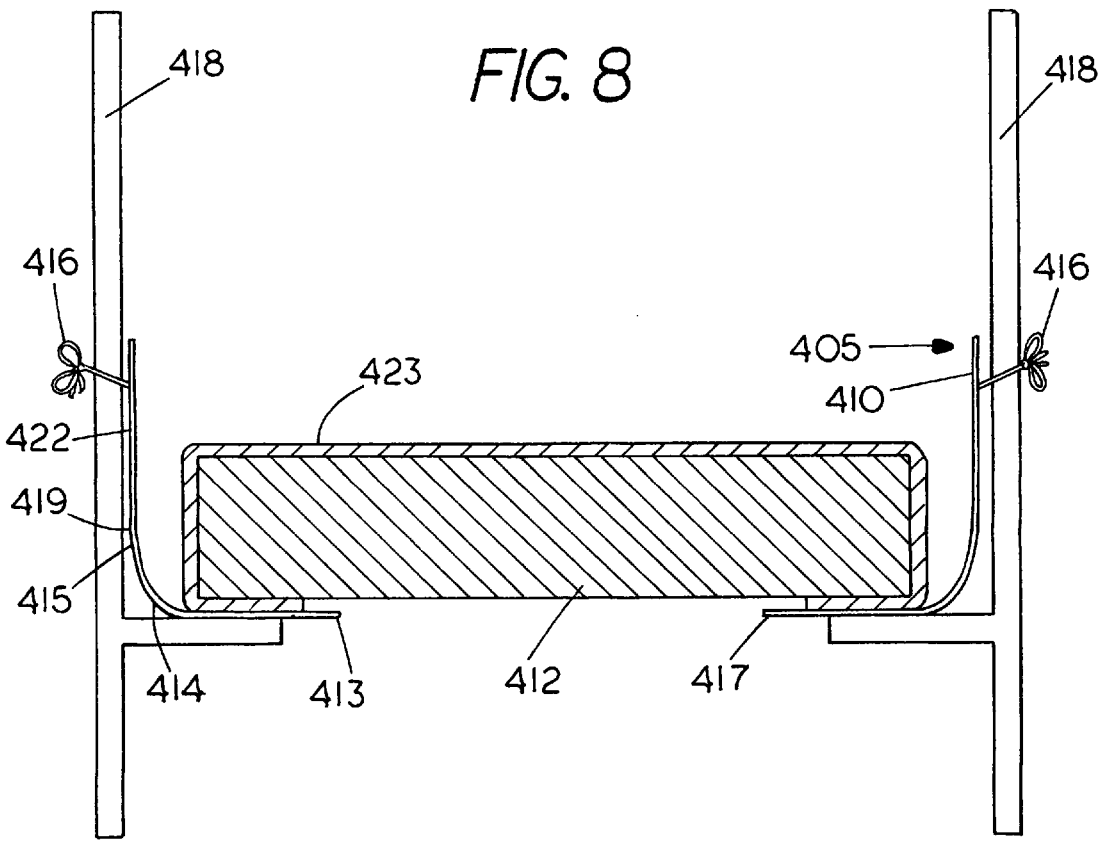

BABY CRIB BUMPER

SPECIFICATION

The present invention relates generally to protecting babies while in their baby cribs. More particularly, the invention concerns an apparatus placed between a crib's side rails and the internal space where the baby is placed.

DISCUSSION OF THE INVENTION

The need for an apparatus which will protect babies from injury while in a baby crib and the ability to change the sheets on the crib's mattress while the apparatus of protection remains on the crib has not been solved.

People use baby cribs as a safe place to put their baby while the baby sleeps. The cribs typically have vertical rails to prevent the baby from falling out of bed while sleeping. These rails are usually located such that a baby can often put his or her head, arms and/or legs through the space between two rails or between the rails and mattress which may cause injury to the baby. The rails are also hard enough that when a baby falls against the rails it may injure the baby.

People developed baby crib bumpers to prevent babies from hitting the rails with their heads and injuring themselves. The baby crib bumpers also assist in reducing the possibility of a baby being able to put his or her head, arms, and/or legs through the spaces between the rails. These baby crib bumpers are typically anchored to the rails with ties. These baby crib bumpers generally do not remain in proper position to protect the baby. These baby crib bumpers generally move vertically which exposes the baby to the possibility of hitting the crib's rails with his or her head. When this happens, the baby may slip between the rails and the mattress.

Some baby crib bumpers are completely connected to a full bed sheet in one manner or another. This sheet is then placed over the mattress or, in some cases, both over and under the mattress and thereby securing the baby crib bumper against the rails. These previous baby crib bumpers, however, created a new problem. This problem is the difficulty in changing the bed sheet without changing the baby crib bumper at the same time.

In the situation where the baby crib bumper and the sheet are connected, a person must wash both the baby crib bumper and the sheet if either one needs to be washed. This makes additional loads of laundry to be washed which takes additional time. Both the sheets and the baby crib bumpers are likely to wear out faster because of the additional, unnecessary washing.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides an innovative baby crib bumper adapted to cribs with rails and a mattress. More particularly, the present invention helps prevent the bumper pad portion from becoming improperly out of place and also allows sheets to be changed without removing the baby crib bumper.

The baby crib bumper may have a plurality of fasteners. The plurality of fasteners may be attached to the rails of the crib to assist anchoring of the bumper pad which prevents the bumper pad from moving away from the rails as well as prevents the bumper pad from moving horizontally.

The bumper pad of the present invention is, also, connected to a partial sheet. The partial sheet is connected to the bottom edge of the bumper pad along the top longitudinal edge of the partial sheet. The partial sheet is placed along the sides of the mattress with the bottom longitudinal edge of the partial sheet part way under the mattress, thus, preventing the bumper pad from moving vertically along the crib's rails. The bumper pad of the present invention remains in the proper position preventing the possibility of a baby putting his or her head through open spaces between the rails, putting his or her head between the mattress and the rails, hitting his or her head on the rails, or having his or her arms and legs become caught between the rails.

The partial sheet is located along the periphery of the mattress. This allows a regular mattress sheet to be placed on the top of the mattress and, then, between the periphery of the mattress and the partial sheet of the invention. The regular mattress sheet can be easily removed and replaced without needing to remove the bumper pad.

The partial sheet may be made of a mesh material. The mesh material is strong, i.e. it does not tear or rip easily. The mesh material is a woven-type of material. The fibers cross at approximately 90 degree angles with the fibers generally more spread out than in ordinary cloth. The fibers which are spread out allow better exchange of air than does plastic or thicker, more compact materials. The mesh material may be a better material to use for a baby crib because of the material's increased capacity to exchange air. If a baby puts his or her head between the mattress and the mesh material, the baby will still be able to breathe through the mesh material. The baby will not fall out between a small mattress and a crib because the mesh will assist in keeping the baby inside the crib.

A person may place a baby crib bumper with a partial sheet made of mesh material on a crib which contains a mattress smaller than the crib. At times, one may run across a crib with a mattress smaller than the frame of the crib. This may occur if one buys a crib at a garage sale or a going out-of-business, mismatch, or "as is" sale. One may receive a crib from a friend or relative that does not have a mattress. The mattress, then purchased, may not be large enough to fill the frame of the crib. In several situations, one may find the mattress smaller than the crib.

The present invention will resolve the problems associated with a mattress which is too small to fill the crib. One problem is that the baby may fall out of the crib between the mattress and the rails because the mattress is too small. Previous baby crib bumpers were not fit to prevent the baby from falling out of the crib between the rails and the mattress. The previous baby crib bumpers only prevented babies from injuring themselves between the rails. In addition, the previous baby crib bumpers that are attached to the mattress sheet will not properly fit a mattress that is too small for the crib. The present invention containing a partial sheet can be anchored to the crib. The partial sheet will prevent the baby from falling out of the crib as well as properly fit a mattress which is too small for the crib.

Another problem associated with a mattress which is too small is that the baby may put his or her face into the space between the mattress and the rails. Previous baby crib bumpers often contained a material, used to anchor the bumper pad to the crib, which was too thick to allow a baby to breathe through it. The present invention with the partial sheet made from a mesh material will enable the baby to breathe because the mesh material is thin enough to allow air to easily pass through it.

The partial sheet's bottom longitudinal edge (edge opposite the bumper pad) may have a tightener. The tightener assists in securing the partial sheet to the mattress. The tightener may be a strip of material which can be tied under

the mattress to further secure the baby crib bumper. The strip of material may be an elastic strip which will draw the bottom longitudinal edge towards the center of the mattress and thereby securing the baby crib bumper. The strip of material may be a simple piece of cloth that can be pulled tight and tied beneath the mattress to secure the partial sheet and also the bumper pad.

SECOND ALTERNATIVE EMBODIMENT

The present invention may be an extended single piece bumper pad. This embodiment would be placed in the crib in the same manner as other baby crib bumpers except that the bottom portion of the baby crib bumper would extend along side and under the mattress instead of a partial sheet being placed under the mattress. The invention would be the same as the first embodiment except that the partial sheet is an extension of the bumper pad and may be the same material and may be integral with the bumper pad portion. This embodiment would provide cushion between the mattress and the rails when the crib's mattress is too small for the crib.

THIRD ALTERNATIVE EMBODIMENT

The present invention may be a bumper pad with mesh material along the inside or outside of the bumper pad extending down beyond the bumper pad to allow for placement under the mattress. The partial sheet could be connected at any location along the bumper pad. This embodiment will allow the baby to breathe if his or her head is between the mattress and the rails. This embodiment will prevent the baby from being able to place his or her arms, legs, and/or head through the rails.

FOURTH ALTERNATIVE EMBODIMENT

The present invention may be comprised of a mesh sheet. This embodiment will allow the baby to breathe when his or her face is in the space between the mattress and the rails as well as when the baby's face is very close to the rails. The sheet will also prevent the baby from being able to place his or her head through the rails as well as his or her arms and legs through the rails.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** is a partial prospective top view.

FIG. **2** is a top view.

FIG. **3** shows a sectional view of the present invention taken along the line A—A in FIG. **2**.

FIG. **4** is a magnified view of the circled portion of FIG. **3**.

FIG. **5** is a bottom view.

FIG. **6** shows a sectional view of the second embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. **7** shows a sectional view of the third embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. **8** shows a sectional view of the fourth embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The baby crib bumper **5** of the present invention is illustrated in FIGS. **1–5**. A partial sheet **14** of the present invention is illustrated in FIGS. **1–5**. A plurality of fasteners **16** are illustrated in FIGS. **1–3** and **5**.

The bumper pad **10** may be made from a foam pad, polyester or other material typically used in making pillows and bumper pads (See FIGS. **1–3**). The bumper pad **10** has a front side **21**, back side **22**, bottom edge **19** and top edge **20** (See FIG. **3**).

The partial sheet **14** is made from a mesh material or another material typically used in making sheets. The mesh material is a very loosely woven material. The spaces between the strands of material are further apart than in ordinary cloth which allows increased exchange of air. The partial sheet **14** may be cotton, polyester, nylon, or other materials typically used in making sheets. The partial sheet **14** has a bottom longitudinal edge **17**, a top longitudinal edge **15** (See FIG. **3**) and a tightener **13** (See FIG. **4**). The tightener **13** may be located at the bottom longitudinal edge **17** of the partial sheet **14**. The tightener **13** may be separately attached to the partial sheet **14**. The tightener **13** may be integral with the partial sheet **14**. See FIG. **3**.

The partial sheet **14** is attached to the bumper pad **10** along the partial sheet's top longitudinal edge **15** at the bumper pad's bottom edge **19** (See FIG. **3**). The partial sheet **14** may be sewn, glued, zippered, or stapled to the bumper pad **10**. The partial sheet **14** may have buttons sewn onto it and the bumper pad **10** may have button holes sewn into it (or vice versa) then the partial sheet **14** and the bumper pad **10** can be buttoned together. The partial sheet **14** may contain tie strings which can be tied to the bumper pad **10**. The partial sheet **14** may be attached to the bumper pad **10** in any fashion which may be used to secure two pieces of cloth together.

The plurality of fasteners **16** are any products typically used for anchoring baby crib bumpers to cribs. The fasteners **16** may be two ties at several locations; the two ties may be tied around single rails **18** of the crib. The fasteners **16** may be VELCRO™ (2 strips of material, one strip with loops and the other strip with hooks). The fasteners **16** may be a single loop and hook mechanism. The fasteners **16** may be tubes of material which the rails **18** are placed through. The fasteners **16** may be any device which can be used to anchor the baby crib bumper **5** to the crib.

The plurality of fasteners **16** are attached to the bumper pad **10**. The fasteners **16** may be sewn, stapled, glued, or zippered to the bumper pad **10**. The fasteners **16** may be attached to the bumper pad **10** in any manner one may attach two pieces of cloth to each other. Typically, the fasteners **16** are attached to the bumper pad **10** along the back side **22** of the bumper pad **10** (See FIG. **3**). The fasteners **16** may be attached along any portion of the bumper pad **10**.

The baby crib bumper **5** may be located in a baby crib. The partial sheet **14** would then be located along the periphery of the mattress **12**. A mattress sheet **23** may be placed on top of the mattress **12** and between the mattress **12** and the partial sheet **14** as seen in FIG. **3**. The plurality of fasteners **16** are fastened to the crib, usually to the rails **18** of the crib.

The baby crib bumper **5** may be used in conjunction with a mattress **12** which is substantially smaller than the crib as depicted in FIGS. **1–3** and FIG. **5** particularly if the partial sheet **14** is made from a mesh material. If a baby's face is positioned between the rails **18** and the partial sheet **14**, the baby is able to breathe through the mesh material and is protected from falling out of the crib.

FIG. **2** shows a top view of the baby crib bumper **5** placed inside of a crib. The plurality of fasteners **16** are shown as ties which are tied around the rails **18**. The bumper pad **10** is situated directly inside the crib's rails **18**. The mattress **12** is too small for this crib, therefore, one may view the partial sheet **14** from a top view.

FIG. **4** shows an enlarged view of the circled portion of FIG. **3**. The mattress **12** is located at the top of the drawing. The lower portion of the drawing reveals the partial sheet **14**, the bottom longitudinal edge **17**, and the tightener **13**.

FIG. **5** shows a bottom view of the baby crib and the baby crib bumper **5**. The plurality of fasteners **16** are shown as tie strings which are tied around the crib's rails **18**. The partial sheet **14** is shown. The mattress **12** is centrally located in FIG. **5**. The bottom longitudinal edge **17** of the partial sheet **14** is shown covering the outer portion of the bottom of the mattress **12**.

The second embodiment is shown in FIG. **6**. In the second embodiment, the present invention may be an extended single piece baby crib bumper **205**. This embodiment would be placed in the crib in the same manner as other baby crib bumpers. The partial sheet **214** would be placed along side and under the mattress **212**, similar to the partial sheet **14** in the first embodiment. This embodiment would provide cushion between the mattress **212** and the rails **218** when the crib's mattress **212** is too small for the crib.

The bumper pad **210** has a front side **221**, back side **222**, and top edge **220**. The bumper pad **210** may be made from a foam pad, polyester or other material typically used in making pillows and bumper pads. The partial sheet **214** may be comprised of the same or similar materials from which the bumper pad **210** is made.

The partial sheet **214** has a bottom longitudinal edge **217** and may have a tightener **213** (See FIG. **6**). The tightener **213** may be located at the bottom longitudinal edge **217** of the partial sheet **214**. The tightener **213** may be separately attached to the partial sheet **214**. The tightener **213** may be integral with the partial sheet **214**. See FIG. **6**.

The partial sheet **214** may be attached to the bumper pad **210**. The partial sheet **214** may be sewn, glued, zippered, or stapled to the bumper pad **210**. The partial sheet **214** may have buttons sewn onto it and the bumper pad **210** may have button holes sewn into it (or vice versa) then the partial sheet **214** and the bumper pad **210** can be buttoned together. The partial sheet **214** may contain tie strings which can be tied to the bumper pad **210**. The partial sheet **214** may be attached to the bumper pad **210** in any fashion which may be used to secure two pieces of cloth together. The partial sheet **214** may be integral with the bumper pad **210**.

The plurality of fasteners **216** are any devices typically used for anchoring baby crib bumpers to cribs. The fasteners **216** may be two ties at several locations; the two ties may be tied around single rails **218** of the crib. The fasteners **216** may be VELCRO™ (2 strips of material, one strip with loops and the other strip with hooks). The fasteners **216** may be a single loop and hook mechanism. The fasteners **216** may be tubes of material which the rails **218** are placed through. The fasteners **216** may be any device which can be used to anchor the baby crib bumper **205** to the crib.

The plurality of fasteners **216** are attached to the bumper pad **210**. The fasteners **216** may be sewn, glued, stapled, or zippered to the bumper pad **210**. The fasteners **216** may be attached to the bumper pad **210** in any manner one may attach two pieces of cloth to each other. Typically, the fasteners **216** are attached to the bumper pad **210** along the back side **222** of the bumper pad **210**. The fasteners **216** may be attached to the bumper pad **210** along any portion of the pad.

The baby crib bumper **205** may be located in a baby crib. The bottom edge **217** would then be located under the mattress **212**. A mattress sheet **223** may be placed on top of the mattress **212** and between the mattress **212** and the baby crib bumper **205** as seen in FIG. **6**. The mattress sheet **223** may be placed along the periphery of the mattress **212**. The plurality of fasteners **216** are fastened to the crib, usually to the rails **218** of the crib.

The baby crib bumper **205** may be used in conjunction with a mattress **212** which is substantially smaller than the crib as depicted in FIG. **6**. If a baby's face located between the rails **218** and the baby crib bumper **205**, the baby is unlikely to be hurt and is protected from falling out of the crib.

In a third embodiment, the present invention may be a baby crib bumper **305** with mesh material extending along the inside or outside of the bumper pad **310** and under the mattress **312**. This embodiment will allow the baby to breathe if his or her head is between the mattress **312** and the rails **318** as well as prevent the baby from placing his or her arms or legs through the rails **318**.

The baby crib bumper **305** of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. **7**. A partial sheet **314** of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. **7**. A plurality of fasteners **316** are illustrated in FIG. **7**.

The bumper pad **310** may be made from a foam pad, polyester or other material typically used in making pillows and bumper pads. The bumper pad **310** has a front side **321**, back side **322**, bottom edge **319** and top edge **320** (See FIG. **7**).

The partial sheet **314** is made from a mesh material or another material typically used in making sheets. The mesh material is a very loosely woven material. The spaces between the strands of material are further apart than in ordinary cloth which allows increased exchange of air. The partial sheet **314** may be cotton, polyester, nylon, or other materials typically used in making sheets. The partial sheet **314** has a bottom longitudinal edge **317**, a top longitudinal edge **315** and a tightener **313** (See FIG. **7**). The tightener **313** may be located at the bottom longitudinal edge **317** of the partial sheet **314**. The tightener **313** may be separately attached to the partial sheet **314**. The tightener **313** may be integral with the partial sheet **314** similar to the first embodiment. See FIG. **7**.

The partial sheet **314** is attached to the bumper pad **310** either along the top side **320**, the front side **321**, or the back side **322** or anywhere else along the bumper pad **310**. See FIG. **7** for an example of the partial sheet **314** being attached to the front side **321**. The partial sheet **314** may be sewn, glued, or zippered to the bumper pad **310**. The partial sheet **314** may be stapled to the bumper pad **310**. The partial sheet **314** may have buttons sewn onto it and the bumper pad **310** may have button holes sewn into it (or vice versa) then the partial sheet **314** and the bumper pad **310** can be buttoned together. The partial sheet **314** may contain tie strings which can be tied to the bumper pad **310**. The partial sheet **314** may be attached to the bumper pad **310** in any fashion which may be used to secure two pieces of cloth together.

The plurality of fasteners **316** are any devices typically used for anchoring bumper pads to cribs. The fasteners **316** may be two ties at several locations; the two ties may be tied around single rails **318** of the crib. The fasteners **316** may be VELCRO™ (2 strips of material, one strip with loops and the other strip with hooks). The fasteners **316** may be a single loop and hook mechanism. The fasteners **316** may be tubes of material which the rails **318** are placed through. The fasteners **316** may be any device which can be used to anchor the bumper pad **310** to the crib.

The plurality of fasteners **316** are attached to the bumper pad **310**. The fasteners **316** may be sewn to the bumper pad **310**. The fasteners **316** may be stapled or glued to the bumper pad **310**. The fasteners **316** may be zippered to the bumper pad **310**. The fasteners **316** may be attached to the bumper pad **310** in any manner one may attach two pieces

of cloth to each other. The fasteners **316** may be attached to the bumper pad **310** along the back side **322** of the bumper pad **310** (See FIG. **7**).

The baby crib bumper **305** may be located in a baby crib. The partial sheet **314** would then be located along the periphery of the mattress **312**. A mattress sheet **323** may be placed on top of the mattress **312** and between the mattress **312** and the partial sheet **314** as seen in FIG. **7**. The plurality of fasteners **316** are fastened to the crib, usually to the rails **318** of the crib.

The baby crib bumper **305** may be used in conjunction with a mattress which is substantially smaller than the crib as depicted in FIG. **7** particularly if the partial sheet **314** is made from a mesh material. If a baby's face becomes trapped between the rails **318** and the partial sheet **314**, the baby is able to breathe through the mesh material and is protected from falling out of the crib.

In a fourth embodiment **405**, the present invention may be a comprised of mesh sheet. This embodiment will allow the baby to breathe when his or her face is in the space between the mattress **412** and the rails **418** as well as when the baby's face is very close to the rails **418**. The partial sheet **414** will also prevent the baby from being able to place his or her head through the rails **418** as well as his or her arms and legs through the rails **418**.

The baby crib bumper **405** of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. **8**. A bumper pad **410** and the partial sheet **414** of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. **8**.

The partial sheet **414** is made from a mesh material or another material typically used in making sheets. The mesh material is a very loosely woven material. The spaces between the strands of material are further apart than in ordinary cloth which allows increased exchange of air. The partial sheet **414** may be cotton, polyester, nylon, or other materials typically used in making sheets. The partial sheet **414** has a bottom longitudinal edge **417**, a top longitudinal edge **415** and a tightener **413** (See FIG. **8**) which are all similar to the first embodiment. The tightener **413** may be located at the bottom longitudinal edge **417** of the partial sheet **414**.

The tightener **413** may be separately attached to the mesh sheet **414**. The tightener **413** may be integral with the mesh sheet **414** which is similar to the first embodiment.

The plurality of fasteners **416** are any devices typically used for anchoring baby crib bumpers **405** to cribs. The fasteners **416** may be two ties at several locations; the two ties may be tied around single rails **418** of the crib. The fasteners **416** may be VELCRO™ (2 strips of material, one strip with loops and the other strip with hooks). The fasteners **416** may be a single loop and hook mechanism. The fasteners **416** may be tubes of material which the rails **418** are placed through. The fasteners **416** may be any device which can be used to anchor the baby crib bumper **405** to the crib.

The plurality of fasteners **416** are attached to the baby bumper pad **410**. The fasteners **416** may be sewn, stapled, glued or zippered to the bumper pad **410**. The fasteners **416** may be attached to the bumper pad **410** in any manner one may attach two pieces of cloth to each other.

The baby crib bumper **405** may be located in a baby crib. In this embodiment, the bumper pad **410** may be comprised of a mesh material similar to the material of which the partial sheet **414** is comprised. The partial sheet **414** may then be located along the periphery of the mattress **412**. A mattress sheet **423** may be placed on top of the mattress **412** and between the mattress **412** and the partial sheet **414** as seen in FIG. **8**. The plurality of fasteners **416** are fastened to the crib, usually to the rails **418** of the crib.

The baby crib bumper **405** may be used in conjunction with a mattress **412** which is substantially smaller than the crib as depicted in FIG. **8** particularly if the partial sheet **414** is made from a mesh material. If a baby's face is situated between the rails **418** and the partial sheet **414**, the baby is able to breathe through the mesh material and is protected from falling out of the crib.

Having now described the invention in detail, those skilled in this art will have no difficulty in making changes and modifications in the individual parts, sizes or their relative assembly in order to meet specific requirements or conditions. Such changes and modifications may be made without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention, as set forth in the following claims. In particular, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in this art that individual features of the aforementioned examples may be combined and substituted to produce many more equivalent devices.

I claim:

1. A baby crib bumper, adapted to be removably positioned between a crib and a mattress, comprising:

a bumper pad having a back side, a front side, a top edge and a bottom edge, and a plurality of fasteners attached to the back side of the pad, said fasteners adapted to be releasably secured to the crib,

a partial sheet,

said partial sheet connected to said bumper pad,

said partial sheet positionable adjacent to a plurality of vertical sides of a mattress and partially beneath said mattress, whereby when said fasteners are secured to the crib and the partial sheet is partially positioned beneath the mattress, the upward movement of the bumper pad is prevented.

2. The baby crib bumper of claim **1** wherein said partial sheet comprises mesh material.

3. The baby crib bumper of claim **1** wherein said partial sheet has a top longitudinal edge and a bottom longitudinal edge, said top longitudinal edge attached to said bottom edge of said bumper pad, and said bottom longitudinal edge having a tightener.

4. The baby crib bumper of claim **5** wherein said tightener comprises a strip.

5. The baby crib bumper of claim **1** wherein said strip comprises elastic.

6. A baby crib bumper for an infant crib of the type having a horizontal support panel, a mattress sized to substantially cover and rest atop the horizontal support panel, and side rails having slats extending upwardly from the horizontal support panel, said baby crib bumper comprising:

a bumper pad,

a partial sheet,

a plurality of flexible, elongated fasteners each connected in spaced relation along an outwardly facing surface of said bumper pad,

said partial sheet connected to said bumper pad,

said partial sheet positioned adjacent to a plurality of vertical sides of a matress and partially beneath said matress whereby, with the mattress removed, when said bumper pad is positioned uprightly against the entire interior perimeter of the crib and said partial sheet is laid substantially flat atop a horizontal support panel, each said fastener is then securable to a corresponding slat of the side rail, the mattress being thereafter positionable atop the horizontal support panel and said

partial sheet thereby preventing substantially upward movement of said bumper pad.

7. A baby crib bumper for an infant crib of the type having a horizontal support panel, a mattress sized to substantially cover and rest atop the horizontal support panel, and side rails having slats extending upwardly from the horizontal support panel, said baby crib bumper comprising:

a bumper pad,

a partial sheet,

a plurality of flexible, elongated fasteners each connected in spaced relation along an outwardly facing surface of said bumper pad,

said partial sheet connected to said bumper pad,

said partial sheet positioned adjacent to a plurality of vertical sides of a matress and partially beneath said matress whereby, with the mattress removed, when said bumper pad is positioned uprightly against the entire interior perimeter of the crib and said partial sheet is laid substantially flat atop a horizontal support panel, each said fastener is then securable to a corresponding slat of the side rail, the mattress being thereafter positionable atop the horizontal support panel and said partial sheet thereby preventing substantially upward movement of said bumper pad,

said partial sheet having a tightener, said tightener further securing said partial sheet in place beneath said matress thereby preventing substantially upward movement of said bumper pad.

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