CLAIMS

~~[Claim 1.]~~

A pipe joint comprising:

a pair of pipe-shaped joint members ~~respectively having fluid passages which are communicated with each other~~, each joint member has cylindrical sleeve body which inner periphery forms a fluid passage and flange projects from the sleeve body; and

a circular annular gasket which is interposed between ~~abutting~~ end surfaces of both joint members,

wherein the joint members are joined to each other by a male threaded member formed on one of the joint members and a female threaded member formed on the other of the joint members,

wherein the flange which is integrally formed with an end portion of the joint member, and the flanges face each other in an opposed manner with an excessive fasten preventing gap formed therebetween,

wherein a cover portion which covers outer peripheral surfaces of ~~abutting portions of both joint members~~ the excessive fasten preventing gap is formed on the male threaded member, and

wherein the cover portion has sufficient length in an axial direction of the male threaded member to cover the outer peripheral surfaces of the excessive fasten preventing gap when the male threaded member and the female threaded member start to be fastened to each other and the cover portion has no threads.

2. The pipe joint according to claim 1, further comprising a retainer fitted in recessed portions of flanges of the joint member, holding the gasket.

3. The pipe joint according to claim 1, wherein the joint members face each other in an opposed manner with the excessive fastening preventing gap and the excessive fasten preventing gap is enclosed by the joint members, the gasket and the cover portion.

4. The pipe joint according to claim 1, further comprising gasket pressing projections formed on sleeve bodies of the joint members and configured to bite into surfaces of the gasket when the male threaded member and the female threaded member are properly fastened to each other.

5. The pipe joint according to claim 2, wherein the retainer is held by one of the joint members with a snap ring.

6. The pipe joint according to claim 4, wherein the excessive fastening preventing gap is enclosed by the members, the cover portion and the retainer.