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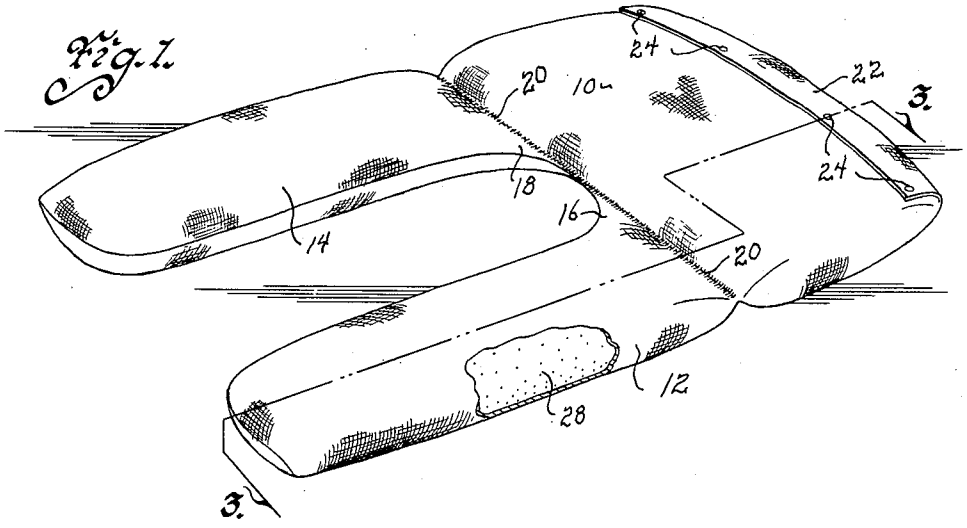


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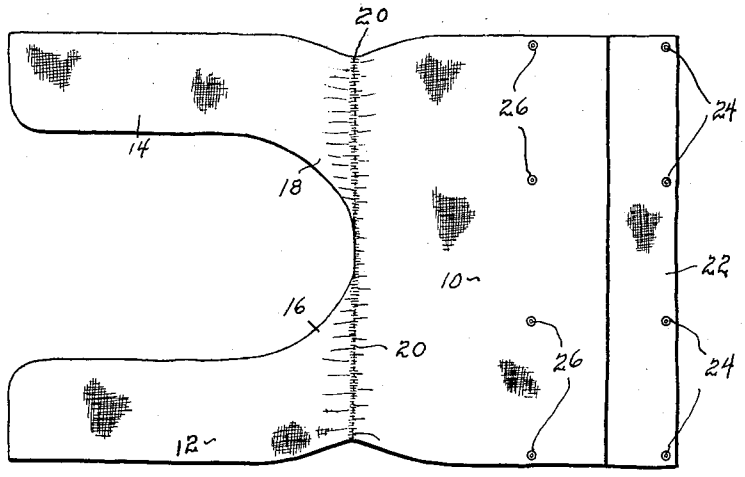
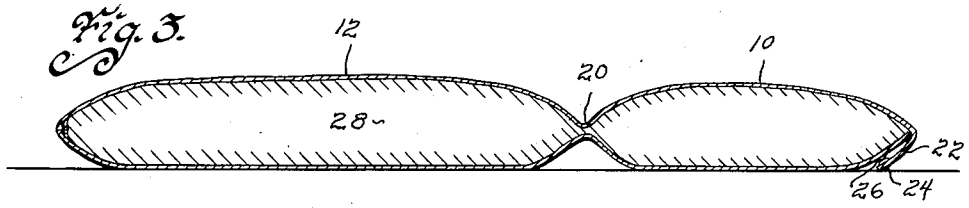


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My invention relates to removable washable covers for pillows. Specifically I have invented a pillow slip or case particularly adapted for use with a pillow of the type having a head rest portion and two spaced apart arm supporting portions, that extend away from the head rest portion in the same direction leaving a trunk receiving recess therebetween. My pillow case is adapted to being used with a pillow of the type disclosed in my copending application for Letters Patent on a Pillow, Serial No. 235,709, filed July 9, 1951, and particularly my case is adapted for use with an improved form of the pillow shown in the above mentioned copending application as will be pointed out particularly hereinfater.

Obviously, ordinary pillow cases are not adapted to being used with my new pillow as disclosed in my above mentioned copending application. The arm supporting portions of my new pillow make using the ordinary case out of the question. Furthermore, I have invented an improved form of my pillow that has quilt-like stitching separating the head rest portion from the arm rest portions of the pillow and on which I am filing an application for Letters Patent. This improved form of my new pillow is not well cased in a pillow slip cover that is merely shaped like the general configuration of my original pillow, therefore, but requires modifications and changes in addition to providing a case of the general shape of my pillow.

It is the principal object of my invention, therefore, to provide a pillow case adapted for use with pillows having a head rest portion and arm supporting portions extending therefrom.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a pillow case that will retain its position on the pillow for which the case is designed.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a pillow case that is positively retained on the pillow.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a pillow case that will aid in maintaining the proper distribution for the stuffing material of the pillow on which it is used.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a pillow case that will resist wear resulting from relative movement between the pillow and its case.

It is a further object of my invention to make a pillow case that is refined in appearance and durable in use.

These and other objects will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

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My invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is an inverted perspective view of my new pillow case on a pillow with a portion of the case broken away to more fully illustrate the contour fitting character of my pillow case.

Fig. 2 is a bottom view of my pillow case with the securing flap open to more clearly illustrate its construction, and

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of my pillow case on a pillow and taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings I have used the numeral 10 to designate the envelop portion of the pillow case which covers the head rest portion of the pillow. A pair of elongated tubular portions designated 12 and 14 respectively having inwardly extending flares designated 16 and 18 at their tops, are joined to the envelop 10. The flared tops nearly join at the center of the envelop bottom to provide a recess top between them that is rounded adjacent the envelop. The inside of the hollow tubular portions communicate with the bottom of the hollow envelop. The tucks or gathering 20 reduce the size or proportions of the bottom of the envelop. At the top of the envelop is a flap 22 which is provided with a plurality of fasteners such as sockets 24. Cooperating snap fastener ball members 26 are appropriately positioned on the portion of the envelop that does not carry flap 22. Obviously, more than one form of fastener may be used satisfactorily and I have user the snap fastener as being merely illustrative. In fact, the top of the envelop may be left entirely open as in the case of one end of an ordinary pillow slip or case. The form of the case shown and described is the preferred form, however.

My new pillow case is used much as any other pillow case is used. With flap 22 open, the arm supporting portions of a pillow 28 of the type described above, are inserted first into the envelop and then one each in the tubular portions 12 and 14. The flared tops 16 and 18 make this relatively easy to do in spite of gathering 20. Once the arm supporting portions of the pillow are started into the tubular portions, the pillow may be shaken down into the case in much the same manner as an ordinary pillow is inserted into its case. The gathered area is forced out of its flat shape into a round form to permit the

soft pillow to be crushed and inserted into the tubular portions. After the pillow is in the case, the pillow and slip flatten out and the case restricts the pillow as shown in Fig. 3. When the pillow is fully in the case, the flap **22** may be folded over and fastened to positively secure the pillow in the case. Tucks **20** cause the case to restrict the pillow at the point where the head rest portion of the pillow joins to the arm supporting portions to aid in retaining the down or other pillow filling well distributed. As is shown in Fig. 3, when the pillow is flattened into a normal shape for usage, the case restricts the pillow at the point where the arm supporting members join the head rest portion of the pillow. The tucks also aid in keeping the various parts of the pillow in their proper positions relative to the case. As the down or other pillow padding is fluffed on either side of the tucks or gathering, it is almost impossible for the pillow and case to become relatively disarranged through normal use. Thus, my case not only positively retains the pillow within its general confines, but holds the two in their proper relative positions as well. In models of my pillow that have restricted portions at the upper ends of the arm supporting portions, my pillow cases fit the contours of such pillows nicely.

In actual practice, my pillow case will be made in either of two ways. It may be made from two similarly shaped pieces of material. One of the pieces will have an elongated envelop side portion, the top of which will become flap **22**. The pieces will be gathered across the tops of the tubular portion halves. The two pieces will then be stitched together to form the finished pillow case. The case may be made from a single piece of material, however, having a top portion twice as wide as the envelop plus an allowance for one seam and the lower portions formed with three projections. The center projection would be twice the width of the outside projections. The gathering would be stitched across the whole width. The piece would then be folded down the center of the center projection and the top portion and the loose edges stitched together except at the top of the envelop. Thus it will be seen that the case may be economically made. Because the case follows the contours of the pillow closely rather than being rather loose as is true of the ordinary pillow case, there is less opportunity for wear resulting from frictional movement of the case over the pillow. These pillow cases will wear well by reason of this lack of relative movement. It will be appreciated, therefore, that I have invented a pillow case that accomplishes the objects of my invention.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of my pillow slip without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claims, any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents which may be reasonably included within their scope.

I claim:

1. In a pillow case adapted for use with a pillow having a head rest portion and a plurality of arm rest portions extending therefrom, an envelop portion adapted to embrace the head rest portion of a pillow, and a pair of tubular portions secured to said envelop portion and communicating therewith; said envelop portion being open opposite to the point where said tubular portions join said envelop portion; said envelop portion being of reduced proportions at the point where said tubular portions connect thereto as compared to other points along its width.

2. In a pillow case adapted for use with a pillow having a head rest portion and a plurality of arm rest portions extending therefrom, an envelop portion adapted to embrace the head rest portion of a pillow, and a pair of tubular portions secured to said envelop portion and communicating therewith; said envelop portion being open opposite to the point where said tubular portions join said envelop portion; said envelop portion being of reduced proportions at the point where said tubular portions connect thereto as compared to other points along its width; said tubular portions being of greater width at their attached ends than at other points of their lengths.

3. In combination with a pillow of the class having a head rest portion and a plurality of elongated arm rest portions extending therefrom that are adapted to serve as cushioned supports for the arms of the user, a pillow case therefore, comprising, a plurality of tubular portions embracing said plurality of arm rest portions respectively, and a rectangular envelop portion secured to and communicating with said tubular portions and embracing said head rest portion; said envelop portion open at its top for the insertion or removal of said pillow; said envelop being of reduced dimensions at the point where said tubular portions join said envelop.

4. In a pillow case adapted for use with a pillow having a head rest portion and a pair of elongated arm rest portions extending therefrom in spaced relationship to form a recess therebetween capable of embracing the trunk portion of a person, an envelop portion adapted to embrace the head rest portion of a pillow, a pair of tubular portions secured to said envelop portion and communicating therewith; said envelop portion being open opposite to the point where said tubular portions join said envelop portion; said envelop portion having a circumscribing gathering or tuck whereby it is of reduced proportions at the point where said tubular portions connect thereto as compared to other points along its width; said gathering serving as a guide line upon which the tubular portions can be folded under the envelop portion when not in use, and said tubular portions being of greater width at their attached ends than at other points of their lengths.

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