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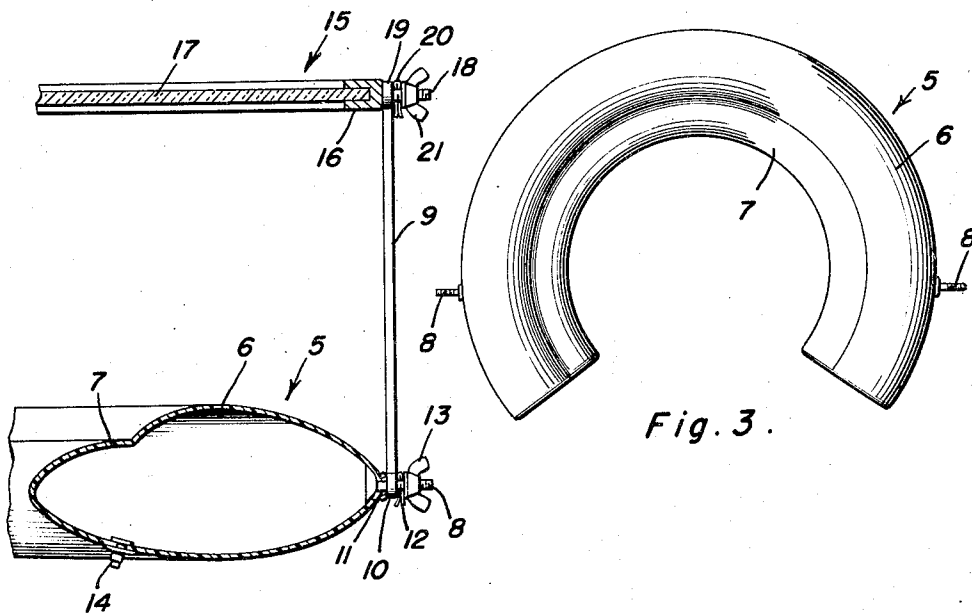
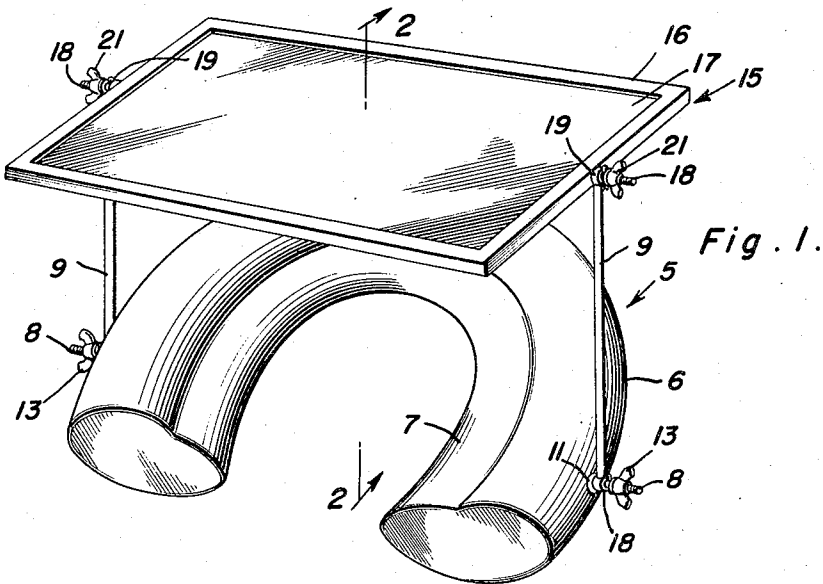


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The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in beach accessories and appliances and has more particular reference to a novel and improved inflatable or equivalent pillow provided with an accompanying sun visor or shield.

As the opening statement of the invention implies, I am aware that a pillow or head rest, broadly speaking, and facilities to arrest sun rays and to thus protect the head and face of the user are, generally comprehended, old and well known. Therefore, in carrying out the principles of the present invention a structural arrangement has been devised which, it is believed, is a structurally distinct and novel contribution to this line of endeavor.

In carrying out a preferred embodiment of the invention, the stated pillow takes the form of an inflatable and deflatable rubber or equivalent pad, the latter being segmental and therefore of general horseshoe-shaped form, the shield being a suitable panel and said panel being tiltably supported by readily adjustable stays which are attached at opposite ends to the panel and pad respectively.

As is evident from the structure alluded to, novelty is predicated upon a pair of vertically disposable stays which are separably and adjustably connected at their respective opposite ends to the pad and shield, permitting the position and level of the shield to be regulated to suit the requirements of the user and permitting the entire assemblage to be dismantled for convenience and compactness and to expedite handling and transportation.

Other objects and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying illustrative drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pillow and visor or shield combination constructed in accordance with the invention, the same being set up for use at a beach or elsewhere;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary sectional view taken approximately on the plane of the line 2—2 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows; and

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the pillow or pad per se.

Referring now to the drawings by distinguishing reference numerals the pillow, which functions as a convenient head rest, is in the form of an inflatable and deflatable rubber or equivalent pad 5. It includes a main body portion 6 of appropriate cross sectional dimension and shape

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and an inner perimeter portion 7 which, in conjunction with the portion 6, provides an appropriate contour which effects a conveniently usable and comforting pillow or head rest. The overall shape of the pillow is segmental and may be referred to, as a matter of convenience, as of general horseshoe-shaped form. Diametrically opposed branches of the pillow are provided with outstanding screw threaded securely anchored studs 8 which serve to adjustably anchor the aforementioned props or stays. Each stay comprises a linearly straight rigid rod 9 of appropriate material and height. At its lower end the rod is provided with an eye 10 which fits removably and adjustably over the stud and bears against a reinforcing cleat 11 on the stud. A cotter key 12 is employed to assemble and normally maintain the eye 10 on the stud. In addition, a retaining nut 13, preferably a wing-nut, is provided and screwed on the stud. Incidentally, in Figure 2, the numeral 14 designates a tire valve for inflating and deflating the pillow.

The numeral 15 designates the visor and this is of rectangular form and is characterized by a frame 16 and a panel 17 made of a material such as is used in constructing anti-glare shields in use on automobiles and the like. The panel is provided at opposite ends with outstanding screw threaded studs 18 which coact with the studs 8 and here again the rod, in each instance is provided at its upper or opposite end 19 with an eye which fits in place on the stud and is held in assembled relation by a cotter key 20 and an accompanying wing-nut 21. By removing the cotter keys the entire assemblage may be dismantled for compactness and convenience. Originally, the separability of parts makes it possible to compactly package same for sale and shipment purposes. Ordinarily, the user when once the device is set up as shown in Figure 1, need not necessarily wholly dismantle it. The rods and hinging connections at opposite ends and stud assemblies allow the parts to be folded adequately to provide a convenient package for transportation in one's automobile if and when desired.

By having eyes at both ends of the stay rods and nuts and stud means it is obvious that the sun visor may be suitably angled and placed in an advantageous position to suit the needs of the particular user. That is to say, the shield may be tilted forwardly or rearwardly in the position imaginable from Figure 1, which requires loosening the wing nut 21. Or, the wing nuts 21 may be left tight and the hinging motion may be taken care of by way of the eyes 10 and wing nut

13. This provides a sort of fool-proof adjustment, enabling the user to attain the wanted end.

A careful consideration of the foregoing description in conjunction with the invention as illustrated in the drawings will enable the reader to obtain a clear understanding and impression of the alleged features of merit and novelty sufficient to clarify the construction of the invention as hereinafter claimed.

Minor changes in shape, size, materials or rearrangement of parts may be resorted to in actual practice so long as no departure is made from the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A beach pillow of the class shown and described comprising an inflatable and deflatable pillow provided at diametrically opposite points with outstanding studs, an elevated panel-type sun visor disposed in a plane above said pillow and also provided at opposite ends with studs disposed in positions which are substantially directly above and cooperating with the first-named studs, and vertical visor supporting rods separably and adjustably connecting the respective studs, whereby said visor is permitted to serve as a sun shield over and above said pillow.

2. A beach pillow of the class shown and described comprising a head-rest of general horse-shoe-shape form, said head-rest including a body portion provided on its inner peripheral edge with a ledge-like collar of reduced cross-sectional form, a horizontal panel, said panel being adapted to serve as a sun shield, a pair of vertically disposed supporting rods arranged at points opposite each other, means detachably connecting the lower ends of said rods to diametrically op-

posite sides of said head-rest, and means detachably and hingedly connecting the upper ends of said rods to the intermediate portions of the ends of said panel, whereby to provide a knock-down construction.

3. A beach pillow of the class shown and described comprising an inflatable and deflatable pneumatic pillow adapted to serve as a head-rest for the user, said pillow being provided on diametrically opposite marginal edge portions with complementary outstanding screw-threaded studs, a panel adapted to serve as a sun visor and adapted to assume an elevated position above said pillow, said panel being provided at opposite ends with outstanding screw-threaded studs disposed in positions above said first-named studs, and a pair of stay and assembling rods, said rods being adapted for vertical disposition and having eyes at their respective upper and lower ends releasably fitted over the respective studs, and nuts carried by said studs and engaging said eyes and serving to provide a construction which is capable of being easily set up for use and easily dismantled for storage when not in use.

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