Back-Rest for Children.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYN F. PULLMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Back-RESTs For Children, of which the following is a specification.

Among the principal objects of the invention is the provision of a back rest for a young child, composed of any suitable material and trimmings that may be desired and of sufficient weight to remain stationary wherever placed and yet capable of being conveniently moved about.

Other objects of the invention are to so shape the back rest that it cannot be tilted or tipped; will not slide or move easily from place to place, and providing the same with or without receiving pockets whereby small articles may be retained within reach of the child.

In the drawing two forms of construction are shown, in both instances the back rest being in the form of an oval collar, one construction being provided with a bottom or seat secured to the collar, while in the second construction the bottom is omitted, whereby when the child is seated upon the floor or on a bed or the like, the collar may be slipped over the child to support its back, without disturbing the child, and affording a back rest, the same as if the child were held by a person.

Further advantages of the invention will readily appear throughout the specification and are shown in the drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the back rest with a bottom secured thereto; Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a section of the back rest with the bottom omitted, the construction being smaller in this instance and no receiving pockets provided.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, 3 represents the body of the back rest, it being preferably oval in form and having a central opening or depression. The edge of the body is preferably beveled, as shown at 5, with one end of the body 6 higher than its opposite or front end 7, so as to afford an ample back rest for a child.

The object of making the sides beveled is to afford a wide base and thereby prevent the device from tipping in any direction.

In making the upper edge inclined, the arms of the child may the more conveniently rest thereon, and at the same time it affords a lighter construction, in that the high wall is only needed at the back of the device. In Fig. 1 pockets 8 are provided, preferably along the upper edge and are adapted to retain such things as a child may use, and are so located that access to them is easy, but pockets need not necessarily be provided that are formed in the structure, as suitable retaining means might be secured to the back rest to which pockets might be removably secured, or pockets might be omitted entirely.

In the preferred form of construction and as herein shown, the body of the back rest is stuffed with hair 9, making the construction light, and cloth 10 may be used as a covering for the entire body with a lining 11 within the seat when the bottom is used. It is intended that the edges of the back rest shall be made smooth throughout, so that there can be no injury to the child, and that the material used in its construction will be composed primarily of cloth or a soft material for the purposes of lightness and for the protection of the child.

Instead of using hair as a filler, it is of course obvious that such material as excelsior or any other known filler might be used, and it is also within the scope of the invention to make the body capable of being inflated.

Fig. 3 shows a construction wherein the bottom is omitted therefrom, the back rest being in the nature of a collar and adapted to be placed over the child to afford a back rest when the child is upon the floor, or in fact in any place.

While in Fig. 1 a border 12 is shown enclosing the lower edge of the back rest and the use of tacks 13 are employed to hold the border in position, it is of course obvious that this construction could be modified, making the bottom removably secured to the device whereby the same could be used or not, as might be desired. It is not thought necessary to show the above modification, as the same is certainly within the scope of the invention, nor is it thought essential that the body be shown constructed of a material that could be inflated, for it is perfectly obvious that many changes could be made in the construction without departing from the
spirit of the invention, and therefore without confining myself to the precise details of the construction.

I claim:

1. A back rest for a child consisting of an oval body portion with a central opening or depression therein, adapted to accommodate a child in a reclining or sitting position, the side walls of said back rest being beveled to form a wide base, substantially as described.

2. A back rest for a child consisting of a substantially oval body with a central opening or depression therein adapted to accommodate a child in a seated or a partially reclining position, the side walls of said back rest being beveled and the rear portion having a higher wall than the forward portion, substantially as described.

3. A back rest for a child consisting of a substantially oval body having an opening or depression therein adapted to accommodate a child in a reclining or sitting position, the side walls of said back rest being beveled, one end of said back rest being higher than its opposite end, and receiving pockets in said side walls, substantially as described.

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