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Fig. 1

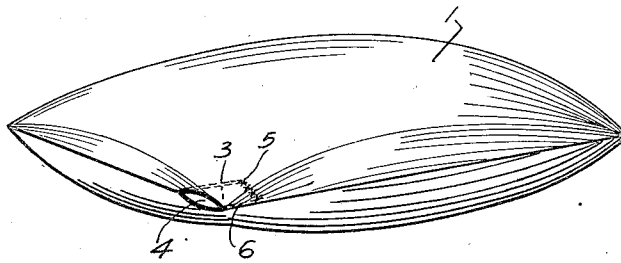


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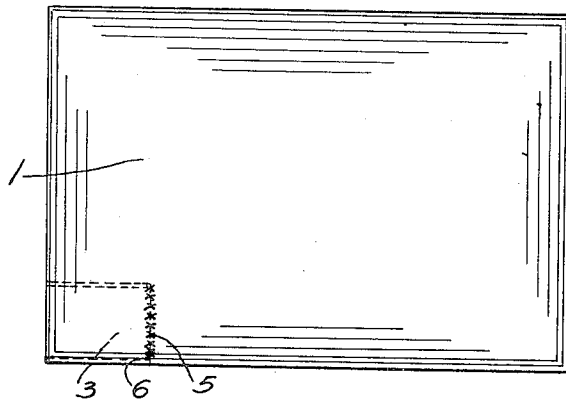


Fig. 2

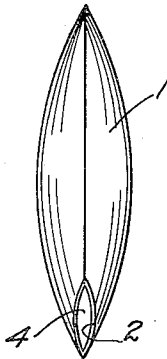
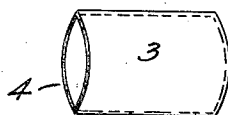


Fig. 4



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It is frequently desirable to aerate pillows, especially those stuffed with feathers, to prevent their becoming musty or odorous, or to dry them out after they have become damp.

Again pillows which have been used by a patient suffering from a contagious or infectious disease must be disinfected prior to further use.

Again the contents of a pillow, especially those stuffed with feathers, tend after continued service to become packed and matted, and need loosening and fluffing up.

Moreover, medication is frequently accomplished by the inhalation of the vapors of a drug or drugs placed adjacent to the nostrils of a sleeper.

The principal object which I have in view is the improvement of the structure of pillows of all kinds, such as bed-pillows, sofa-pillows, etc., so that they may be readily aerated, disinfected, dried and their contents loosened and fluffed as by means of a blast of air or a suitable disinfectant in gaseous form.

Another object in view is to provide the pillow with a compartment or pocket in which drugs or other substances may be placed, the vapors or odors of which are to be inhaled by the sleeper.

Other objects will appear from the following description.

With these purposes in view, I provide the pillow with a pocket formed of flexible textile material which may be the same as that of which the pillow bag is made, which pocket has its mouth open to the outside of the pillow and is so attached, as by sewing to the material of the pillow-bag, that the pocket is held against being rolled up. If desired, the pocket may be sewed along one side to a longitudinal edge of the pillow-bag and at its inner end to one of the side walls of the latter, and with its mouth at the end of the pillow-bag.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein I have illustrated a practical embodiment of the principles of my invention, Fig. 1 is a perspective showing my invention embodied in a bed-pillow.

Fig. 2 is an end view of the pillow.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged side elevation of the pocket before it is installed in the pillow-bag.

Referring to the drawing, 1 represents the pillow, which may be any type or character, but is shown for the sake of illustration as an oblong bed-pillow.

At one end of the pillow-bag there is an opening 2 adjacent one of the longitudinal edges of

the pillow-bag. This opening may be formed by omitting to sew up a portion of the end seam of the bag.

Into this opening is inserted the pocket 3, preferably of the oblong shape shown and having an open mouth 4.

The side edges of the pocket mouth 4 are sewn to the opposite edges of the opening 2 and the pocket is held straightened out by having its inner end sewn to one of the side walls of the pillow-bag as indicated at 5. The longitudinal edge of the pocket 3 may also be preferably sewn into the adjacent longitudinal edge 6 of the pillow-bag. Thus the pocket extends into the pillow-bag and is held in its longitudinally extended shape by attachment on three of its sides to portions of the bag, so that the pillow may be stuffed without rolling up or collapsing the pocket, and the pocket remains extended for its full length while the pillow is in service.

When it is desired to inject dry or heated air or any other gaseous substance into the pillow, the nozzle of a blast device is inserted into the pocket and the air or other gas is forced through the feathers or other stuffing, aerating it or disinfecting it, drying it, or fluffing up the packed or matted stuffing.

Again drugs or other substances, in proper form, may be inserted in the pocket, so that the sleeper may inhale their vapors or odors.

For instance, cotton may be impregnated with such drugs or other substances and be placed in the pocket.

A marked advantage of my invention is that the structure and shape of the pillow is not changed by the inclusion therein of my invention. The softness and comfort of the pillow are not impaired. The additional cost is trifling and the pocket structure will last as long as the pillow-bag itself. Again the empty pillow-bag may be readily washed and ironed.

I claim:—

In a pillow arranged to be stuffed with feathers or like filling, the combination with a conventional pillow casing formed of a bag of flexible textile material, of a relatively small bag of flexible textile material sewed into the edge seam of the casing and lying within the latter, said bag having an open mouth at the seam of the casing, said bag being arranged for the insertion therein of means for forcing air throughout and through the casing and its contents to renovate and remove dust from said contents.

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