

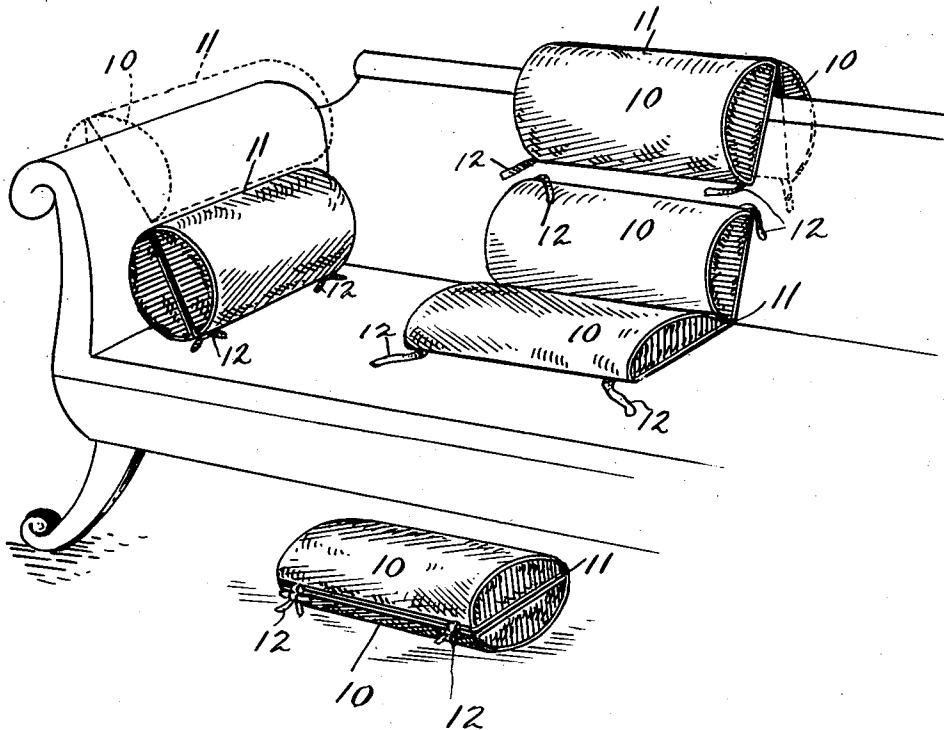
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Many articles of furniture, such as sofas, lounges and arm chairs are often uncomfortable for many persons because of the depth of the seat, the angle of back to seat, the arrangement of side arms, etc., and this must be so because of the great diversity in height, bulk and proportions of human beings. It is an object of my invention to provide a remedy for this inevitable condition that will be simple and inexpensive and though in the form of a separate instrumentality such as a cushion, will not from the standpoint of looks or for any other reason, be objectionable. And particularly an object of my invention is to provide such an attachment or accessory that may be adapted to a great variety of uses or positions so that, by simple adjustment, it may be made to serve as a supplemental back rest, a head rest, an arm rest and a hassock or foot-stool.

My invention consists in whatever is described by or is included within the terms or scope of the appended claims.

In the drawing:

The figure is a perspective view of a lounge or sofa and the application thereto, or for use therewith in various positions to serve different uses, of cushions embodying my invention.

Although many applications are shown in the drawing, it, of course, is not necessary to have as many separate pillows as the number illustrated in the drawing, as a single pillow may be made to occupy all of the various positions and uses illustrated in the drawing.

The structural characteristics of my pillow are found in two duplicate cushion members each with a plane or substantially plane or flat surface and a bulging and preferably convexly rounded surface or bulging side, the opposite edges of which meet the opposite edges of the plane or flat surface so that in cross-section, it is a body or member with one plane or flat side and a bulging side that tapers to an edge; and the two members are hinged together along the line where their flat and bulging sides meet at the thin edge. Speaking in a loose or general sense, each such member 10, is semi-cylindrical so that when the plane or flat surfaces are brought together on what in effect is a diametrical line, the article may be spoken of as cylindrical. Each member 10, of course, has a casing or cover of suitable fabric and a stuffing or filling of some suitable soft cushion-forming material and the two members may be secured together as by sewing or stitching at the two edges where the hinge 11 is located, or by continuing the cover across such edges.

As indicated in the drawing, the two members

may be placed in various angular positions with reference to one another between one where the plane faces or surfaces are in contact to one where the latter are at an acute angle or a right angle or an angle greater than a right angle. Such a pillow may thus be suspended over the back of a lounge or divan or an arm chair with one member on the forward side of the back and the other at the rear thereof so as to make an admirable head rest, the convex or bulging formation being outward comfortably conforming to the back of the neck while allowing the back of the person to comfortably rest against the back of the chair or sofa or divan or as shown in the drawing, against one of the pillows in its substantially cylindrical form. Again as shown in dotted lines in the drawing, the pillow may be similarly hung over the arm of the sofa or divan or chair. By reason of the fact that the two members meet and are hinged together along a mere edge, there is no bulging body making a clumsy looking or unsightly object when the pillow is hung over the back or arm of the chair or other seat-forming article of furniture.

Also as shown in the drawing, the two members may be opened out from one another to a right angle or more than a right angle so that the flat side of one will rest against the seat of the chair or sofa and the flat side of the other rest against the back of the chair or sofa and thus provide a very comfortable sitting arrangement for a person whose stature is short and who cannot for that reason, comfortably seat himself upon a deep-back chair or sofa.

Also as shown in the drawing, the completely closed-up pillow may be placed upon the floor and serve as a foot-stool or hassock, or placed on the sofa seat at the arm.

When not in use, the article when the flat sides of the two members are in contact, is very compact and so can be stored or placed away without requiring much room for storage. And again just as a convenient disposition of it when its use is not required, it may be hung over the top edge of a chair or sofa or divan or over any other edge-providing support.

The direct hinging of the two members on the thin edge results in a smooth, firm external surface which makes a comfortable arm rest and gives a neat appearance.

As the two pillow members act like jaws when hung over a chair or sofa back or arm, a secure grip due to the weight or gravity of the two parts is assured as they automatically, so to speak, tend to move towards one another and against an

interposed body. And, of course, these jaw-like members adjust or adapt themselves to arms or backs of different thicknesses.

Of course, the bulging side of each member need not be cylindrically curved, or curved on the arc of a circle, so that variations in the configuration or contour may be resorted to without departing from the scope of my invention so long as the edge formation is preserved and the hinging is directly between the two members on such an edge line.

Preferably convenient means are provided for tying or securing together the pillow in its folded or closed position such as strings or ribbons 12, at opposite corners thereof. This makes for convenient handling of the closed pillow. The cords or ribbons are also useful in securing together a number of opened out or partially opened out pillows for the purpose of making an extended cushion support as for use in deck chairs, and utilized as seat cushions and back and head rests.

What I claim is:

1. An article fitted for use supplementary to chairs and other seat-providing articles of furniture, composed wholly of two cushion-form members each having two opposite sides, one side being flat and the other bulging, the bulging side taper-

ing to a comparatively thin edge where the two sides meet, said edges being straight throughout substantially the length of the members from end to end, such members being substantial duplicates and each similarly composed of a cover of fabric and a soft stuffing within the fabric, the fabric covering being exposed on all sides and constituting a soft exterior which on the bulging side directly contacts with the person and which on the flat side directly contacts with the surface of an article of furniture or with the opposing flat side of the duplicate member and such cushions being directly joined by a hinge connection at such comparatively thin edges thereof said members being movable relative to one another on said hinge connection to and from a relative position in which their flatter sides are directly opposite and in contact with their bulging sides turned outwards and to place said members at a variety of angles from acute to obtuse with one or both bulging sides exposed in all such positions for supporting contact for a portion of the human body.

2. An article as in claim 1 in which each member is substantially semi-cylindrical in form.

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