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Fig. 1

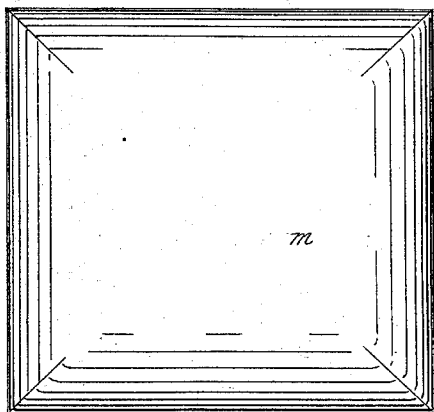


Fig. 2

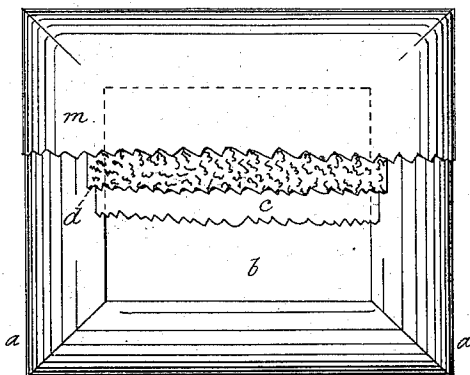
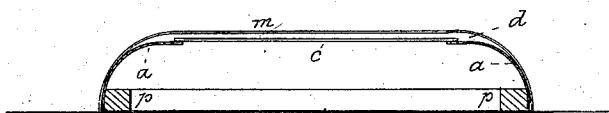


Fig. 3



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DRESS-PILLOW.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dress-Pillows; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in dress-pillows or sham pillows, such as are placed upon the bed in the day-time to present a more ornamental appearance than that presented by the ordinary pillows, and which are removed when the bed is to be used. My said invention more particularly relates to the construction of the "sham-holder," and its object is to construct the same in such a manner that it shall closely resemble the form of a pillow, and shall be light and convenient to handle, and at the same time shall be strong, durable, not liable to get out of form, and be comparatively inexpensive.

The invention consists in a dress-pillow or sham holder composed of a frame of sheet metal or wire-gauze, rounded at its sides and corners and covered with ticking or canvas, upon which is laid a packing of cotton-batting or similar material, and the whole covered with a suitable fabric to represent a pillow and to receive the sham or ornamental coverlet, all as hereinafter particularly set forth and described; and it further consists in the improved construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan view of my improved sham-holder complete and ready to receive the sham or ornamental coverlet; Fig. 2, a plan view with parts removed to show the construction of the same, and Fig. 3 a transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the several figures.

a represents a frame of tin or wire-gauze or similar light material, which will not readily "dent," but which, on being pressed, will resume its original form when the pressure is removed. This frame *a* is rounded at its sides and corners, as shown, so that in form it resembles a pillow. Over the open space *b* of this

frame is stretched and secured a covering, *c*, of ticking or canvas, and upon that is laid a packing of cotton-batting, *d*, or similar material, to afford a soft and yielding surface, the whole being inclosed within an outer covering, *m*, of cotton or linen cloth, or other suitable textile fabric, to resemble a pillow in appearance. This latter is stretched over the under edges of the frame *a*, and may be secured in any suitable manner; but the preferred mode is to clamp it by means of a rectangular wooden frame, *p*, which fits closely inside of the frame *a*. This frame *p* also serves to keep the frame *a* in proper form.

The special advantages secured by my improvement are, first, that the frame *a*, when made of the material and in the form described, can be made to exactly resemble the contour of a pillow, and will retain its proper form for an indefinite period; secondly, the structure is very light, and a number of the holders can be packed into a very small compass when not in use; and, thirdly, the sham-holder constructed as described is comparatively inexpensive.

I am aware of the sham pillow described in Letters Patent No. 172,859, consisting of a shell composed of a wooden frame and a series of wires covered with a textile fabric; but that I do not claim, but hereby disclaim that construction.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A dress-pillow or sham holder composed of a frame, *a*, of sheet metal or wire-gauze, rounded at its sides and corners, as shown and described, and provided with a covering, *c*, of ticking or canvas, a packing, *d*, of cotton-batting or similar material, and an outer covering, *m*, of suitable textile fabric to resemble a pillow, the whole being constructed and arranged as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a dress-pillow or sham holder, the combination of the metallic frame *a*, covers *c* and *m*, packing or wadding *d*, and rectangular wooden frame *p*, the whole being constructed and arranged as and for the purposes set forth.

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