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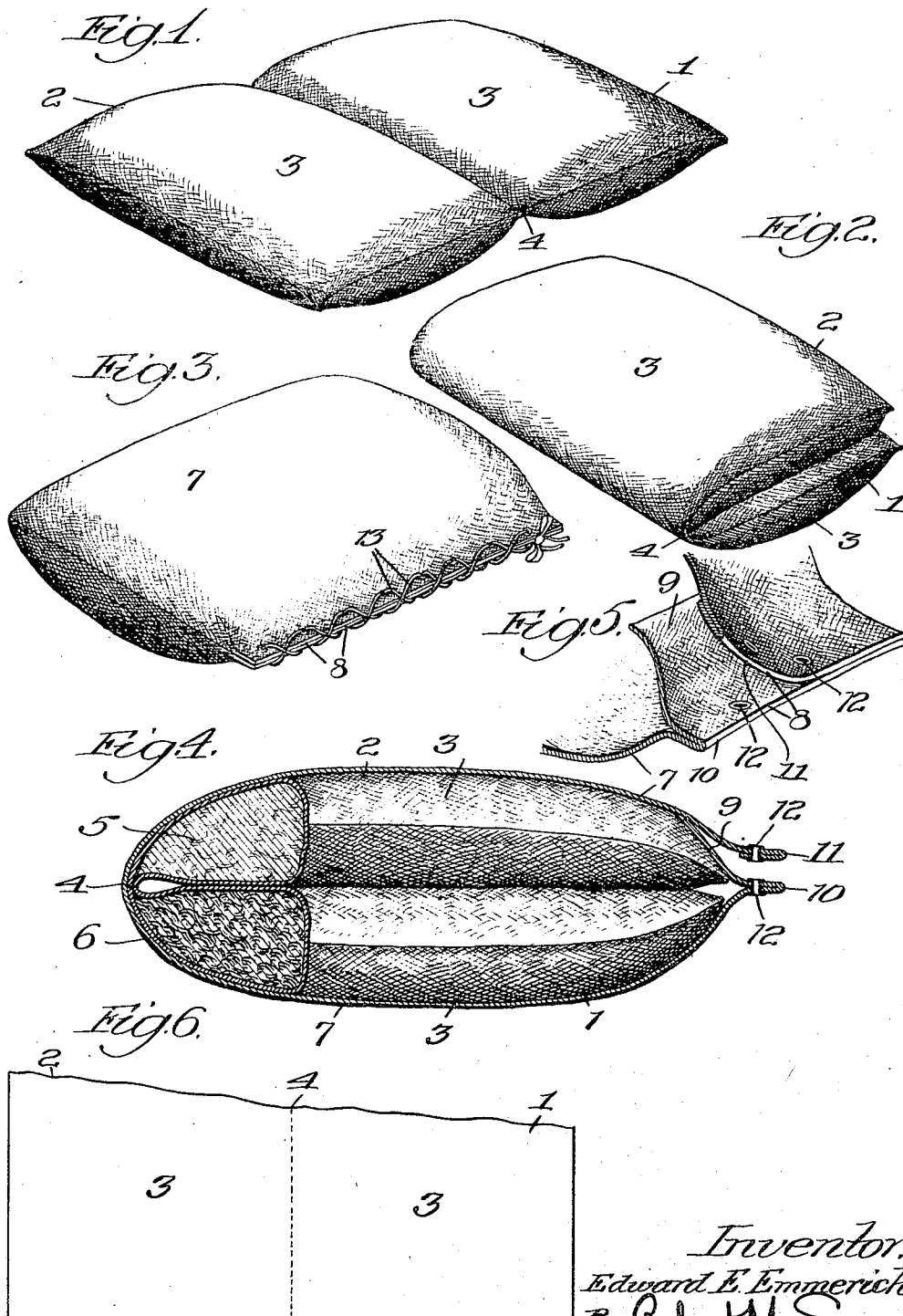
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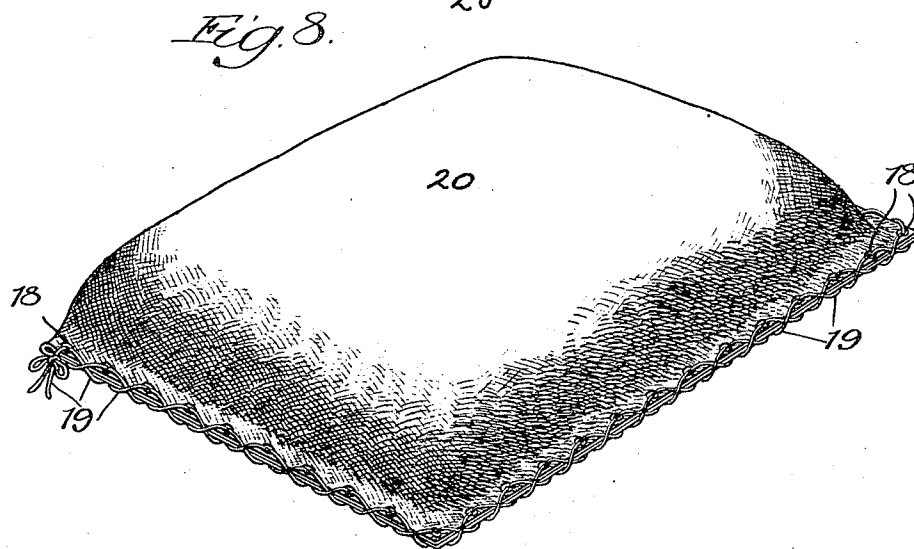
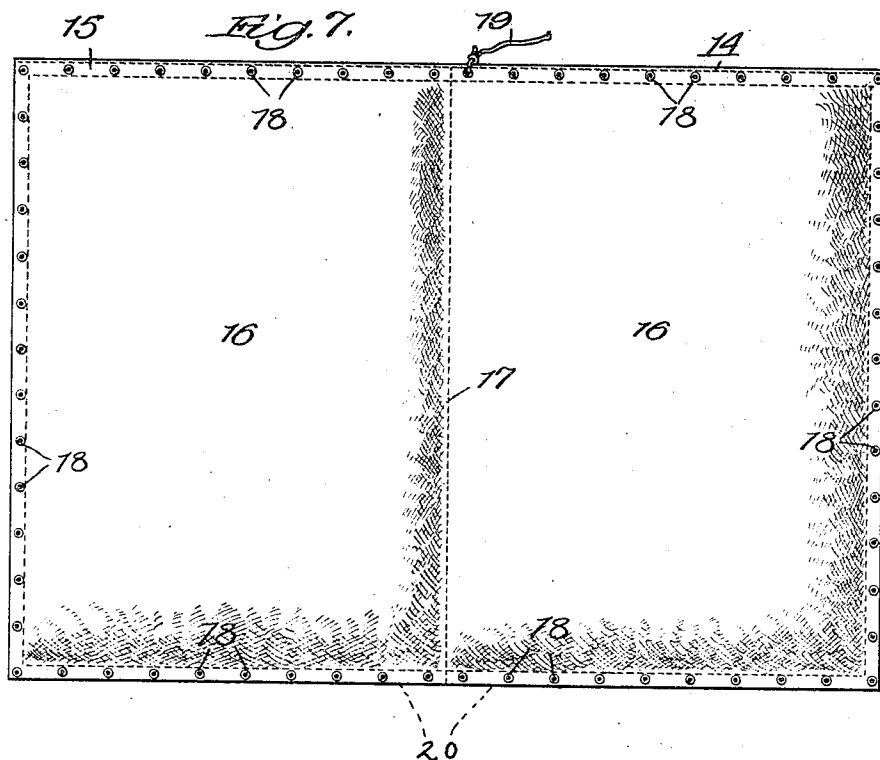
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. EMMERICH, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pillows, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

The present invention relates to pillows and its object is to facilitate the airing and washing of the pillow and to provide for its being quickly and thoroughly dried after washing. A further object of the invention is to provide hard and soft pillows in a single structure.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the filled portions of the pillow in unfolded position,

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the filled portions folded upon each other for insertion in the casing,

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the pillow ready for use,

Figure 4 is a cross-section of the complete pillow,

Figure 5 is a detail view of the open edge of the casing.

Figure 6 is a broken plan view of the cover of the filled portions, and

Figures 7 and 8 illustrate a modified construction.

The pillow comprises an enclosure 3 which is to be filled with the desired material. The enclosure 3 is made of relatively thin material such as cambric and its width is greater than the normal width of the pillow when in use, the width of the enclosure being preferably substantially twice the normal width of the pillow. The thickness of the filled enclosure is substantially half the normal thickness of the pillow when in use. There is thus provided a filled enclosure adapted to be unfolded to substantially twice the width and half the thickness of the normal pillow, but also adapted to have the filled portions 1 and 2 folded upon each other so that the enclosure is of the desired normal width and thickness. Preferably one-half of the enclosure is filled with soft material 5, such as down or soft feathers, while the other half of the pillow is filled with relatively hard material 6, such as coarse feathers or hair. The opposite sides of the enclosure 3 are preferably sewed together along the median

line as at 4, and this is especially desirable when the two halves of the enclosure are filled with relatively soft and hard material. When the filled portions of the enclosure are folded upon each other to the normal width and thickness of the pillow, they are adapted to be contained by the casing 7 which is made of relatively heavy material such as ticking. The casing is closed along three sides but is open along the edge 8. One side of the casing may be provided along the edge 8 with a flap 9 which overlies that side of the filled enclosure opposite the side of the casing to which the flap is attached. Along this open edge the casing is provided with extended portions 10 and 11 adapted to be brought together and securely fastened by suitable means. Preferably, the extended edges 10 and 11 are formed with holes 12 through which a lace 13 may be threaded to draw the edges of the casing securely together, but the edges may be provided with snap fasteners or buttons if desired.

When it is desired to air or wash the pillow the casing is removed, whereupon the filled enclosure may be unfolded. Since the filled enclosure when unfolded is only half as thick as the normal thickness of the pillow when in use, the filling may be much more easily washed, and because of this comparative thinness and of the fact that the filling is now covered only by the cambric or other thin enclosure, the pillow can be dried much more thoroughly and quickly. If the opposite halves of the enclosure be filled with different material so that one-half is soft and the other half comparatively hard, the complete pillow when enclosed within the casing affords either a hard or soft pillow as the user may prefer.

In the modified construction illustrated in Figures 7 and 8 the two filled portions 14 and 15 are covered on one side with a piece of relatively thin material such as cambric 16, while on the other side they are covered with a piece of relatively heavy material such as ticking 20. The two pieces of material are preferably sewed together along the median line 17 as well as adjacent to the four edges of the unfolded pillow. Around these four edges of the unfolded pillow eyelets 18 are secured to the ticking, and preferably they extend through both pieces of material. When folded upon each other with the heavier material outside, a lace 19

is threaded through the eyelets to secure the pillow in normal and usable condition. As in the first form of the invention, the ticking may be fastened by snap fasteners or buttons if desired. When the pillow is unfastened and the filled portions unfolded the pillow may be much better aired than the ordinary pillow and may be much more easily cleaned and dried.

10 Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. A pillow, comprising a filled enclosure having substantially twice the width and half the thickness of the normal width and thickness of the pillow and adapted to be folded upon itself along a median line, the two halves of the enclosure being filled respectively with relatively hard and soft material, a casing adapted to contain the filled enclosure when folded upon itself, and means for fastening the casing.

2. A pillow, comprising a filled enclosure made of relatively thin material, the width of said filled enclosure being substantially twice, and its thickness substantially half, the normal width and thickness, respec-

tively, of the pillow and adapted to be folded upon itself along a median line, the two halves of the enclosure being filled, respectively, with relative hard and soft material, a removable casing of relatively heavy material adapted to contain the filled enclosure when folded upon itself, and means for fastening the casing.

3. A pillow, comprising a filled enclosure made of relatively thin material, the width of said filled enclosure being substantially twice, and its thickness substantially half, the normal width and thickness, respectively, of the pillow, the two sides of the enclosure being secured together along a median line and the two halves of the enclosure being filled, respectively, with relatively hard and soft material, a removable casing of relatively heavy material adapted to contain the filled enclosure when folded upon itself, and means for fastening the casing.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 30th day of November, 1921.

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