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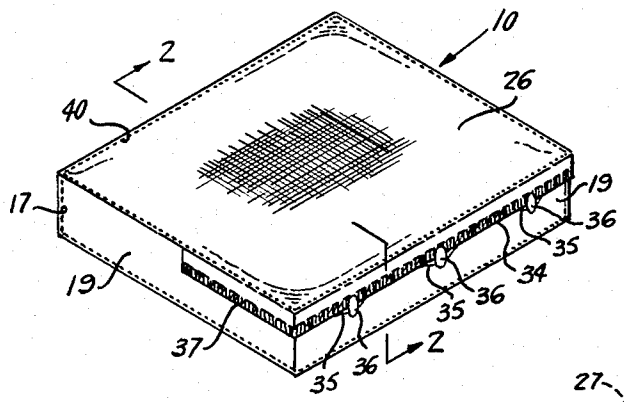


FIG. 1

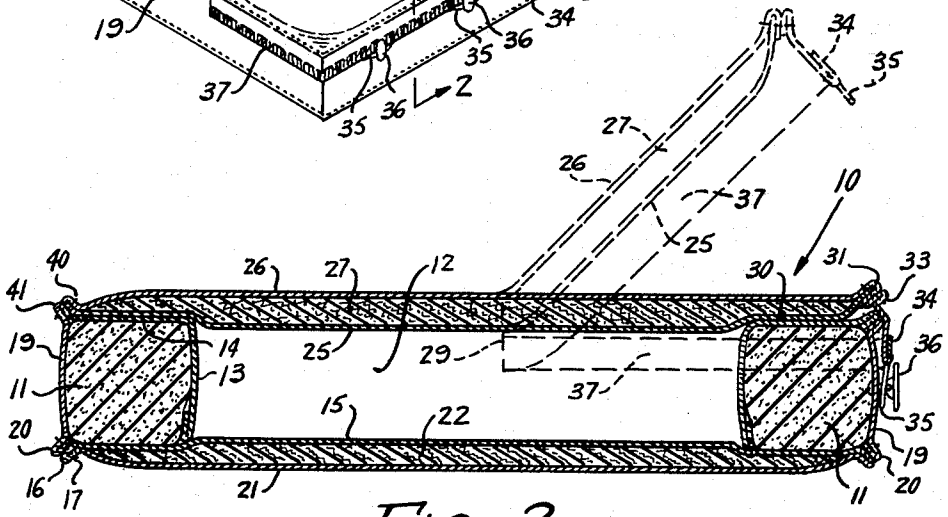


FIG. 2

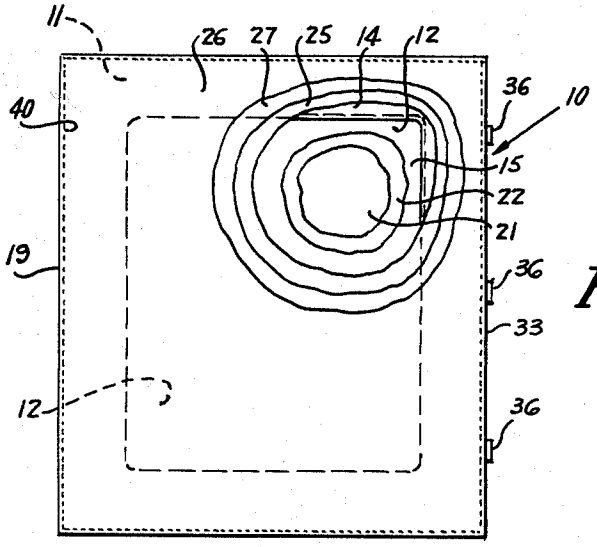


FIG. 3

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This invention relates to a bolster for night wear and has as its primary object the provision of an ornamental bolster provided with a relatively rigid frame surrounding a central cavity, in which night wear may be folded and stored.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of a bolster of this character which is ornamental in appearance and which may be placed on the bed as an ornament, when the bed is made up, and which serves to retain nightgowns, pajamas, or the like in a readily accessible place.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character having a stiff or relatively firm framework surrounding the cavity so that the night wear contained therein will not become mussed or crumpled when retrieved.

A further object of the invention is the provision of such a bolster having an opening which is readily accessible, and which may be opened and closed with a minimum of effort and difficulty.

A further object of the invention is the provision of such a bolster which is highly ornamental in appearance, useful, and sturdy and durable.

Other objects will in part be obvious and in part be pointed out as the description of the invention proceeds and shown in the accompanying drawing wherein there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of this inventive concept.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of one form of bolster embodying the instant inventive concept.

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially along the line 2—2 of FIGURE 1 as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows, an alternative position of adjustment being indicated in dotted lines.

FIGURE 3 is a top plan view of the bolster of FIGURE 1 with parts thereof being broken away to show the interior construction.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawing.

Having reference now to the drawings in detail, one form of bolster constructed in accordance with the instant invention is generally indicated at **10**. The bolster **10** comprises, in this form of the invention, a rectangular frame **11** which is comprised of sponge rubber or similar compressible material which at the same time retains its form to provide a relatively stiff outline for a central cavity **12**. The inner side of frame **11** is covered or lined with any suitable material, such as cloth, plastic, or other desired material as indicated at **13**, with the lining extending across the top of the frame as at **14**. A bottom cavity liner **15** extends outwardly to the outer periphery of frame **11** as indicated at **16**, where it is reverted and stitched as at **17** to a lower margin of an outer peripheral cover **19**. The lower margin of cover **19** is reverted as at **20**, and is stitched at **17** to said reverted bottom cavity liner. The bottom cover **21** may be continuous with the bottom cavity liner **16**. The space between bottom cover **21** and liner **15** is filled with padding material **22**, rendering the bottom surface of the bolster relatively rigid.

The top of cavity **12** is closed by a liner **25** similar to the bottom liner **15** and a top ornamental covering **26**, between which liner and cover is a pad **27** of generally rectangular configuration and of bendable material. The

cover may be opened along a fold line **29**, as indicated in FIGURE 2 with the front portion of the liner resting on the top of frame **11** as indicated at **30**. The edges of cover **26** are reverted as at **3**, and stitched for about half its periphery to a reverted band or flange or ruffle, the ruffle extending about halfway downwardly as at **34** over the front and over about half each adjacent side wall of frame **11** and its peripheral cover **19**, and being provided with loops **35** which engage buttons **36** arranged at spaced intervals along the front of the bolster. The side edges of the cover **26** are also provided with depending ruffles **37** or fringes which enhance the ornamental appearance of the device and which conceal the opening and discontinuation at the sides and front from view.

For about half the bolster periphery, the side edges of liner **25** and cover **26** are stitched, as at **40**, to the top reverted edges **41** of the peripheral cover **19**. In the remaining half periphery, the two adjacent reverted edges of covering **26** and liner **25** are fastened to each other, but not to the top of cover **19**.

The bolster of the instant invention may be made in any desired size, although that of a small pillow is usually preferable, and may be made either rectangular as shown, round, multi-sided, or in any desired shape or configuration.

In the use and operation of the device the loops **35** are released from the buttons **36** and the cover folded along line **29** to the position indicated in dotted lines in FIGURE 2. Night wear may then be folded and placed in the cavity **12**, or alternatively, removed. After the night wear has been placed in the cavity, the loops **35** are secured about the buttons **36**, and the device may be placed on the bed as an ornament. It will thus be seen that there is herein provided an ornamental and useful bolster for night wear which accomplishes all of the objects of this invention, and others, including many advantages of great practical utility and commercial importance.

As many embodiments may be made of this inventive concept, and as many modifications may be made in the embodiment hereinbefore shown and described, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted merely as illustrative, and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:

1. A bolster for night wear comprising:
   (1) a single horizontally continuous peripheral frame, vertical cross sections of which from outer to inner vertical boundaries thereof are substantially square,
   (2) said frame being of sufficient rigidity to retain its shape, which shape defines a central cavity,
   (3) a first liner having a first portion extending vertically and contacting the inner peripheral wall of the frame, and a second portion integral with the first portion and contacting the complete upper wall of the frame,
   (4) a vertical side wall cover extending the full height of and contacting the outside periphery of said frame,
   (5) Top and bottom wall elements of such horizontal dimensions as to extend to and match the periphery of the frame,
   (6) each element including an inner liner, an outer covering and a pad of bendable material therebetween, and the periphery of the bottom wall element being recessed along its complete periphery to an adjacent side wall through an inwardly rebent edge, and the periphery of the wall element being secured along substantially half its perimeter to top portions of an adjacent side wall through similarly rebent edges,
   (7) edge means along about one-half of the frame pe-

rimeter defining a discontinuity between the top wall and adjacent lower parts of vertical side wall structure and the second portion of said first liner such that a portion of the top wall element may be moved to an elevated position to permit access to said central cavity to permit insertion of or retrieval of night wear,

(8) and a ruffle containing band attached to the latter half perimeter edges of the top wall element and depending downwardly about half the height of the bolster for its full extent to conceal such discontinuity.

2. The structure of claim 1 wherein said frame is comprised of foam rubber material.

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