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Paper Pillow-Shams.

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Fig 1

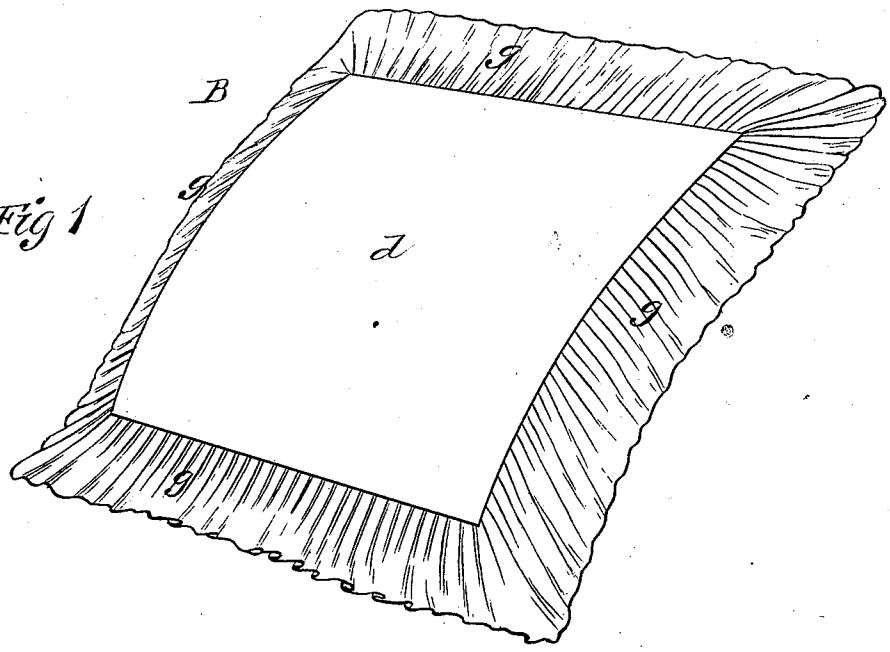


Fig 2

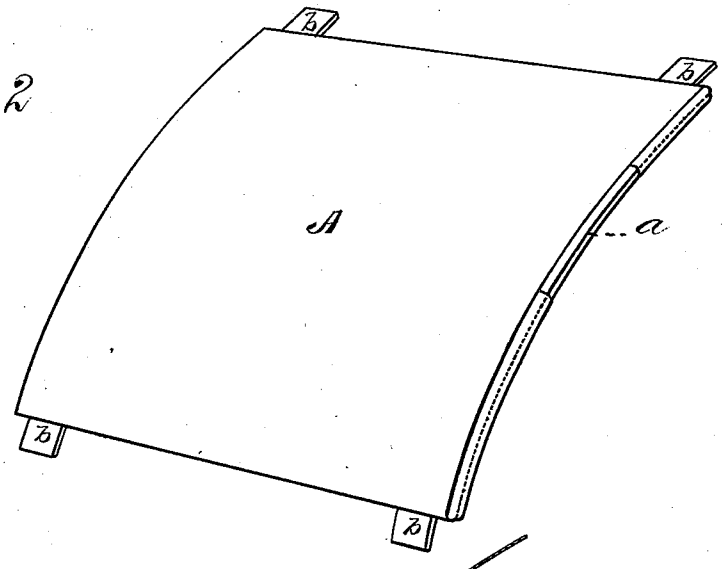
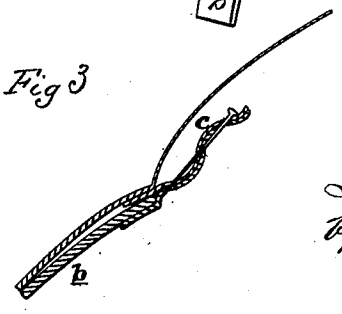


Fig 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER PILLOW-SHAMS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISA A. WEED, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Paper Pillow-Shams; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my invention, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the form. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view, showing the mode of attachment, &c.

This invention has relation to improvements in pillow-shams.

The object of the invention is to provide a cheap and effective substitute for pillows, so that a bed will present the usual appearance though stripped of these appliances.

The nature of the invention consists in a paper cover for a pillow-form, with or without an edging, and having an ornamented or plain center, which is removably secured by means of tags *c*, Fig. 3, to said form, and when soiled may be detached therefrom and thrown away, all as hereinafter shown and described.

In the annexed drawings the letter A designates an arched or curved pillow-form, of the length and breadth of an ordinary pillow, and made of suitably stiffened pasteboard. The upper or convex side of this form may be of any desired color, or it may be pure white, and it is preferably supplied upon its curved lateral edges with ribs *a*, which serve to keep the pasteboard in shape. At each corner the form is supplied with projecting cloth strips *b*, which underlie similar strips upon the sham B, so that when pinned or otherwise secured together the latter will be properly stretched over the former.

The center or body *d* of the sham is made of paper, in imitation of linen, marseilles, or other fabrics commonly used in making pillow-slips, or it may be perfectly plain.

It may also be made in open work, or in imitation of lace; or it may have a lace-work central part and a plain border; or it may be embossed with suitable designs or arabesques.

The body accurately covers the form, and is provided with an edging or frill, *g*. This may be made in the form of knife-plaiting, or in imitation of lace, and is also of paper, though I may sometimes make them of linen or other suitable woven material.

As shown in Fig. 2, the form is curved, and may be readily placed over the pillow, or the latter may be removed from the bed and the sham substituted therefor.

The cost of the sham is merely nominal, and when soiled or torn it is removed from the form, and another one substituted therefor, the soiled one being thrown away.

By making the sham-cover of paper, of which the cost is very small, a considerable saving of labor and expense in washing is made, as two or more paper shams may be bought at the price of washing one linen cover.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A pillow-sham consisting of a pasteboard form and a plain or ornamented paper cover, substantially as specified.

2. The pillow-form A composed of pasteboard, curved and stiffened by curved marginal ribs, substantially as specified.

3. The pillow-sham cover composed of a paper body, *d*, and a marginal paper frill or edgings *g*, adapted to be attached to the form A, substantially as specified.

4. The combination, with an arched pillow-form, having edge tags *b*, of the removable paper sham B having similar tags, adapted to be secured to those of the form, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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