

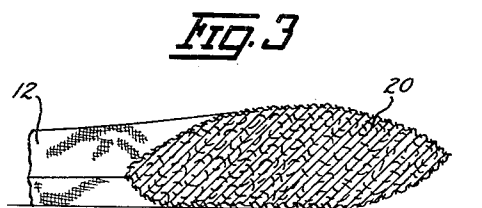
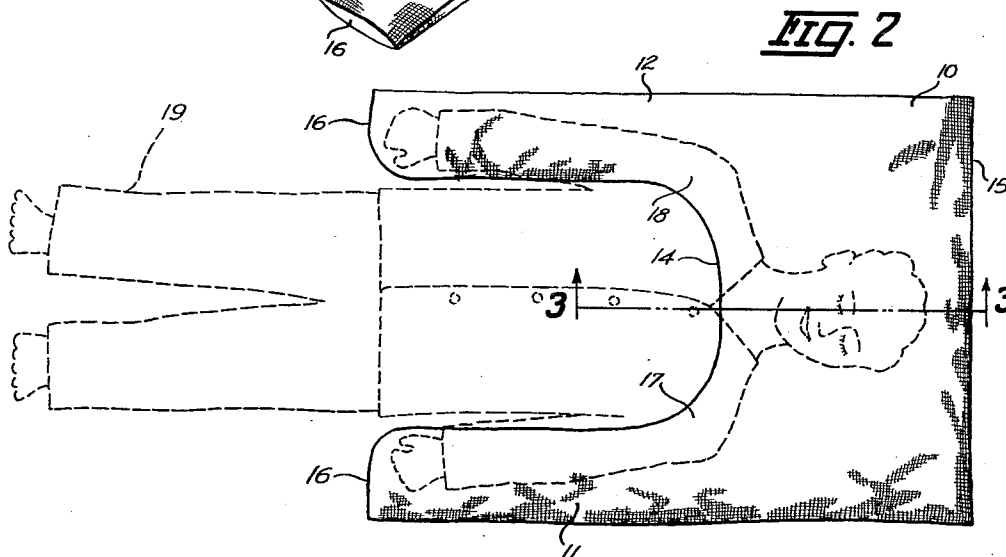
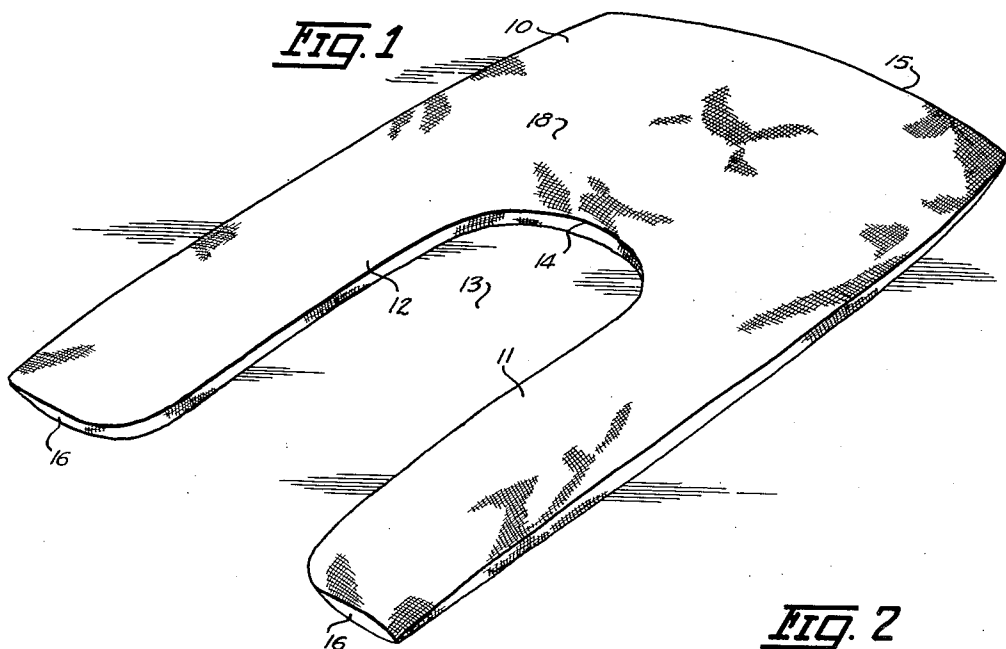
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My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in pillows and is a continuation of my copending application filed July 9, 1951, Serial Number 235,709, now abandoned.

Pillows have been made in many different shapes and designs. Some are adapted to support the head when the user is in a sitting position; others have recesses at the side so that when the head is on the side the ears and face lie within the recess to eliminate pressure thereon, and still others are designed for different specific purposes. All such pillows appears to have one common objective, to wit, to provide a form of comfort depending on the particular design, for the head only of the user and sometimes the neck. A head support alone, however, is not sufficient for all persons to provide complete sleeping and resting comfort. Especially is this true during an illness when long periods of bed confinement are required. Persons so confined soon seek ways and means to alleviate their discomfort from lying in bed and for this purpose I find that a pillow that provides support for the shoulders and arms has been exceedingly helpful.

It is therefore the general aim of my invention to provide a pillow having not only a supporting portion for the head of the user but also shoulder and arm cushioning members.

More specifically, I provide a pillow having a rectangular head rest portion and arm members extending downwardly therefrom in spaced relationship to form a recess that has its major axis disposed transversely of the head rest portion. The pillow is designed to support the head, shoulder and arms of the user and the body of the user will be within the recess and be supported by the bed, couch or the like.

These and other objects will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is an enlarged perspective view of my new pillow,

Fig. 2 is a top view of my pillow with the broken lines indicating the figure of a person using the same, and

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the pillow taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings I show my pillow in Fig. 1 as having an overall general elongated rectangular appearance consisting of the upper or head supporting portion 10 and the depending arm portions 11 and 12. The arms 11 and 12 are spaced apart to form the elongated recess 13 that has the arcuate upper edge 14. The recess 13 extends more than half of the distance between the top 15 and bottom 16 edges of the pillow leaving the head portion 10 of a rectangular shape having its major axis dis-

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posed transversely of the recess. Thus constructed, the head rest portion 10 is designed to present a pillow surface not dissimilar in size and shape from those commonly used for sleeping and resting. The arm portions 11 and 12 extend downwardly for the purpose of providing a cushioned support for the entire arm of the user as shown in Fig. 2. The curved or arcuate upper edge 14 of the recess 13 results in the upper portions of the arms 11 and 12 being somewhat wider than the lower portions and these wider portions indicated by the numerals 17 and 18 provide cushioned or pillow supports for the shoulders of the user.

In actual use the head and neck of a user 19 will rest on the head portion 10; the body or trunk will be within the recess 13, the arms will lie on the members 11 and 12 and shoulders will be cushioned at the points 17 and 18. This pillow finds its more useful application in cases where the user has been bedfast for an extended period. During such a confinement the arms not only become tired at times but also the skin at the elbows may become irritated from constant contact with the bed which is relatively hard when compared with a soft pillow. Since the head is elevated when on a pillow the arms are not on an exact horizontal plane and if they can be elevated slightly it adds greatly to the person's comfort. Frequently bedfast persons will place an extra pillow under their arms just to accomplish this purpose. Unless a person is required to remain immovable he will turn from side to side not only while awake but during sleep and when he does this my pillow provides a cushioned support under his shoulder and arms. No special filling 20 is necessary for my pillow but preferably it should be of soft and yielding material.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of my pillow without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claims, any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents which may be reasonably included within their scope.

I claim:

1. In a pillow of the class described, a rectangular head rest portion with integral elongated arm supporting members extending therefrom in the same plane, said arms being parallel and spaced apart to form a recess therebetween having its major axis disposed transversely of said head rest portion.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a pillow of substantially rectangular shape, said pillow having a centrally arranged recess therein for embracing only the trunk portion of a person, parallel arm supporting portions at respective sides of said recess, a head rest portion above said recess and integrally formed with said arm supporting portions; said head rest portion having its major axis transversely of said recess, and said arm supporting portions lying in the same plane as said head rest portion.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a pillow, comprising, two elongated spaced apart parallel cushioned arms for supporting the arms of a user, said arms each terminating in an integral head rest portion extending between the outer extremities of said arms at one end, and said arms and said head rest lying in the same plane.

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