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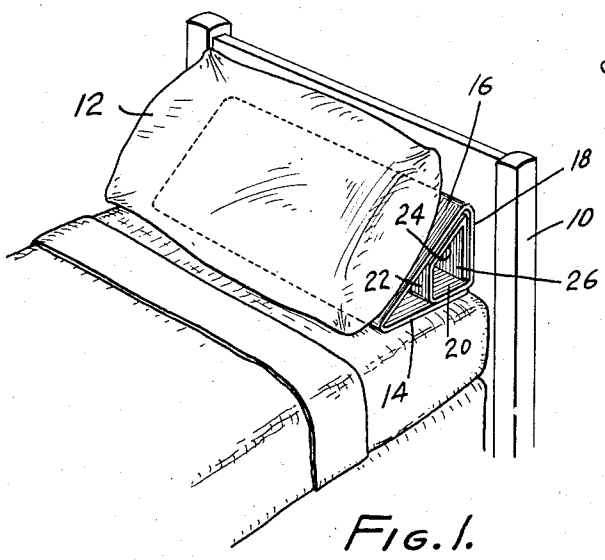


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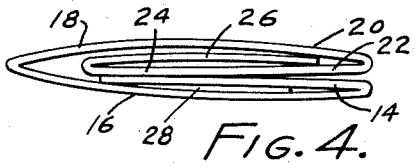
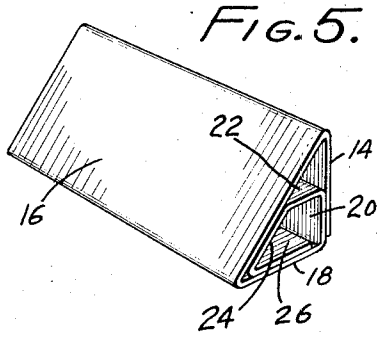


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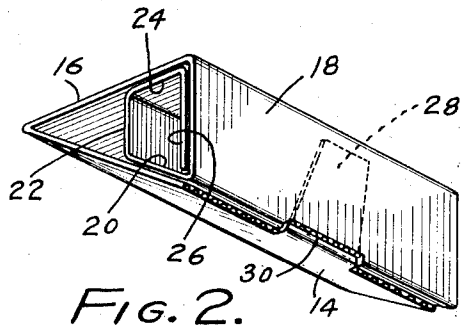


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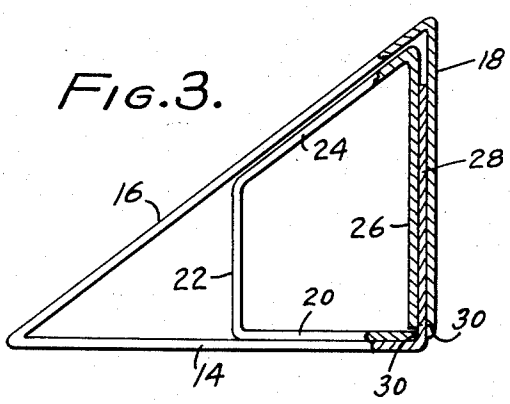


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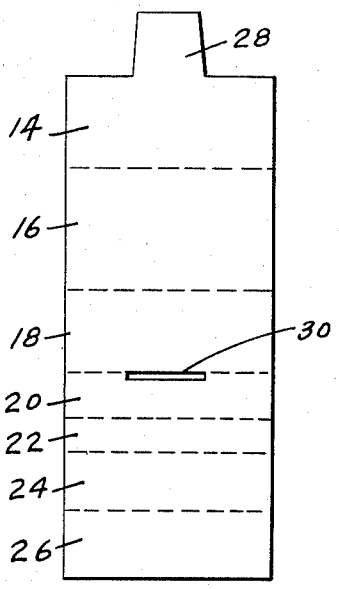


FIG. 6.

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This invention relates to an improved pillow support and has for one of its principal objects the provision of a device of the class described wherein pillows or the like can be supported in a much better and more comfortable position for reading or reclining in bed, or on a couch or the like.

One of the important objects of this invention is to provide a collapsible, foldable support for bed pillows or the like, which, when set up in the manner intended, will provide a light but strong additional support or reinforcement for a pillow when the same is used by a person in a bed or similar article of furniture for the purpose of reading or semi-reclining.

Another object of the invention relates to a foldable support for pillows or the like which is of corrugated paper or similar material and consequently quite light, but which, when properly folded, will possess sufficient and adequate strength for the purpose intended.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a pillow-supporting means which can be readily and easily completely folded into a very small space so that the same can be packaged or transported with little or no difficulty.

Yet another object of the invention is to provide a support for pillows which can be furnished to guests and occupants of hotels or the like, at a very small cost and even as a give-away or advertising premium.

Other and further important objects of the invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the accompanying drawings and following specification.

The invention, in a preferred form, is illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device of this invention, showing the same in position in a bed and supporting a pillow.

Figure 2 is likewise a perspective view, showing the pillow support of this invention and illustrating the set-up construction thereof.

Figure 3 is an end view showing the operating relationship of integral parts in more detail.

Figure 4 is an end view illustrating the collapsed folded relationship of the pillow support of this invention.

Figure 5 is a further perspective wherein the device is viewed from a different angle, and showing its use in another position.

Figure 6 is a plan view of the blank from which the pillow support of this invention is constructed.

As shown in the drawings:

The reference numeral **10** indicates generally a bed having a pillow **12** and in Figure 1 the pillow support of this invention is illustrated in position on the bed and behind the pillow.

The support itself comprises a one-piece unitary element, preferably of corrugated paper or the like and scored to provide definite sections and to indicate fold lines.

As best shown in Figure 6, the device comprises seven distinctive sections indicated by the reference numerals **14**, **16**, **18**, **20**, **22**, **24** and **26**. An integral locking tab **28** is also provided.

The portions **14**, **16** and **18** form the exterior elements of the support when it is in operative set-up relationship and the portions **20**, **22**, **24** and **26** comprise interior elements which act as braces and reinforcing elements when the device is in use. This condition prevails whether the device is used in the position shown in Figures 2 and 3 or in the position shown in Figure 5 and its will be obvious that simple but firm and efficient support is thereby provided for the pillow **12**, whether the user desires the same simply as an adjunct to his pillow for reading in bed or whether the user is a patient in a hospital or the like, and requires additional back support when in a semi-reclining position.

A slot **30** is provided at the junction between the portions **18** and **20**, this being of a length and width to readily accommodate the tab **28** when the support is folded into operative position as shown in Figures 1, 2, 3 and 5.

When the device is not in use, it can be folded into a very small space, as shown in Figure 4, and various means of folding may be employed, the most simple and effective being that as illustrated, with the respective parts in juxtaposition as shown. However, other folds may be employed with equal facility and substantially the same result.

It will be evident that herein is provided a light, simple, compact and extra pillow support for use by persons when reading or simply reclining in bed, and which will eliminate the objectionable, gradual, downward slippage of pillows which almost inevitably occurs under such circumstances, resulting in cramped muscles, strained necks, aching backs and similar ill effects.

Additionally, the device is of such economical construction that it can be employed as an advertising medium by hotels, motels, furniture companies, pillow manufacturers and others, with satisfactory results.

I am aware that many changes may be made and numerous details of construction varied throughout a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and I, therefore, do not propose limiting the patent granted hereon otherwise than as necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

A pillow support comprising a unitary folded element of triangular cross-section, the length of the support approximating the corresponding dimension of a pillow, the support comprising seven contiguous sections with scored lines defining and outlining the sections for a folding operation, an integral securing tab at one end of the blank for the unit, and a slot formed in the blank along one of the scored lines for reception of the tab, three of the sections between the tab and the slot comprising outside portions of the set-up unit and wherein four sections beyond the slot comprise inner reinforcing elements.

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