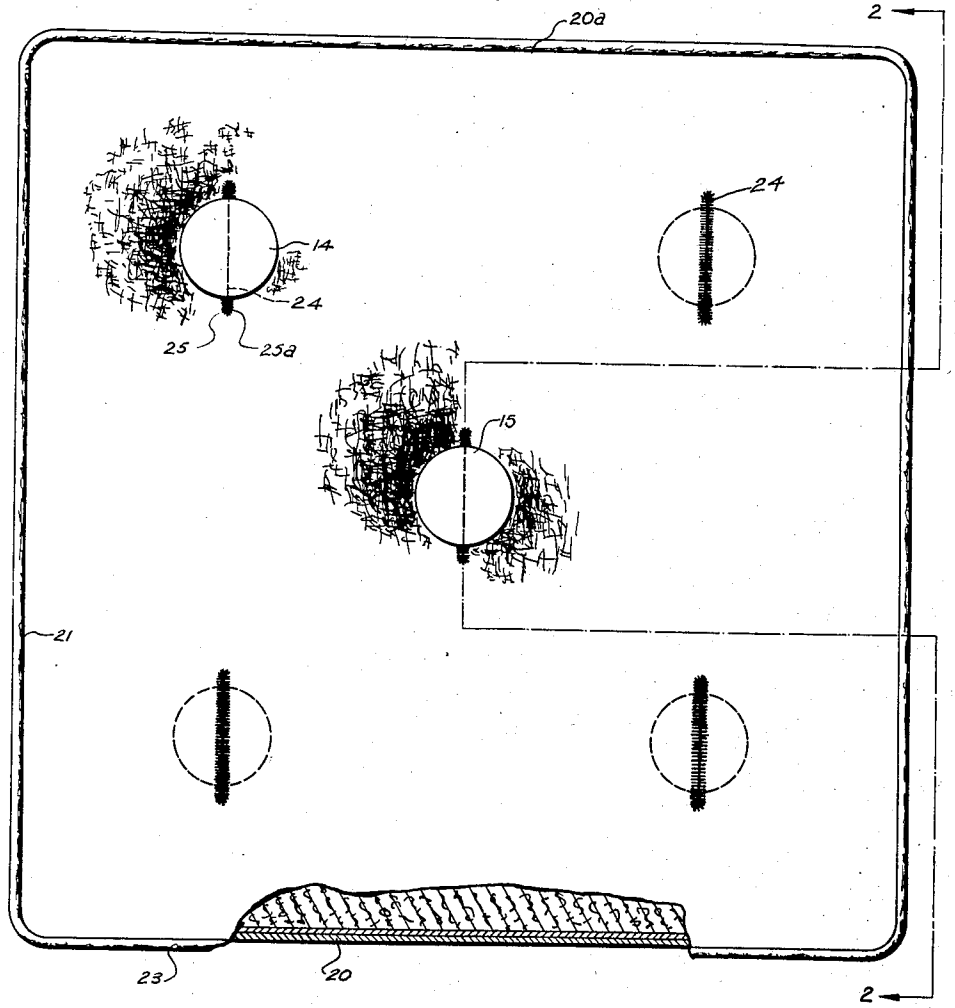
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FIG. 1



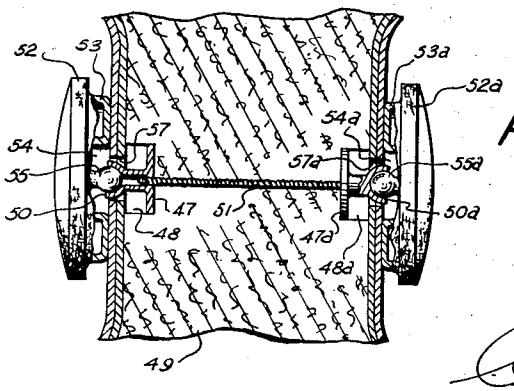




FIG. 3

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FIG. 5

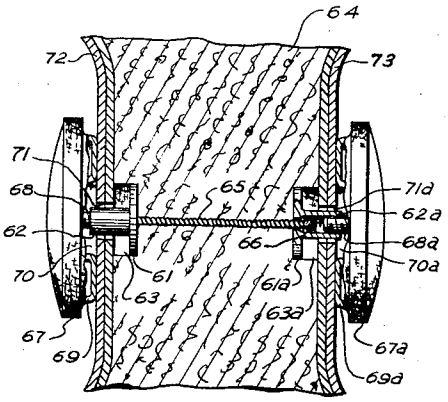



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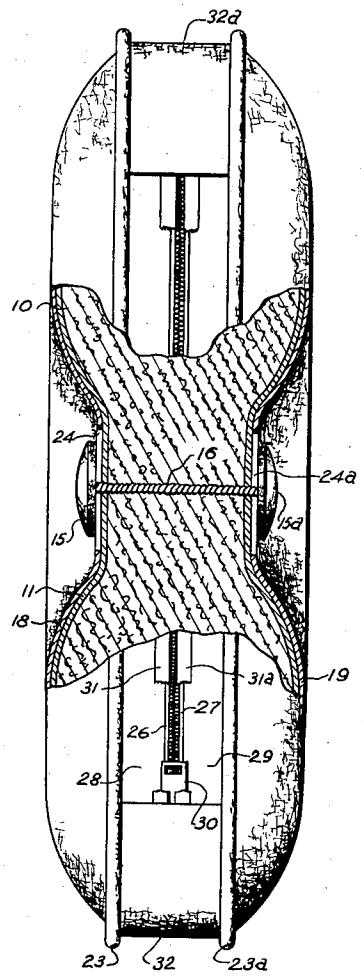



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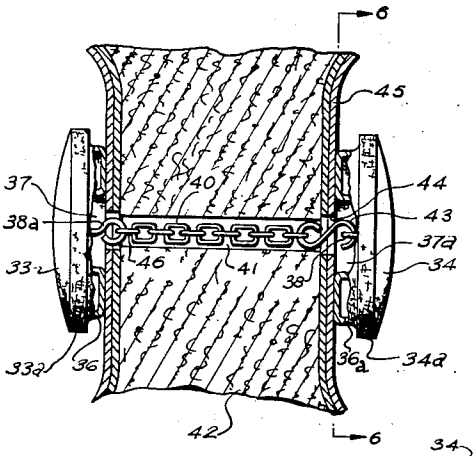
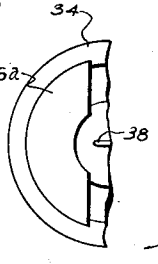



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This invention relates to pillows and is particularly directed to upholstered pillows, which are employed primarily for decorative purposes.

The conventional type of upholstered pillow, which is of square, circular, rectangular or other suitable contour, is made with a fabric cover or case which is completely sewn around the inner pillow, which is generally filled with a stuffing material.

A plurality of decorative buttons are generally provided on the upper and lower surface of the pillow cover, the buttons being sewn directly through the pillow in order to maintain the shape of the stuffing, in the interior thereof, the buttons being individually covered with a fabric cover, or the like, which serves to decorate the pillow.

As these pillows are used primarily for decorative purposes, the covers are usually made of relatively expensive woven fabrics or similar materials in selected colors. As the cover, or case is permanently attached to the inner portion of the pillow, it cannot be removed for cleaning or laundering when the cover becomes soiled or worn, so that it is usually necessary to destroy the entire pillow, or substitute a new case or cover for the original cover, by entirely removing and destroying the original cover and sewing a new cover around the inner pillow, when the cover material is soiled.

Due to the beads or rolled hems which are usually sewn around the edges of the pillow cover when it is made, the original cover cannot be removed from the inner pillow without cutting the seams or the fabric of which the cover is made. The beaded edge or rolled hem seam, coupled with the fact that it is necessary that the rolled hem seam be sewn after the cover is attached to the inner pillow, necessitates the employment of special sewing machines, and special skills when the cover is removed from the pillow for cleaning or replaced for any other reason.

It is also necessary to cut off the decorative buttons, when the cover is removed from the inner pillow, and sew these or other buttons entirely through the pillow and the stuffing material when the cover is replaced by a new cover.

This also requires the employment of special long needles and special skills far beyond the scope or limited equipment of the ordinary individual.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a removable decorative case, or cover for an upholstered pillow, which is so constructed that it may be completely removed from the inner pillow, and the inner cover therefor, without damaging the outer case to any extent, and without disturbing the decorative buttons, which are attached to the inner pillow and the inner cover therefor, by sewing or other suitable attaching means.

A feature of the construction is that it enables the decorative outer case or cover to be removed for cleaning at any time, or to substitute a new case made of another type of material, or in another color, for the case originally furnished with the pillow.



Another feature of a modification of applicant's construction is that it enables the decorative buttons to be individually removed and detached from the inner pillow and the inner cover therefor and be replaced when the button covering becomes soiled or frayed for any reason.

Another feature of the invention is that it enables the decorative outer case, or cover to be made of any selected material, or to provide cases in a wide selection of colors or shades for an individual pillow, without increasing the cost of the inner pillow to any serious extent.

Another object is to provide various alternate methods of removably attaching the decorative buttons to the inner pillow cover so that the decorative outer case or cover can be completely removed or replaced without damage to the inner pillow or the inner cover therefor.

The accompanying drawings illustrative of one embodiment of my invention, and several modifications thereof, together with the description of their construction and the method of attaching and utilization thereof, will serve to clarify further objects and advantages of my invention.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 represents a plan view of one embodiment of the pillow construction, showing the decorative outer case and the buttons attached to the inner pillow, with a section through one edge of the pillow to show the outer case, the inner cover and the stuffing material filling the interior of the pillow.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation and a partial cross-section through the pillow, shown in Fig. 1, showing the method of attaching the buttons through the inner pillow, taken on the line **2—2**, Fig. 1. A portion of the flaps covering the slide fasteners connecting the two sections of one side panel of the pillow case are cut away to show the slide fastener slider, and a portion of the pull employed to operate the slide fastener slider.

Fig. 3 is a cross-section through a modification of the pillow construction shown in Fig. 2, a pair of snap button sockets, each of which is attached to a disc, being mounted in the interior of the pillow to receive the ball ends attached to the decorative buttons, to enable the buttons to be attached to the pillow by means of the sockets and readily removed therefrom when the occasion requires it.

Fig. 4 is a cross-section, similar to Fig. 3, through another modification of the pillow construction shown in Fig. 1, with one of the buttons attached to a chain fitted to the interior of the pillow, the opposite button having a loop thereon, which fits over a hook attached to the opposite end of the chain.

Fig. 5 represents a cross-section, similar to Fig. 2, through another modification of the pillow construction, with a pair of internally threaded sockets, each of which is attached to a disc, fitted to the interior of the pillow, each of the decorative buttons having a threaded stud end attached to the inner surface thereof, the threaded studs being threadably and removably fitted to the sockets to facilitate removal of the buttons.

Fig. 6 is a plan view of the under face of the extension of one of the buttons, shown in Fig. 4, taken on the line **6—6**, Fig. 4.

It will be understood that the following description of the construction and the method of utilization and attachment of the "Upholstered Pillow With Removable Case," is intended as explanatory of the invention and not restrictive thereof.

In the drawings, the same reference numerals designate the same parts throughout the various views, except where otherwise indicated.

One embodiment of the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2, comprises a pillow of square, or other suitable

contour filled with a soft material or stuffing **10**, a cover **11** made of muslin, or other relatively inexpensive fabric being sewn around the outside of the internal stuffing **10**.

As shown in section in Fig. 2, a plurality of pairs of decorative buttons **14** and **15**, **14***a*, **15***a*, are attached to the inner pillow, the buttons being located adjacent the upper and lower surfaces of the cover thereof, and attached to the pillow by a thread **16**, which is sewn through the entire thickness of the pillow.

A removable outer case is fitted around the inner pillow, the outer case comprising a top and bottom panel **18** and **19** respectively, of square or other suitable contour, conforming to the contour of the inner pillow, a front and rear panel **20** and **20***a*, and a pair of side panels **21**, which connect the top and bottom panels of the case, the side panels being sewn to the top and bottom panels of the case in the conventional manner.

The top, bottom and side panels of the outer case are made of a decorative fabric, such as a woven or other suitable fabric.

A bead, or rolled hem **23**, **23***a* of substantially circular cross-section is formed around the edges of the top and bottom panels of the outer case, at the junction with the front, rear and side panels thereof.

A plurality of button holes **24**, **24***a* is cut through the upper and lower panels of the outer case in substantial alignment with the buttons **14** and **15** to permit insertion of the buttons **14** and **15** therethrough, when the inner pillow is inserted into the outer case in the position shown in Fig. 2.

A pair of reinforcing seams **25**, **25***a* is sewn around each of the button holes or slots **24** and **24***a* to reinforce the material of the outer case around the button holes.

As shown in Fig. 2, a central slot is cut through one side panel of the outer case at substantially the horizontal center thereof, to permit insertion of the inner pillow into the outer case.

As shown in Fig. 2, a pair of rows of interlocking slide fastener elements **26**, **27** is attached to the upper and lower sections **28** and **29** of the slotted side panel, each row of slide fastener elements being attached to the corresponding section of the outer case side panel by means of a tape or other suitable attaching means.

A slider **30** of the conventional type having a pivoted pull attached thereto, is slidably fitted across the two rows of slide fastener elements **26** and **27** to facilitate interlocking and disengaging the slide fastener elements, thereby connecting the two sections of the side panel and closing the outer case around the inner pillow.

As shown in Fig. 2, a flap **31**, **31***a* is formed of the fabric of each of the side panel sections **28** and **29** or attached thereto, adjacent the central slot dividing the two sections **28**, **29** of the side panel, the flaps covering the two rows of slide fastener elements **26** and **27**.

As shown in Fig. 2, a pair of end flaps **32**, **32***a* is formed adjacent the two ends of the slotted side panel between the beads or rolled hems **23** and **23***a*, the end flaps concealing the ends of the central slot between the upper and lower side panel sections **28** and **29**.

In order to fit the outer case to the inner pillow, the two rows of slide fastener elements **26** and **27** are disengaged from one another by means of the slider **30**, after which the inner pillow is inserted into the outer case through the central side panel slot, into the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The decorative buttons **14** and **15**, which are sewn to the upper and lower surfaces of the inner pillow in the manner shown in Fig. 2, are inserted through the button holes **24** and **24***a* through the top and bottom panels of the outer case, thus exposing the buttons in the relative positions shown in Fig. 1.

After the buttons are fitted through the button holes in the outer case, the two rows of slide fastener elements **26** and **27** are interlocked by means of the slider **30**, thus forming a completely assembled upholstered pillow which can be utilized in the conventional manner.

In order to remove the outer case from the inner pillow, the top and bottom buttons **14** and **14***a* are pressed through the respective button holes **24** and **24***a* in the top and bottom panels of the outer case.

The two rows of slide fastener elements **26** and **27** are disengaged by means of the slider **30**, thus permitting the removal of the inner pillow from the outer case and allowing the outer case to be cleaned, or a new case made of another decorative material, or in another color to be substituted therefor.

In a modification of the construction, shown in section in Fig. 4, the decorative buttons **33** and **34** are located adjacent the upper and lower surfaces of the pillow outer case in the relative positions shown in Fig. 1, or in any other desired relation to the top and bottom panels of the outer case, depending upon the decorative effects required.

The buttons **33** and **34** shown in Fig. 4, differ substantially from those shown in Fig. 2. Each of the buttons comprises a head **33***a*, **34***a* with an annular extension **36** or **36***a* attached to or integral with the bottom surface of the head, each of the extensions having a substantially circular cavity **37**, **37***a* in the center thereof. The bottom surface of each of the button extensions **36** and **36***a* abuts the adjacent surface of the upper and lower outer case panels respectively, in the assembled position shown in Fig. 4.

The head **33***a*, **34***a* of each of the buttons has a wire loop **38**, **38***a* attached to the under surface thereof, at the center of the central cavity **37**, **37***a* of the button extension **36** or **36***a*.

A chain **40**, the lower end link of which is attached to the loop **38***a* attached to the head of the upper button, is inserted through an opening **41** through the stuffing **42** of the inner pillow and the cover thereof as shown in Fig. 4, the lower end of the chain having an open hook **43** attached to the end thereof, in substantially the position shown in Fig. 4, the hook being located at the center of the cavity **37**, **37***a* of the button extension **36**, **36***a*. As shown in Fig. 6, a channel of substantially rectangular cross-section is cut through the extension **36***a* attached to the head of the lower button **34**, to facilitate the entrance of the open end of the hook **43** into the loop **38**, when the button is moved into the mounting position, shown in Fig. 4. In order to attach the lower button **34** to the chain, the wire loop attached to the head of the lower button **34** is inserted through a small opening **44** through the lower panel **45** of the outer case and a mating opening through the inner cover, the openings being in substantial alignment with the opening **41** through the inner pillow stuffing which clears the chain **40**.

After the open hook **43** is drawn through the opening through the inner pillow cover to substantially the position shown in Fig. 4, the loop **38** attached to the head of the lower button is moved manually into engagement with the hook **43** until it receives the hook, thereby connecting the two ends of the chain and retaining the inner surface of the extension **36**, **36***a* in engagement with the lower panel **45** of the outer case.

As the head of the upper button **33** is permanently attached to the opposite end of the chain by means of the end link **46** attaching the loop of the upper button to the chain, the hook connects the two aligned buttons **33** and **34** so that the inner surfaces of the extensions **36** and **36***a* of the upper and lower buttons respectively, engage the upper and lower surfaces of the outer case panels in the relative positions shown in Fig. 4, which is substantially the same as the relative button positions shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The length of the chain **40** is made shorter than the depth of the inner pillow between the top and bottom surfaces thereof, in order to depress the sections of the upper and lower panels of the outer case into the relative

positions shown in Fig. 4. This retains the inner surfaces of the extensions **36** and **36***a* of the upper and lower buttons **33** and **34** in engagement with the top and bottom panels of the outer case respectively, the tension in the chain pressing the adjacent surfaces of the extensions **36** and **36***a* of the upper and lower buttons into positive engagement with the top and bottom panels of the outer case respectively.

After the buttons **33** and **34** are assembled to the pillow in the relative positions shown in Figs. 1 and 4, or other suitable relation to the top and bottom panels respectively, the slide fastener elements **26** and **27** connecting the two sections of the side panel of the outer case are interlocked by means of the slider in the manner hereinbefore described, thus attaching the outer case to the inner pillow in substantially the same manner as those shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In order to remove the outer case from the inner pillow, the upper button is pressed inward with the extension thereof pressed against the top panel of the outer case, until the loop **38** attached to the head of the lower button is disengaged from the chain hook **43**, thus permitting ready removal of the upper button.

The upper button **33** with the chain attached thereto is removed through the opening **41** through the pillow stuffing, thus removing both sets of buttons from the pillow and allowing the inner pillow to be removed from the outer case in the same manner as those shown in Figs. 1 and 2, after the two rows of slide fastener elements **26** and **27** are disengaged from one another in the manner hereinbefore described.

In another modification of the construction, shown in Fig. 3, a pair of thin substantially circular discs **47** and **47***a* is inserted into the substantially cylindrical shallow cavities **48** and **48***a*, formed in the upper and lower surfaces of the stuffing **49** of the inner pillow, each of the discs having a spherical segmental spring socket **50** or **50***a* integral with or attached to the outer end thereof. The two discs **47** and **47***a* are connected by a thread or flexible cable **51**, which is inserted through the stuffing, the ends of the thread or cable being attached to the discs through openings formed therethrough.

Each of the buttons comprises a substantially cylindrical head **52**, **52***a*, with an annular extension **53** or **53***a* attached to the inner surface of the head, each of the extensions having a substantially circular cavity **54**, **54***a* at the center thereof in the same manner as those shown in Fig. 3.

The inner surface of the head **52**, **52***a*, of each of the buttons, has a substantially spherical ball end **55**, **55***a* attached thereto, at the center of the cavity **48** or **48***a*, the ball ends being adapted to fit into and be retained by the respective spring sockets **50** and **50***a* attached to the discs **47** and **47***a*, in the manner shown in Fig. 3.

A substantially circular opening **57**, **57***a* is cut through the upper and lower panels of the outer case and the cover of the inner pillow respectively, to allow the ball ends **55** and **55***a* attached to the heads **52**, **52***a* of the top and bottom buttons respectively, to be inserted therethrough.

The connecting thread or cable **51** retains the two discs **47** and **47***a* and the hollow sockets **50**, **50***a* attached thereto, or integral therewith in the respective positions shown in Fig. 3.

The sockets **50** and **50***a* which grip the ball ends **55**, **55***a* attached to the inner surfaces of the heads **52**, **52***a* of the buttons respectively, retain the adjacent surfaces of the extensions **53**, **53***a* of the buttons in engagement with the upper and lower panels of the outer case respectively, in the relative positions shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

In order to assemble the inner pillow to the outer case, the inner pillow is inserted into the outer case, with the openings **57** and **57***a* through the upper and lower panels of the outer case in alignment with the spring sockets **50** and **50***a* and the mating openings through the inner cover respectively.

The ball ends **55** and **55***a* attached to the heads **52**, **52***a* of the buttons are inserted through the openings **57** and **57***a* in the outer case panels respectively, and pressed into the mating spherical segmental spring sockets, thereby retaining the inner surfaces of the extensions **53**, **53***a* of the buttons in engagement with the upper and lower panels of the outer case respectively, in substantially the relative positions shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

This attaches the two buttons to the inner pillow and retains the adjacent surfaces of the extensions **53** and **53***a* of the buttons in engagement with the respective upper and lower panels of the outer case, the open side panel of which is closed in the manner shown in Fig. 2, and hereinbefore described.

In another modification of the construction, shown in Fig. 5, a pair of thin substantially circular flanges **61**, **61***a*, each of which has an internally threaded tubular sleeve **62** or **62***a* integral with, or attached thereto, is inserted into a pair of shallow substantially cylindrical cavities **63** and **63***a* formed in the upper and lower surfaces of the stuffing **64** of the inner pillow.

The inner surfaces of the two fingers **61** and **61***a* are connected by a thread, or flexible cable **65**, the ends of which are inserted through openings in the center of the flanges **61** and **61***a*, with knots **66**, or other retaining means formed at the ends of the thread, or cable to retain them within the flanges **61** and **61***a* respectively.

Each of the upper and lower buttons comprises a substantially cylindrical head **67**, **67***a* having a cylindrical threaded stud **68** or **68***a* integral with the inner edge thereof, with an annular extension **69**, **69***a* attached to the inner surface of each of the button heads, each of the extensions having a substantially circular cavity **70**, **70***a* at the center thereof, the cavity surrounding the cylindrical threaded stud **68**, **68***a* in the manner shown in Fig. 4.

The threaded studs **68**, **68***a* attached to the inner surfaces of the heads **67** and **67***a* of the buttons are each threadably fitted to the internally threaded interior of the cylindrical sleeve **62**, **62***a* of the circular flanges **61**, **61***a*, in the manner shown in Fig. 4, to retain the inner surfaces of the extensions **69** and **69***a* of the button heads in engagement with the upper and lower panels of the outer case in the respective positions shown in Fig. 4.

A substantially circular opening **71**, **71***a* is cut through the upper panel **72** and the lower panel **73** of the outer case respectively, a pair of mating aligned openings being cut through the cover of the inner pillow, to allow the threaded stud ends attached to the heads **67**, **67***a* of the top and bottom buttons respectively to be inserted therethrough.

The connecting thread or cable **65**, which connects the two circular flanges **61**, **61***a*, retains the two flanges **61** and **61***a* and the internally threaded tubular sleeves, integral therewith, or attached thereto in the respective positions shown in Fig. 5, which are substantially the same as those shown in Fig. 3. In order to assemble the pillow to the outer case, the inner pillow is inserted into the outer case with the openings **71** and **71***a* through the upper and lower panels of the outer case in substantial alignment with the tubular sleeves **62** and **62***a* of the flanges, and the mating openings through the inner cover respectively.

The threaded studs **68** and **68***a* of the upper and lower buttons are inserted through the openings **71**, **71***a* in the upper and lower panels of the outer case and threadably fitted to the interior of the tubular sleeves **62** and **62***a* of the mating flanges **61** and **61***a*, thereby retaining the inner surfaces of the annular extensions of the upper and lower buttons respectively, in engagement with the upper and lower panels of the outer case in substantially the relative positions shown in Figs. 1 and 5.

One side panel of the outer case has a central slot cut therethrough, in the same manner as that shown in Fig. 2, with two rows of interlocking slide fastener elements attached to the respective sections of the side panel, ad-

jacent the central slot therethrough, in substantially the same manner. A slider of the conventional type is slidably fitted to the two rows of interlocking slide fastener elements, to facilitate interlocking and disengaging the slide fastener elements.

The outer case is fitted to the inner pillow in the same manner as that shown in Fig. 2, the two rows of slide fastener elements being disengaged from one another by means of the slider, after which the inner pillow is inserted into the outer case in substantially the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The buttons are inserted into their respective positions, shown in Fig. 5, with the inner surfaces of the extensions **69** and **69***a* thereof in engagement with the upper and lower panels of the outer case respectively, by threadably fitting the respective studs **68** and **68***a* to the mating tubular sleeves of the circular flanges, in order to retain the inner surfaces of the extensions **69** and **69***a* of the buttons in engagement with the upper and lower panels of the outer case, thereby attaching the buttons to the inner pillow.

In order to remove the inner pillow from the outer case, the upper and lower buttons are removed from the internally threaded tubular sleeves of the circular flanges **61** and **61***a*, after which the two rows of slide fastener elements are disengaged from one another by means of the slider, so that the inner pillow can be removed through the central slot in the side panel of the outer case in the same manner as that shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

While the pillows shown in the drawings are of essentially square contour, the contour may be made circular, rectangular, regular polygonal, or of any other suitable form, the essentials of the constructions, the methods of attaching the buttons to the inner pillow and the method of attaching the various panels of the outer case to one another and to the inner cover remaining substantially the same.

The method of supporting the spring sockets shown in Fig. 3, and the internally threaded sleeves shown in Fig. 4, may also be altered considerably, the method of attaching each of the buttons to the retaining member in the inner pillow remaining substantially the same.

The method of connecting the opposite buttons of each pair shown in Fig. 2, and the discs shown in Figs. 3 and 5, may also be varied considerably, the buttons or discs being attached by threads sewn through the pillow, or by individual soft wires, stranded wires, or small flexible cables of various types, the essential features of the balance of the inner pillow construction remaining substantially the same.

The size of the pillows shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and the other drawings may be varied considerably, and the relation of the thickness of the pillow to the length thereof altered depending upon the purpose for which the pillow is to be utilized.

The stuffing or padding with which the inner pillow is filled may be of any suitable soft material, the features of the construction of the inner cover, and the outer case fitted thereto remaining substantially the same.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that my present invention is not limited to the specific details described above and shown in the drawings, and that various modifications are possible in carrying out the features of the invention and the construction, method of fitting and assembly and the method of utilization thereof, without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. In combination with a pillow having an inner cover with stuffing filling the inner cover, said pillow having a pair of axially aligned substantially circular cavities on opposite sides thereof, a plurality of pairs of buttons mounted adjacent the upper and lower faces of the inner cover, a substantially cylindrical internally threaded sleeve, having a circular flange integral therewith inserted in each of said cavities, the pillow operative to threadably retain each of said buttons, each of said sleeves projecting beyond the outer surface of the pillow, flexible means passing through the pillow connecting said sleeves, means attached to each of said buttons operative to removably fit the internally threaded sleeve, each of said buttons having an extension of substantially circular contour integral with the inner edge thereof, each of said extensions having a substantially cylindrical cavity at the center thereof, the cavity being operative to clear the projecting portion of the sleeve, an outer case removably fitted to the inner cover, the outer case having an upper and a lower panel fitted to the upper and lower faces of the inner cover, a front and a rear outer case panel connecting the upper and lower panels, and a pair of outer case side panels attached to the upper and lower panels between the front and rear panels, the upper and lower outer case panels each having a plurality of openings therethrough in alignment with the adjacent button retaining means to permit insertion of the individual button retaining means therethrough when the outer case is fitted to the inner cover, one of said side panels having a longitudinal slot therethrough, and means removably connecting the sections of the side panel adjacent the longitudinal slot to one another.

2. In conjunction with a pillow having an inner cover with stuffing filling the inner cover, the combination of an outer case removably fitted to the inner cover, the outer case having an upper and a lower panel fitted to the upper and lower faces of the inner cover, an outer case front and a rear panel connecting the upper and lower panels attached thereto, and a pair of outer case side panels attached to the upper and lower panels between the front and rear panels, said pillow having a pair of axially aligned substantially cylindrical internally threaded sleeves, each sleeve having a circular flange integral therewith inserted in each of said cavities in a plurality of pairs of buttons mounted adjacent the upper and lower outer case panels, one button of each pair mounted adjacent the upper panel being located in substantial alignment with a mating button mounted adjacent the lower panel, each of said buttons having a threaded element fixedly attached to the inner surface thereof, means fitted to the interior of the pillow operative to removably retain the threaded element of each of said buttons, a flexible element means connecting aligned pairs of internally threaded sleeves, each of said buttons having an extension of substantially circular contour integral with the inner edge thereof, each of said extensions having a substantially cylindrical cavity at the center thereof, the cavity being operative to clear the projecting portion of the sleeve, the upper and lower panels of the outer case having a plurality of openings therethrough to permit insertion of the attaching elements toward the button retaining means in the pillow, one of said side panels having a longitudinal slot therethrough, and means removably connecting the sections of the side panel adjacent the longitudinal slot to one another.

3. In conjunction with a pillow of substantially rectangular contour having an inner cover with stuffing filling the inner cover, the stuffing of said pillow having a pair of axially aligned substantially circular cavities on opposite sides thereof, the combination of an outer case of a rectangular contour conforming to the inner cover contour, the outer case having an upper and a lower panel following the rectangular contour of the inner cover, said upper and lower panels being fitted to the upper and lower faces of the inner cover, a front and a rear outer case panel connecting the upper and lower panels attached thereto, and a pair of outer case side panels attached to the upper and lower panels between the front and rear panels, a plurality of pairs of buttons mounted adjacent the upper and lower outer case panels, one button of each pair mounted adjacent the upper panel being located in substantial alignment with a mating button

mounted adjacent the lower panel, each of said buttons having a threaded element fixedly attached to the inner surface thereof, a substantially cylindrical internally threaded sleeve having a circular flange integral therewith inserted in each of said cavities in the interior of the pillow operative to removably retain the threaded element of each of said buttons, a flexible element connecting aligned pairs of threaded tubular sleeves through the pillow, each of said buttons having an extension of substantially circular contour, integral with the inner edge thereof, each of said extensions having a substantially cylindrical cavity at the center thereof, the cavity being operative to clear the projecting portion of the sleeve, the upper and lower panels of the outer case having a plurality of openings therethrough to permit insertion of the threaded button attaching element toward the retaining means in the pillow, one of said side panels having a longitudinal slot therethrough, and means removably connecting the sections of the side panel adjacent the longitudinal slot to one another.

4. In conjunction with a pillow of substantially rectangular contour, having an inner cover with stuffing filling the inner cover, the combination of an outer case having an upper and a lower panel of a rectangular contour following substantially the contour of the upper and lower faces of the inner cover, a front and a rear outer case panel connecting one edge of the upper and lower panels attached thereto, and a pair of outer case side panels attached to the upper and lower panels between the front and rear panels, a plurality of pairs of buttons mounted adjacent the upper and lower outer case panels, the pillow having a plurality of openings therethrough substantially perpendicularly to the upper and lower outer case panels, each of said openings being in substantial alignment with one pair of buttons, the inner pillow having a plurality of pairs of aligned cavities therethrough in coaxial alignment with the openings, the cavities being located adjacent the upper and lower surfaces of the inner pillow respectively, an internally threaded member fitted to each of said cavities, means passing through each of said openings to connect each pair of internally threaded members located at opposite ends of the opening, each of said internally threaded members projecting beyond the outer surface of the adjacent upper and lower outer case panels, each of said buttons having a threaded element attached to the face thereof adjacent the pillow outer case, an extension integral with each of said buttons surrounding the threaded element, each of the internally threaded members being operative to threadably retain the threaded element of the mating button, each of said buttons having an extension of substantially circular contour integral with the inner edge thereof, each of said extensions having a substantially cylindrical cavity at the center thereof, the cavity being operative to clear the projecting portion of the internally threaded member, one of the outer case side panels having a longitudinal slot therethrough, and fastening means operative to detachably connect the opposite sections of the side panel adjacent the longitudinal slot attached to the side panel sections adjacent the longitudinal slot.

5. A pillow combination comprising an inner cover with stuffing filling the inner cover, an outer case having an upper and a lower panel following the contour of the inner cover surrounding the inner cover, a front and a rear outer case panel connecting one edge of the upper and lower panels attached thereto, a pair of outer case side panels attached to the upper and lower panels between the front and rear panels, a plurality of pairs of buttons mounted adjacent the outer surfaces of the upper and lower outer case panels, the inner pillow having a plurality of pairs of aligned cavities therein in axial alignment with each pair of buttons, the cavities being located adjacent the upper and lower surfaces of the inner pillow respectively, each of said pillow cavities having a relatively thin flange fitted thereto, means passing through the inner pillow attaching each pair of thin flanges, a tubular internally threaded sleeve fixedly attached to the outer surface of each of said flanges, each of said sleeves projecting beyond the outer surface of the adjacent upper and lower outer case panels, the under surface of each of said buttons having an externally threaded stud attached thereto, each of the internally threaded sleeves being operative to threadably retain the stud of the mating button, each of said buttons consisting of a substantially cylindrical head, with an extension of substantially circular contour integral with the inner surface of the head, each of said extensions having a substantially cylindrical cavity through the center thereof, the cavity being operative to clear the projecting portion of the internally threaded sleeve, one of the outer case side panels having a longitudinal slot therethrough, and fastening means operative to detachably connect the opposite sections of the side panel adjacent the longitudinal slot attached to the side panel sections adjacent the longitudinal slot.

6. A pillow combination comprising an inner cover of substantially rectangular contour with stuffing filling the inner cover, and an outer case having an upper and a lower panel following substantially the rectangular inner cover contour, a front and a rear outer case panel connecting the upper and lower panels attached to one edge thereof, a pair of outer case side panels attached to the upper and lower panels between the front and rear panels, a plurality of pairs of buttons mounted adjacent the upper and lower outer case panels, the inner pillow having a plurality of pairs of aligned substantially cylindrical cavities in axial alignment with each pair of buttons, the cavities being located adjacent the upper and lower surfaces of the inner pillow respectively, each of said pillow cavities having a relatively thin substantially circular disc fitted thereto, connecting means passing through the inner pillow attaching each pair of discs to one another, an internally threaded tubular member attached to the outer surface of each of said circular discs, each of said internally threaded members projecting beyond the surface of the adjacent upper or lower outer case panel, the under surface of each of the buttons having a threaded element attached thereto, an annular extension integral with each of said buttons surrounding each threaded element, each of said annular extensions having a cylindrical cavity therein to clear the internally threaded member, each of the internally threaded members being operative to threadably receive one of the threaded elements to retain the surface of the annular extension of the mating button in engagement with the adjacent outer case panel, one of the outer case side panels having a longitudinal slot therethrough, a row of interlocking slide fastener elements attached to each section of the slide panel adjacent the longitudinal slot, and means slidably fitted to the rows of slide fastener elements operative to interlock and disengage the rows of slide fastener elements from one another.

7. A pillow combination comprising an inner cover of substantially rectangular contour, an outer case having an upper and a lower panel following substantially the rectangular contour of the inner cover surrounding the inner cover, a front and a rear outer case panel connecting one edge of the upper and lower panels attached thereto, a pair of outer case side panels attached to the upper and lower panels between the front and rear panels, a plurality of pairs of buttons mounted adjacent the outer surfaces of the upper and lower outer case panels, the inner pillow having a plurality of pairs of aligned substantially cylindrical cavities therein in axial alignment with each pair of buttons, the cavities being located adjacent the upper and lower surfaces of the inner pillow respectively, each of said pillow cavities having a relatively thin substantially circular flange fitted thereto, means passing through the pillow connecting each pair of thin flanges, a tubular internally threaded sleeve fixedly attached to the outer

surface of each of said flanges, each of said sleeves projecting beyond the outer surface of the adjacent upper and lower outer case panels, the under surface of each of said buttons having an externally threaded stud attached thereto, an annular extension integral with each of said buttons surrounding each externally threaded stud, each of said annular extensions having a cylindrical cavity therein to clear the adjacent internally threaded sleeve, each of the internally threaded sleeves being operative to threadably receive and retain the stud of the mating button, one of the outer case side panels having a longitudinal slot therethrough, a row of interlocking slide fastener elements attached to each section of the outer case side panel adjacent the longitudinal slot, and a slider slidably fitted to the rows of slide fastener elements operative to



interlock and disengage the rows of slide fastener elements from one another.

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