

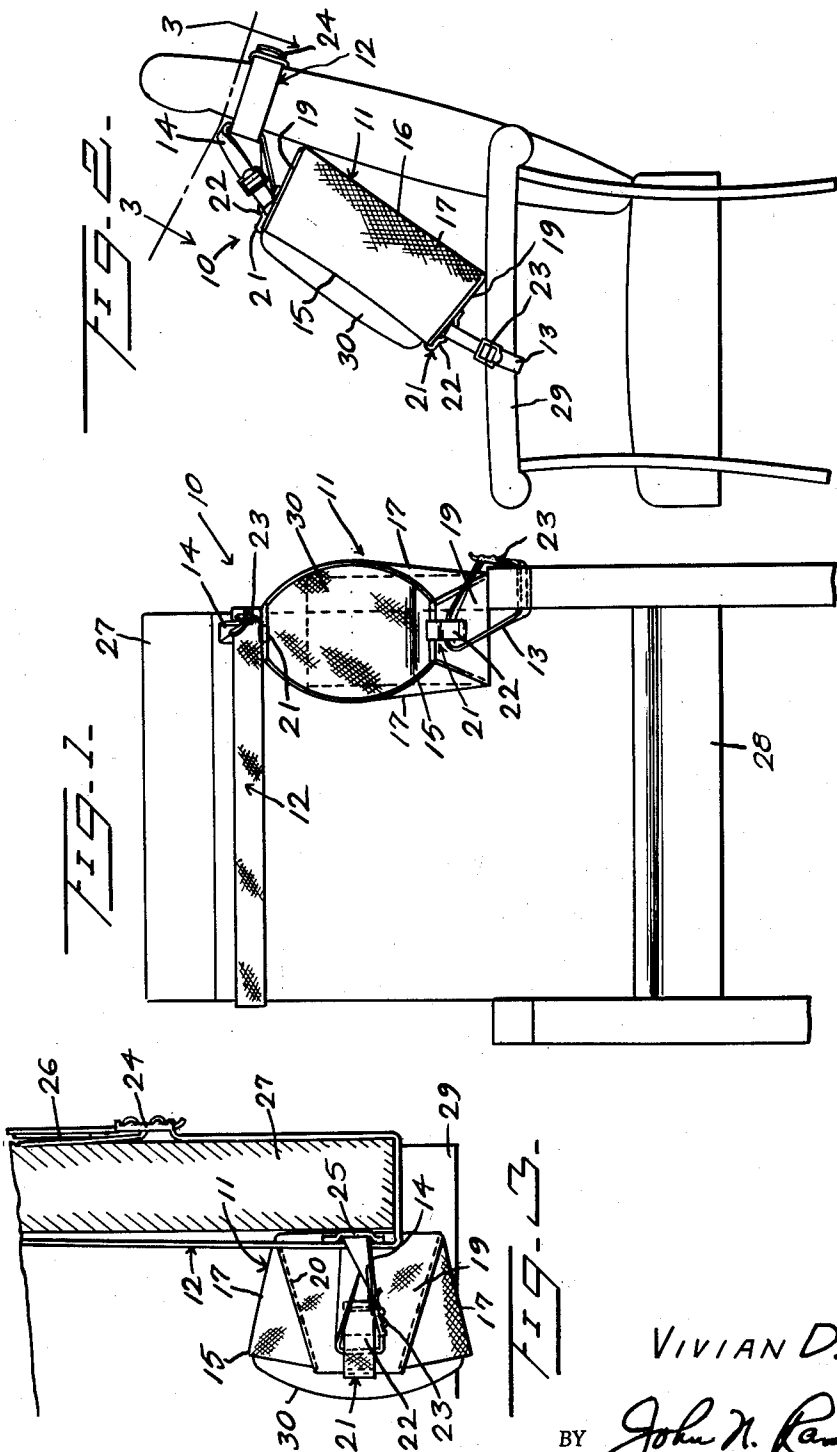
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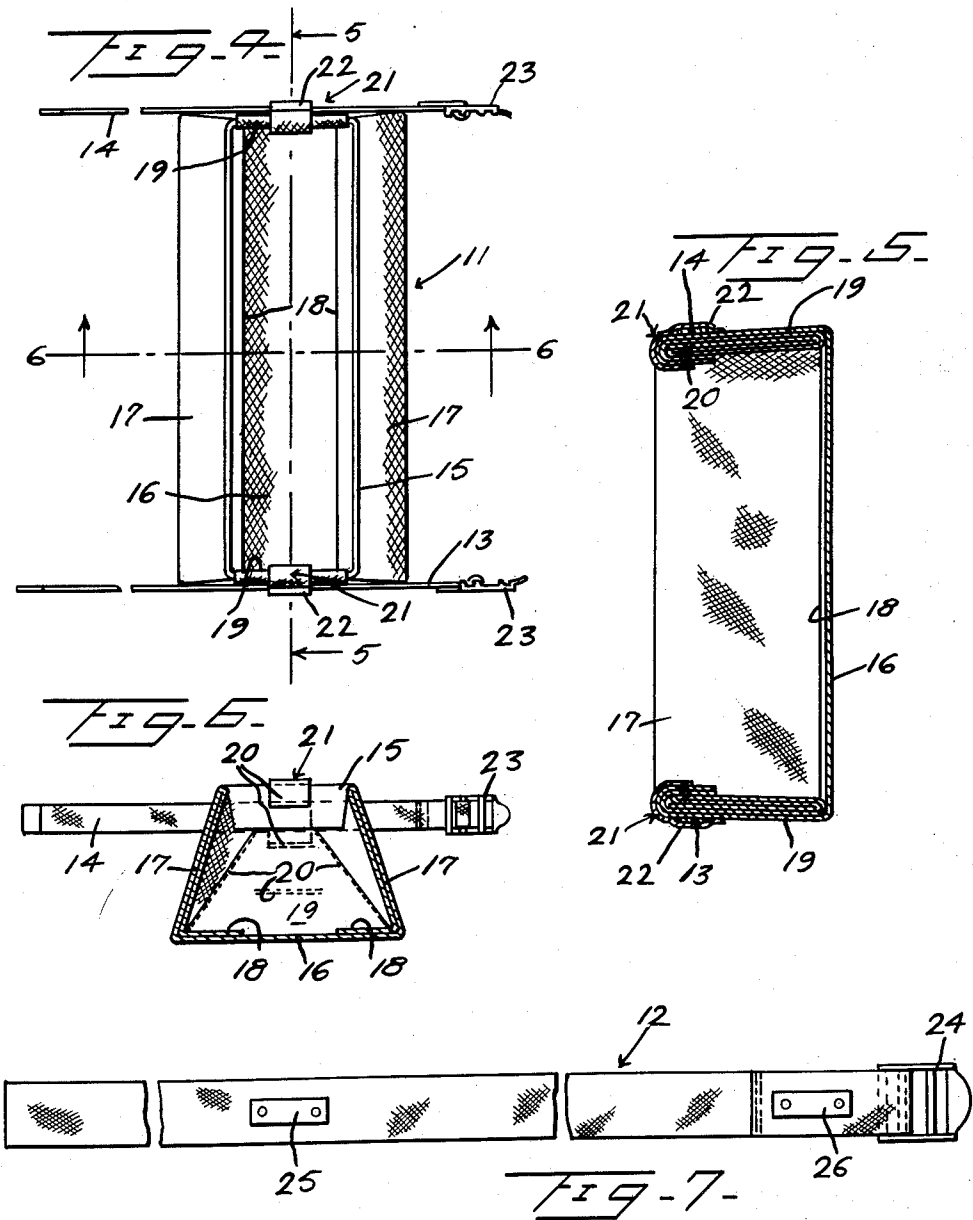
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## PILLOW HOLDER

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This invention relates to a novel holder for a pillow, and more particularly to a holder adapted to be detachably and adjustably fastened to the back rest and an armrest of a bus or railway car seat for supporting the pillow in a convenient position to be engaged by the head of the occupant of the seat.

More particularly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a holder primarily adapted for use on aisle seats of buses and railway cars and which is capable of supporting a pillow on the aisle side of the seat, above the armrest of the seat located adjacent the aisle, for maintaining the pillow in a position convenient to support the head of the seat occupant and for maintaining the pillow properly positioned for this purpose.

Still a further object of the invention is to provide a pillow holder including a pouch for holding the pillow and from which the part of the pillow, engaged by the head, protrudes.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a pillow holder including strap means adjustably and detachably securing the pouch to the back rest and armrest and by means of which the pouch may be confined in a desired position for holding the pillow in a position most comfortable to the user.

Various other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter become more fully apparent from the following description of the drawings, illustrating a presently preferred embodiment thereof, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view showing the pillow holder in an applied position;

Figure 2 is a view looking from right to left of Figure 1, illustrating the chair and pillow holder in side elevation and showing the pillow confined in and protruding from the open front of the pillow pouch;

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary top plan view showing the pillow holder in an applied position;

Figure 4 is a front elevational view of the pillow pouch and the anchoring straps thereof;

Figure 5 is a longitudinal sectional view taken substantially along a plane as indicated by the line 5—5 of Figure 4;

Figure 6 is a cross sectional view, taken in substantially along a plane as indicated by the line 6—6 of Figure 4, and

Figure 7 is a fragmentary plan view looking toward the inner side of the back rest engaging strap.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, the pillow holder in its entirety is designated generally 10 and is composed of an elongated pouch 11, a back rest engaging strap 12 and pouch anchoring straps 13 and 14.

The pouch 11 is of elongated construction and has an open top 15 extending from end-to-end thereof. The pouch 11 is preferably formed from a nonelastic fabric material such as duck or lightweight canvas and includes a bottom 16 which is substantially wider than the open top 15. The pouch 11 has corresponding upwardly converging side walls 17 preferably of two ply thickness, the inner plies of which include inwardly turned bottom

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portions 18 which line portions of the bottom 16, so that the side portions of the bottom 16 are also of two ply thickness. The ends of the side walls 17 are folded inwardly in overlapping relation to one another and the ends of the bottom 16 are turned upwardly around said inturned end portions of the side walls 17 to provide multi ply end walls 19, as best seen in Figure 5. The several plies constituting each of the end walls 19 are secured together by stitching 20. Thus, the end walls 19 substantially reinforce the ends of the pouch 11. Fabric strips 21 have their ends secured by additional stitching 20 to the end walls 19, as best seen in Figures 5 and 6, and provide strap loops 22 on the outer sides of said end walls. The strap 14 extends slidably through one of the strap loops 22 and the strap 13 extends slidably through the other strap loop 22. Each of the straps 13 and 14 is provided with a conventional buckle 23 at one end thereof to receive and adjustably clamp the other end of said strap.

The strap 12, like the straps 13 and 14, is formed of a nonelastic flexible material, such as a heavy webbing, and the strap 12 is substantially wider and longer than the straps 13 and 14. The strap 12 is also provided with a conventional buckle 24 at one end thereof and has on its inner side and at two longitudinally spaced points strap loops 25 and 26, as best seen in Figure 7, each comprising a strip which is secured at its ends to the strap 12.

As illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3, the strap 12 is tightly secured by means of its buckle 24 around the back rest 27 of a railroad car or bus seat 28 and at a considerable elevation above the armrests of the seat 28. The location of the strap 12, relative to the back rest 27 can be varied to suit the convenience of the user. The strap 12 is positioned so that the strap loop 25 is located on the forward side of the back rest 27 near the side edge of the back rest which is located at the aisle side of the seat 28, and above the armrest 29 which is disposed on the aisle side of said seat 28, assuming that the seat is an aisle seat. The strap 14 is passed under the strap 12 and through the strap loop 25, as best seen in Figure 3, and the end of the strap 14 is adjustably secured to the buckle 23 of said strap for suspending the pouch 11 above the armrest 29. The strap 13, which is preferably longer than the strap 14, is adjustably secured by means of its buckle 24 around the armrest 29, and preferably remote from the backrest 27, so that the pouch 11 will be disposed at an incline downwardly and forwardly from the back rest 27 to the armrest 29. If desired, the free end of the strap 13 may be wrapped several times around the armrest 29 before being secured to the buckle 23 thereof for effectively anchoring said strap against sliding movement relative to the armrest.

A pillow 30, for example of the type furnished passengers of chair cars and buses, and which may be disposable, is folded crosswise in half and the ends of the pillow are inserted into the open front or upper side 15 of the pouch 11, so that one side of the intermediate portion of the pillow 30 will protrude from the open front 15 of the pouch, as illustrated in the drawings. It will thus be seen that the holder 10 will effectively retain the pillow 30 in a convenient position above the armrest 29 to be comfortably engaged by the head of the occupant of the seat 28, and the pillow will be prevented from slipping away from its position as shown in Figures 1 to 3.

Obviously, the position of the pouch 11 relative to the back rest 27 and armrest 29 can be varied to suit the user and to most conveniently locate the exposed part of the pillow 30 to be engaged by the head. The additional strap loop 26 is provided to be engaged by the strap 14 when the pouch 11 is disposed on the other armrest of the

chair 28 or, when the pouch is disposed on the armrest of a chair located at the opposite side of the aisle and which armrest is on the aisle side of the seat. Actually, either strap loop 25 or 26 may be employed depending upon where the buckle 24 can be most conveniently located.

Various modifications and changes are contemplated and may be resorted to, without departing from the function or scope of the invention as hereinafter defined by the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A pillow holder comprising an elongated pouch, a pillow detachably mounted in said pouch, said pouch having an open front extending from end-to-end thereof through which a part of the pillow projects, means for detachably and adjustably anchoring one end of the pouch to the back rest of a seat, and means for detachably and adjustably anchoring the other end of said pouch to an armrest of the seat for supporting the pillow and pouch at an inclined position above the armrest and with the protruding part of the pillow facing upwardly and forwardly of the back rest and arm rest and supported by the pouch in a position to be engaged by the head of the user, said pouch including a bottom, side walls and end walls, said side walls being disposed in outwardly converging relation to one another from the bottom whereby the normal width of the open front of the pouch is less than the width of said bottom for confining the pillow therein, and said first mentioned means and last mentioned means holding the pouch extended lengthwise to resist transverse spreading of the open front of the pouch.

2. A pillow holder comprising, in combination with a seat having an arm rest and a back rest extending to above the level of the armrest, an elongated pouch having

an open front extending from end-to-end thereof, a pillow detachably mounted in said pouch, said pillow being of a size relative to the capacity of the pouch such that a part of the pillow protrudes through the open front of the pouch when the pouch is substantially filled by another part of the pillow, said pouch diminishing in width toward said open front, a strap adjustably anchored around the back rest above the armrest, a first strap member connected to and extending upwardly from one end of the pouch and adjustably secured to said strap, and a second strap member secured to and extending from the other end of the pouch and adjustably anchored to the armrest for supporting the pouch at an incline downwardly and forwardly away from the back rest and above the arm rest with the protruding part of the pillow facing upwardly and forwardly and supported by the pouch in a position to be engaged by the head of the user, said strap members holding the pouch extended lengthwise to resist spreading of the open front for confining the last mentioned part of the pillow in the pouch.

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