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CURLER ACCOMMODATING PILLOW
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pillow having a central cavity to permit a person having curlers on their head to rest comfortably on the pillow.

This invention relates to pillows and particularly to a new and novel pillow for supporting one's head when to permit weight to be borne by the back of the head or a particular part of the head would be uncomfortable.

For many years women have worn curlers on their head overnight in order to have a fresh hairdo the next morning. Up until now they have done this despite a considerable discomfort. It is the object of the present invention to provide an improved pillow which is particularly constructed to relieve such discomfort.

In accordance with the invention a pillow is constructed with three cushioning regions. A first region consists of a central portion and it is constructed of a fairly thick resilient rim or layer of material with a central cavity or cut-out region. Attached to each side of the first or central region are two outer regions each of which is constructed of a resilient member consisting of a thinner layer of material than the central member.

Other objects, features, and advantages of the invention will become more apparent from the following description when considered together with the drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a pillow in use showing indentation made by one's head;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged sectional view taken along lines 2—2 of FIG. 1; and

FIG. 3 is a plan view taken along lines 3—3 of FIG. 2.

Referring now to the drawings a pillow 10 is constructed in a rectangular configuration of three resilient members. A first or top outer member 12 is made of plastic foam material on the order of one inch in thickness. A second or bottom outer member 14 is identical to the first outer member 12 and together with outer member 12 enclose central member 16, also made of plastic foam material. Central member 16 is in the form of a narrow rim and is approximately double in thickness the thickness of either member 12 or 14, particularly top member 12. It includes a central opening 18 which generally conforms in area to the periphery of pillow 10. Being in the form of a rim the area of the opening in central member 16 is large with respect to that portion of the area of central member 16 extending between the opening and its periphery. The width of central member 16 from opening 18 to outer edge 20 is approximately the same or slightly larger than the thickness of top member 12. The two, top member 12 and central member 16, have a combined thickness and width, respectively, to provide a principal and substantial support, increasing in supporting effect from the edge 22 of the pillow to a point 24 on the top of the pillow. A gradually decreasing support is then provided from point 24 inward. In this manner and with the selected dimensions the neck of most users of the pillow will comfortably support the principal weight. This leaves only slight head pres-

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sure between the bottom or side of the head and the central portion 28 of the pillow necessary for comfortable sleeping. Thus in this central portion 28, little support is present and thus slight discomfort is felt on the head because of the presence of curlers 30. It is to be particularly noted, and as one feature of the invention, that the gradually increasing support region is provided as illustrated in FIG. 2, by virtue of the air section or cavity 32 between central member 16 and the turned in edge extensions 34 and 36 of top and bottom members 12 and 14, respectively. In this manner neck support increases gradually from the edge of the pillow to point 24. This adds measurably to the ability of the neck to comfortably provide the necessary support.

The edges of the outer members 12 and 14 extend a like distance beyond the edge of central member 16 and all three members are each of uniform thickness although the thickness of each may differ from one of the other members. The thickness of central body member 16 is at least two inches in thickness and typically two and a half inches in thickness. Top member 12 is approximately one inch in thickness as is outer member 14. Typically outer members 12 and 14 and central member 16 are made of plastic foam material.

In construction, the edges of top and bottom members 12 and 14 are resiliently bonded together at point 38 by heat or by means of a resilient adhesive. The order of construction is to first resiliently bond central member 16 to either top member 12 or bottom member 14; next, similarly bond the other of top member 12 or bottom member 14 to central member 16; and, finally, to resiliently bond the edges of top and bottom members 12 and 14 together.

While I have described particular embodiments of my invention for the purpose of illustration, it should be understood that various modifications thereof may be made within the sphere of the invention and as set forth in the appended claim.

I claim:

1. A curler accommodating rectangular pillow consisting of resilient members and comprising:

(A) a first outer member consisting of a layer of resilient plastic foam material of substantial and uniform thickness and adapted to provide a first supporting surface;

(B) a second outer member consisting of a layer of resilient plastic foam material of substantial and uniform thickness and adapted to provide a second supporting surface;

(C) a central body member wherein:

(1) said body member is of a resilient plastic foam material,

(2) said body member is in the form of a narrow rim and adapted to being covered on one side by said first outer member and on an opposite side by said second member to provide a central cavity between said outer members;

(3) the thickness of said central body member extending between said one side and said opposite side is uniform and at least two inches in thickness and said outer members combined are of a thickness no greater than two inches and are of equal thickness;

(D) means for securing said central body member and between said first and second outer members and for maintaining resilience across the joint between said

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central body member and said first and second outer members;
 (E) said first and second outer members extend equally beyond the outer edge of said central body member; and
 (F) means for providing a substantially resilient joint between corresponding edges of said first and second outer members.

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