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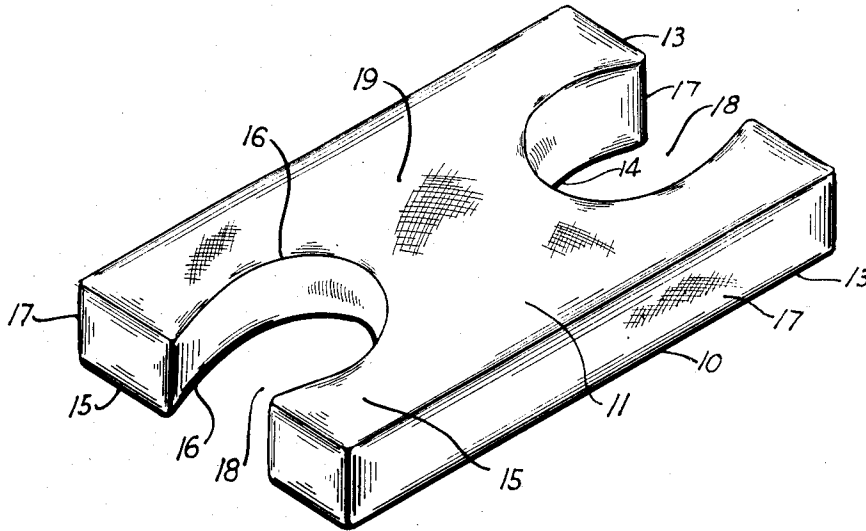


Fig. 1

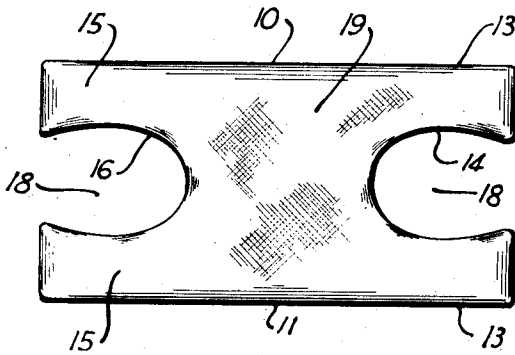


Fig. 2

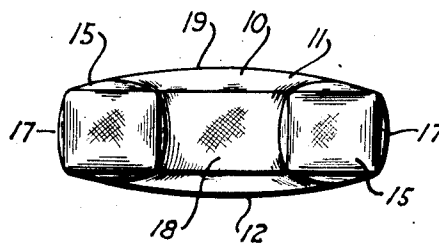


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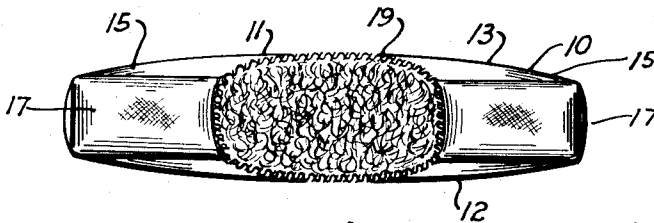


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in pillows:

One object of the invention is to provide an improved pillow which is adapted to be used in place of the conventional pillow and which is arranged to support a sleeper's head in the normal manner or in such a manner that the sleeper's face and ear are prevented from contacting said pillow or its covering, whereby wrinkling of the face and pressure on the ear is avoided.

A particular object of the invention is to provide an improved pillow particularly adapted for feminine use and having a pair of extensions formed at each of its ends, each pair of extensions being arranged to support the upper and lower portions of one side of a person's head so as to leave the central portion of the person's head or face exposed, whereby when said person is lying on her side, pressure is not exerted upon the central portion of the face and, consequently, wrinkling of the skin is prevented.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved pillow having a recess or opening formed in each of its ends, the central portion of the pillow being arranged to support a person's head in the customary manner, while either end may be used to support the head in such a manner that the major portion of the person's face will overlie the recess therein, whereby this portion of the face is prevented from contacting said pillow and free circulation of air around the face is possible.

A construction designed to carry out the invention will be hereinafter described, together with other features of the invention.

The invention will be more readily understood from a reading of the following specification and by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which an example of the invention is shown, and wherein:

Figure 1 is an isometric view of a pillow constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the pillow.

Figure 3 is an end elevation of the same, and

Figure 4 is a longitudinal, vertical sectional view of the pillow.

In the drawing, the numeral 10 designates a body having a top 11 and a bottom 12 which may be formed of any suitable material, fabric or cloth, such as denim. A pair of longitudinal arms or extensions 13 are provided at one end of the top 11. The outer longitudinal edge of each arm 13 is in alignment with its respective longitudinal edge of the top 11, whereby said arms form continuations of said top. The inner

longitudinal edge of each arm is curved outwardly toward its outer longitudinal edge and said curved edges are continued until they meet or join each other, whereby a curved or slightly rounded recess 14 is formed therebetween. A similar pair of arms 15, having a recess 16 similar to the recess 14, is located at the opposite end of the top 11. Thus, the top is substantially I-shaped as shown. The bottom 12 is identical to the top and is provided with similar arms 13 and 15 and recesses 14 and 16, which align with the arms and recesses of the top when said top overlies the bottom.

The top and bottom are arranged to be fastened together by means of narrow strips of material 17, similar to that used for said top and bottom, which form the sides of the body. The longitudinal edges of the strips 17 are sewed or otherwise secured to the edges of the top and bottom and their arms 13 and 15. The adjacent ends of the strips are then sewed together to complete the cover for the body. Before all of the strips are secured together, a suitable filling, such as feathers, down or other material usually employed, is introduced into the covering through the last of the openings between the strips. This opening is then stitched together and the body is completed so as to form a pillow.

The pillow when filled will have a recess or cut-out portion 18, formed between the arms 13 and 15 by the recesses 14 and 16, in each end, whereby said pillow will be substantially I-shaped. In using the pillow, a person may place the head upon the central portion 19 of said pillow between the pairs of arms or extensions, whereby an ordinary pillow, supporting the head in the usual manner, is had. This portion of the pillow is ideal for use while a person is lying or sleeping on her back.

When the person turns over on her left side, the head will be supported by the arms or extensions 13. The upper arm 13 will support the upper portion of her head, while the lower arm 13 will support the lower portion thereof. In other words, the left side of the forehead will rest upon the upper arm and the left side of the jaw and neck will rest upon the lower arm, whereby the left cheek and ear will overlie the recess or cut-out portion 18 between the arms 13 of the pillow. Thus, the lower ear and cheek will not come in contact with the pillow, thereby preventing the usual wrinkling of the face and pressure on the sensitive nerves of the ear. Also, a free circulation of air beneath the person's face is possible and this is particularly desirable in warmer

climates, since it adds much to the sleeping comfort and coolness of the reclining person.

The same is true, when the person turns on her right side. The upper arm 15 will support her right forehead, while the right side of her jaw and neck will rest upon the lower arm 15 so that her right cheek and ear will overlie the recess 18 between the arms 15 of the pillow. In this manner, the central portion of the side of the face supported by the pillow is not marred or wrinkled by contact with the usual rumpled pillow slip and is left exposed to the normal circulation of air within the sleeping room. It is pointed out that the use of this pillow tends to more or less retard the development of a double chin by the user, since the novel construction of the pillow permits the normal circulation of blood through the veins of the delicate fleshy tissues of the face and neck without interference.

Although the recesses 18 have been shown in both ends of the pillow, it is obvious that one of the recesses could be eliminated, in which event the remaining recess could be utilized to support both sides of the face. Various changes, alterations and modifications may be made in the size, shape and arrangement of the herein described elements, within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A pillow including, a body having a substantially square central portion, and longitudinally-extending arms secured to each end of the central portion, the arms being spaced apart to form a recess therebetween, whereby the upper and lower portions of the side of a person's head will be supported by said arms while the central portion thereof will overlie the recess and will be prevented from contacting the pillow, the

arms being wider near their outer ends so that the recesses are wider near the body and narrower near the outer ends of the arms.

2. A pillow including, a body having a substantially square central portion, and a pair of transversely-spaced longitudinal extensions at each end of the central portion, each pair of extensions forming a recess therebetween and being wider near their outer ends so that the recesses are wider near the body and narrower near the outer ends of the extensions.

3. A pillow including, a body having a central portion of such size as to support a person's head, said body having spaced extensions at each end thereof, the extensions forming a recess in each end of the body and being wider near the outer ends so that the recesses are wider near the body and narrower near the outer ends of the extensions.

4. A pillow including, a body having a substantially square central portion, and longitudinally-extending arms secured to each end of the central portion, the arms being spaced apart and shaped so as to form recesses therebetween of substantial elliptical cross-section, said recesses having their major axis disposed longitudinally of the body.

5. A pillow including, a body having a substantially square central portion, and longitudinally-extending arms secured to each end of the central portion, the arms being spaced apart and shaped so as to form recesses therebetween of substantial elliptical cross-section, said recesses having their major axis disposed longitudinally of the body and extending throughout the depth of the body whereby the upper and lower portions of the head may be supported while the central portion thereof does not contact the pillow.

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