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FIG. 1-

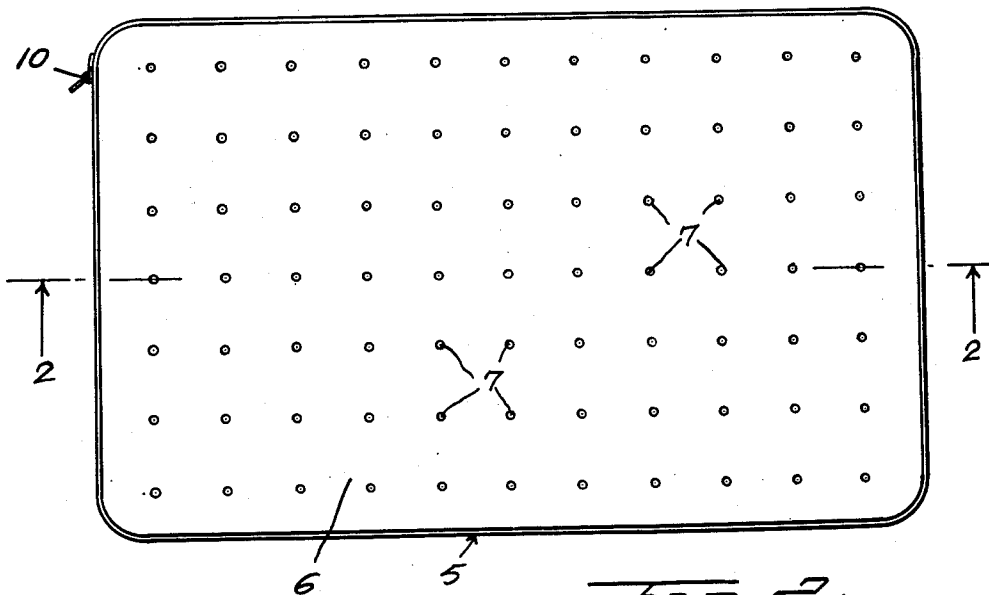


FIG. 2-

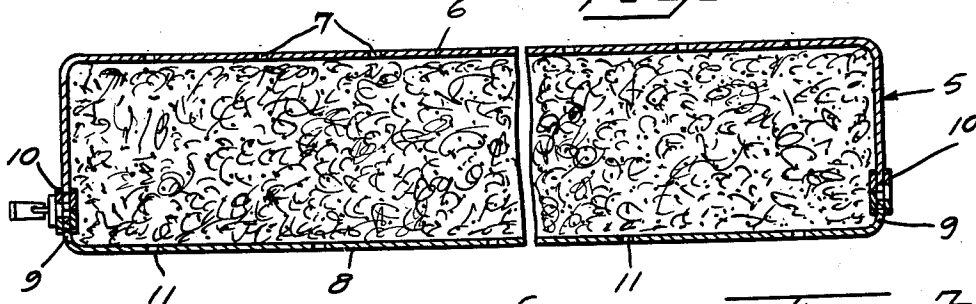


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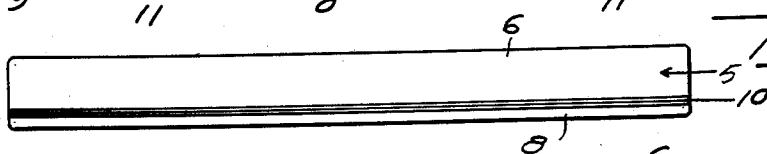


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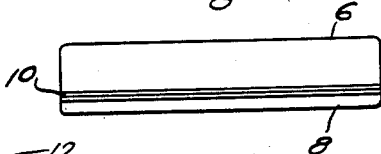
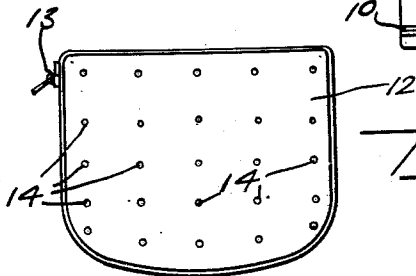


FIG. 5-



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By way of explanation, it might be stated that a great many ailments of the human body are treated through the respiratory system, wherein the air breathed by the patient, carries a medicament to the organs affected.

It is therefore the primary object of the present invention to provide a medicated mattress which is designed to contain herbs having medicinal qualities, for use in the treatment of various ailments, such as asthma, sinus infections or ailments wherein the respiratory system of the patient is impaired.

Another object of the invention is to provide a mattress which is provided with outlet openings in the upper surface of the mattress casing, through which air laden with a predetermined medicament, may be liberated through the openings with each movement of the body of the person lying on the mattress, the mattress acting as a pump to pump air through the openings, thereby subjecting the patient to the action of the medicated air, throughout the entire sleeping period lending to the relief of the patient.

A further object of the invention is to provide a sectional mattress, wherein the sections may be readily disconnected to facilitate the change of the herbs filling the mattress, for the treatment of a particular ailment.

Other and further objects and advantages of this invention will be hereinafter described and the novel features thereof defined in the appended claim.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 is a plan view of a mattress constructed in accordance with the invention.

FIGURE 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 3 is an edge elevational view of the mattress.

FIGURE 4 is an end elevational view thereof.

FIGURE 5 is a plan view of a pillow wherein the principles of the invention are carried out.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the mattress casing includes an upper section 5 which is provided with an upper surface 6 formed with a plurality of outlet openings 7. The lower section of the mattress casing is indicated by the reference character 8, and has its marginal end turned upwardly as at 9 where it is connected to the lower edge of the side and end walls of said upper section of the casing, by means of the interlocking fastener 10, which is preferably of the "zipper type."

Openings 11 are also formed in the lower section of the casing, as better shown by FIGURE 2 of the drawing, so that with each movement of the person lying on the upper surface of the mattress, the upper and lower surfaces of the mattress will produce a pumping effect to cause the air to be drawn into the mattress through the openings 11 and delivered through the outlet openings 7 at the upper section of the casing, so that the person

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lying on the mattress will necessarily breathe the medicated air which is pumped from the mattress through the outlet openings 7.

The mattress is filled with herbs such as flowers of elder, 5%, golden rod, 5%, alfalfa, 20%, mullein, 10%, male fern, 60%, all of which herbs have healing qualities. In the preparation of the herbs for stuffing the mattress casing, it might be stated that the herbs are preferably dried in the sunshine prior to packing them in the mattress casing, the herbs being thoroughly mixed so that the medicinal qualities thereof will mingle and the medicated air emanating from the mattress will contain the healing qualities of all the herbs mentioned.

While I have described a mixture of beneficial herbs, it is to be understood that the type of herbs employed in stuffing the mattress may be varied to meet various requirements in treating various ailments or infections.

From the foregoing it will be seen that due to the construction shown and described I have provided a mattress wherein each movement of the person lying on the mattress, will produce a pumping action between the upper and lower surfaces of the mattress casing, wherein air will be drawn into the mattress casing and pass through the herbs, carrying the medicated air through the outlet opening to be breathed by the person lying on the mattress, the air being liberated directly to the nostrils of the patient.

While I have shown and described the invention as applied to a mattress, it is to be understood that it is within the scope of the invention to incorporate the principles of the invention in the construction of pillows or cushions as shown by FIGURE 5 wherein the pillow is indicated generally by the reference character 12 and includes separable upper and lower sections connected by an interlocking fastener 13. The sections of the pillow are provided with openings 14 to allow the medicated air to pass therefrom.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

A mattress embodying a casing including an upper section embodying flexible side and end walls and a flexible perforated top, a lower section having its marginal edges extended upwardly and including a flexible perforated bottom, interlocking fastening means removably connecting the side and end walls of the sections of said casing, dried mixed herbs having medicinal qualities contained in said casing, said perforations in said top and bottom of said upper and lower sections forming air inlet and outlet openings through which air enters and is liberated into the room area for breathing by the person lying on the mattress, the movement of the person's body providing a pumping action circulating air through said herbs.

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