

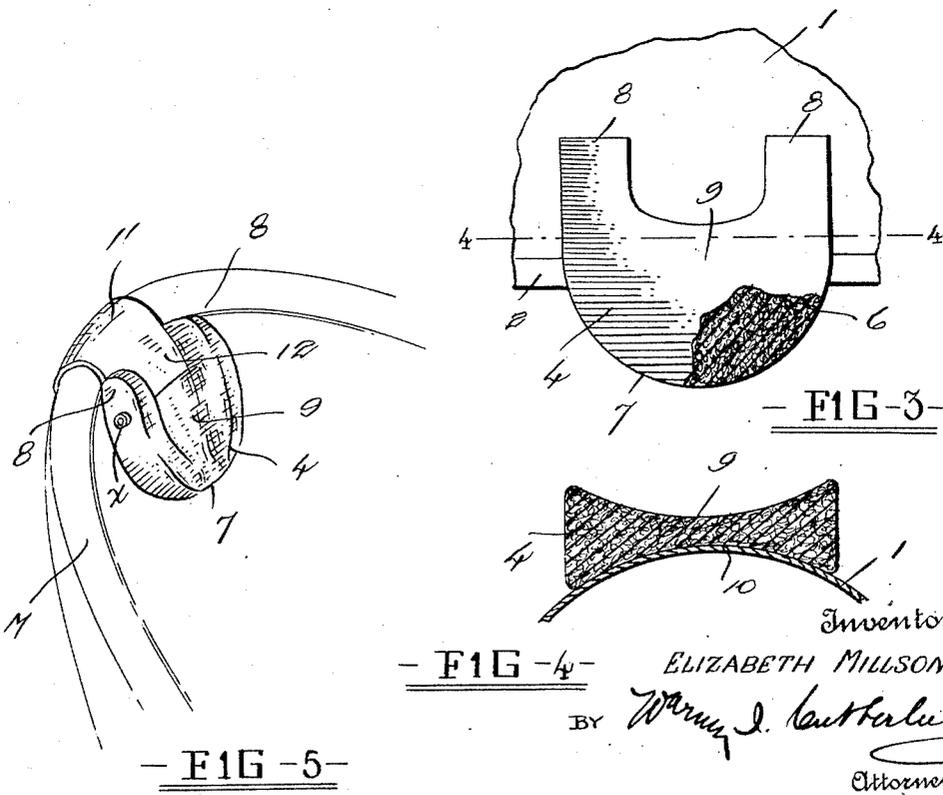
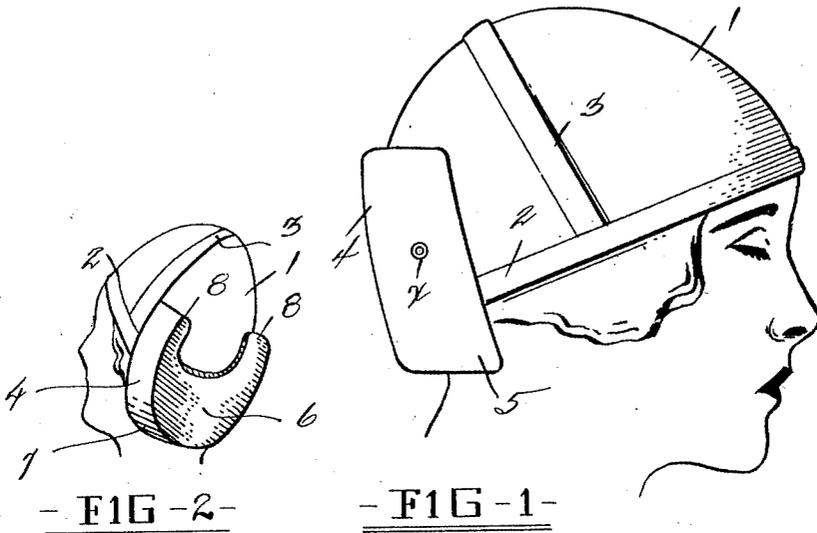
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My invention, in its broad aspect, has reference to improvements in cushioning or pil-
lowing devices for the head; and more par-
ticularly it is my purpose to provide a pillow-
ing or cushioning device which may be used
when bathing to the end that a person's head
may be comfortably supported when reclined
in a tub, or when undergoing treatment in
a vapor, steam, violet-ray, or other type of
bath, or when a person is in a reclined posi-
tion for any other reason. I provide a pil-
low device formed of sponge rubber, or of
an inflated container of the desired shape
and configuration to comfortably support the
head, and in the principal and preferred form
of my invention the pillow or cushion is car-
ried by a bathing cap or other cap, and it
has a central concave or depressed portion
to fit the contour of the head, and it is so
constructed that its shape lends to the attain-
ment of greater resiliency or "give". In the
preferred form the pillow is part of the bath-
ing or other cap assembly; the cap being pref-
erably of the type designed to keep the hair
dry, and when placed on a person's head the
pillow is in proper position to support the
head when reclined, and is not in the way when
the wearer is not reclined. The alternate
form is for use as an accessory to a bath tub or
the like and has means for attaching the
same over the edge of the tub in proper posi-
tion to receive a person's head. Further-
more, my device may be either inflatable or of
sponge rubber; in either case it is buoyant.
Other and equally important objects and
advantages of my invention may be briefly
defined as follows: First, my pillow is so
formed that the head will not roll; second,
the shape and configuration is such that the
head is most comfortably supported, and yet
the wearer will not feel confined or oppressed;
third, the pillow also supports the neck of
the wearer; fourth, the combined structure
with a bathing or other cap is simple, prac-
tical, and can be readily manufactured and
sold; fifth, the sponge rubber construction
eliminates the necessity of inflation, while
at the same time preserving the desirable
qualities of resiliency and buoyancy; and,
sixth, the alternate or modified form of my
invention for use as an accessory to a bath
or other tub, is easily kept clean, is self drain-
ing, is buoyant, and most comfortably sup-
ports both the head and neck of the occupant
of the tub or bath.

advantages of my invention will be apparent
from the following detailed description, when
taken in connection with the accompanying
drawings which form a part of this applica-
tion, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view of my device with
a person's head and face shown in profile to
illustrate its application;

Figure 2 is a side-and-back view of my de-
vice as worn;

Figure 3 is a detail view partly broken
away to show the sponge rubber construc-
tion;

Figure 4 is a view on the line 4—4 of Fig-
ure 3, and

Figure 5 is a modification or alternate form,
the device being adapted for application to a
tub, and as an accessory thereto.

In the drawings wherein like characters of
reference are used to designate like or similar
parts throughout the several views:—

The numeral (1) designates a conventional
type of rubber bathing cap, which is worn in
the manner shown, and has reinforcing edge
and cross pieces (2) and (3). My pillowing
or cushioning device (4) is attached by ce-
menting, vulcanizing, or other attaching
means to the back of the cap, and extends
below the edge piece (2), as at (5) to sup-
port the neck of the wearer, and upwardly to
a point near the top of the cap. In plan view,
my pillow (4) is substantially U-shaped and
formed with a body (6), having a curved low-
er edge (7), and spaced substantially parallel
upwardly extending extensions (8). The
pillow increases in thickness from the central
portion toward the peripheral edges. The
pillow may be formed of either sponge rub-
ber, as shown in Figures 3 and 4, or it may be
inflated through a valve (x) as shown in
Figure 1. Figure 4 shows my pillow in cross
section and it will be seen that it gradually
increases in thickness from the central por-
tion to the peripheral edges to form two con-
cave faces (9) and (10), which in addition
prevents both rolling of the pillow and the
head. I have found it expedient to form my
pillow of sponge rubber since the necessity
for inflation is thereby dispensed with and
it cannot be punctured, but kopak, or other
inherently resilient substance may be used if
desired. The pillow is light and is not in
the way, is buoyant, and comfortable, and
may be readily and easily manufactured.

An alternate or modified form is shown in

Figure 5 in which the pillow is supported from a bracketing device (11) which fits over the edge of the tub (*m*); webbing (12) being used to carry the pillow. This form is desirable for use as a bath tub accessory, and will drain itself and can be readily kept clean.

In operation my device is simply pulled on over the head of the wearer, the cap keeping the hair dry and the pillow supporting the head and neck when the wearer is in a reclined position. While in the foregoing there has been illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification such combination and arrangement of elements as constitute the preferred embodiments of my bath pillow, it is nevertheless desired to emphasize the fact that interpretation of the invention should only be conclusive when made in the light of the subjoined claims.

I claim:—

1. A resilient pillowing device for the head having a body portion and extensions thereon, said pillowing device being substantially U-shaped in plan view and increasing in thickness from the central portion thereof to the peripheral edges.

2. A resilient pillowing device for the head having a relatively enlarged body portion to support the lower part of the head and neck, and spaced extensions thereon rising above the body to support the head, said pillowing device being substantially U-shaped in plan view and having two opposite concave faces.

3. A resilient pillowing device for the head having a relatively enlarged body portion to support the lower part of the head and the neck, and spaced extensions thereon rising above the body to support the head, said pillowing device being substantially U-shaped in plan view and gradually increasing in thickness from the center outward toward the

peripheral edges, and having two opposite concave faces.

4. In combination with a head covering, a pillowing device for the head attached to the head covering and having a relatively enlarged body portion extending below the edge of the head covering to support the lower part of the head and the neck of the wearer, and spaced extensions thereon rising above the body toward the top of the head covering to support the head, said pillowing device being substantially U-shaped in plan view and gradually increasing in thickness from the center toward the peripheral edges to form two opposite concave faces, one substantially conforming to the shape of the head and head covering, and the other providing initial contact with a support at the peripheral edges of the device to prevent rolling.

5. In combination with a head covering, a pillowing device for the head attached to the head covering and having a body portion formed with a lower curved edge extending below the edge of the head covering to support the lower part of the head and the neck of the wearer, and spaced, substantially parallel extensions thereon rising above the body toward the top of the head covering to support the head, said pillowing device being substantially U-shaped in plan view and gradually increasing in thickness from the center toward the peripheral edges to form two opposite concave faces, one substantially conforming to the shape of the head and head covering, and the other providing initial contact with a support at the peripheral edges of the device to prevent rolling.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereunto.

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