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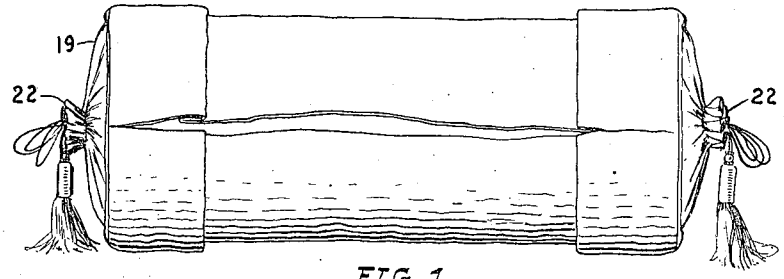


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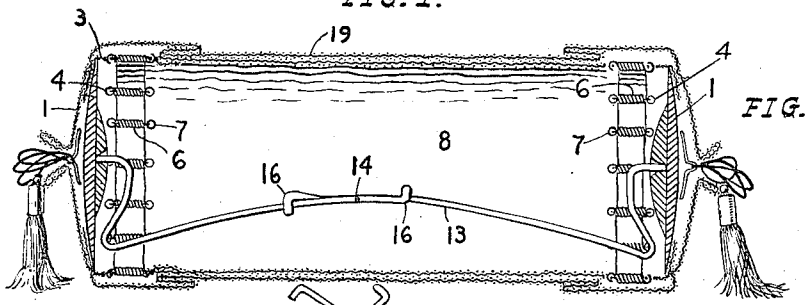


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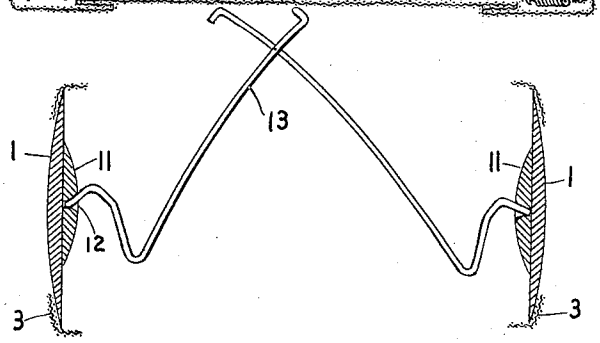


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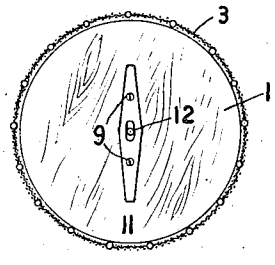


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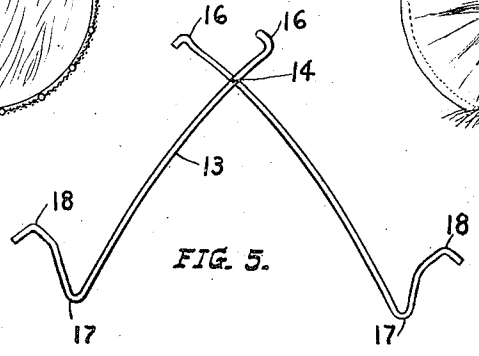


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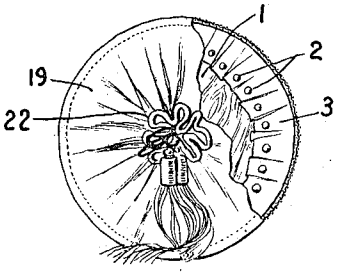


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, YASAVRO HARA, a subject of the Emperor of Japan, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Collapsible Pillows, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide a pillow which can be collapsed into a small compass.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a side view of the pillow; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section thereof; Fig. 3 is a broken longitudinal section of the pillow partly collapsed, certain parts being omitted; Fig. 4 is a cross section; Fig. 5 is a detail view of a spreader; Fig. 6 is an end view with the outer covering broken away.

Referring to the drawing, 1 indicates circular end boards, to the outer side of each of which is secured by tacks 2 a circular piece 3 of canvas or of like strong fabric. In the circular edge of said canvas piece, projecting beyond the edge of the adjacent end board, are secured eyelets 4, and to each eyelet is secured one end of a coiled spring 6, of which the other end is secured to an eyelet 7, said eyelets 7 being secured in an end of a piece of canvas 8 arranged in a cylindrical form and extending between the two end boards. Secured by screws 9 to the inner side of each end board is a cross bar 11 having in the center a socket 12. Between said end boards extends a spreader 13, which consists of two pieces of stout steel wire, pivoted together near one end of each piece, as shown at 14, each piece having its end nearer the pivot bent at right angles and curved to form an elbow 16 to receive the longer arm of the other piece and support the same when the pieces are in substantial alinement. The longer arm of each piece is bent at right angles, as shown at 17, and then again at right angles in a direction approximately parallel with the main portion of the piece, as shown at 18, the free end of the part 18 being received in the socket 12 of the adjacent cross bar 11.

Around the canvas casing of the pillow is secured an ornamental covering 19, gathered at the centers of its ends, as shown at 22.

The mode of use of the pillow will be obvious from the foregoing description. When it is desired to collapse the same the spreader is folded in the middle causing it to be collapsed and is removed through the slits in the canvas and outer covering. The ends of the pillow can then be placed together with the fabric between them. To extend the pillow for use, the ends of the longer arms of the spreader are placed in the sockets 12, and the two pieces of wire are pushed slightly past the line between the sockets, in which position said pieces are approximately in a straight line, but the spring of the metal holds the long arms of the spreader against the elbows 16 thereof.

I claim:—

A collapsible pillow comprising end boards each formed with a socket, a piece of fabric extending between the end boards and secured thereto, and the collapsible spreader comprising two metallic pieces pivoted together and each having an end adapted to be received in one of said sockets and also having an elbow at the other end adapted to support the other piece when said pieces extend in an approximately straight line.

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