

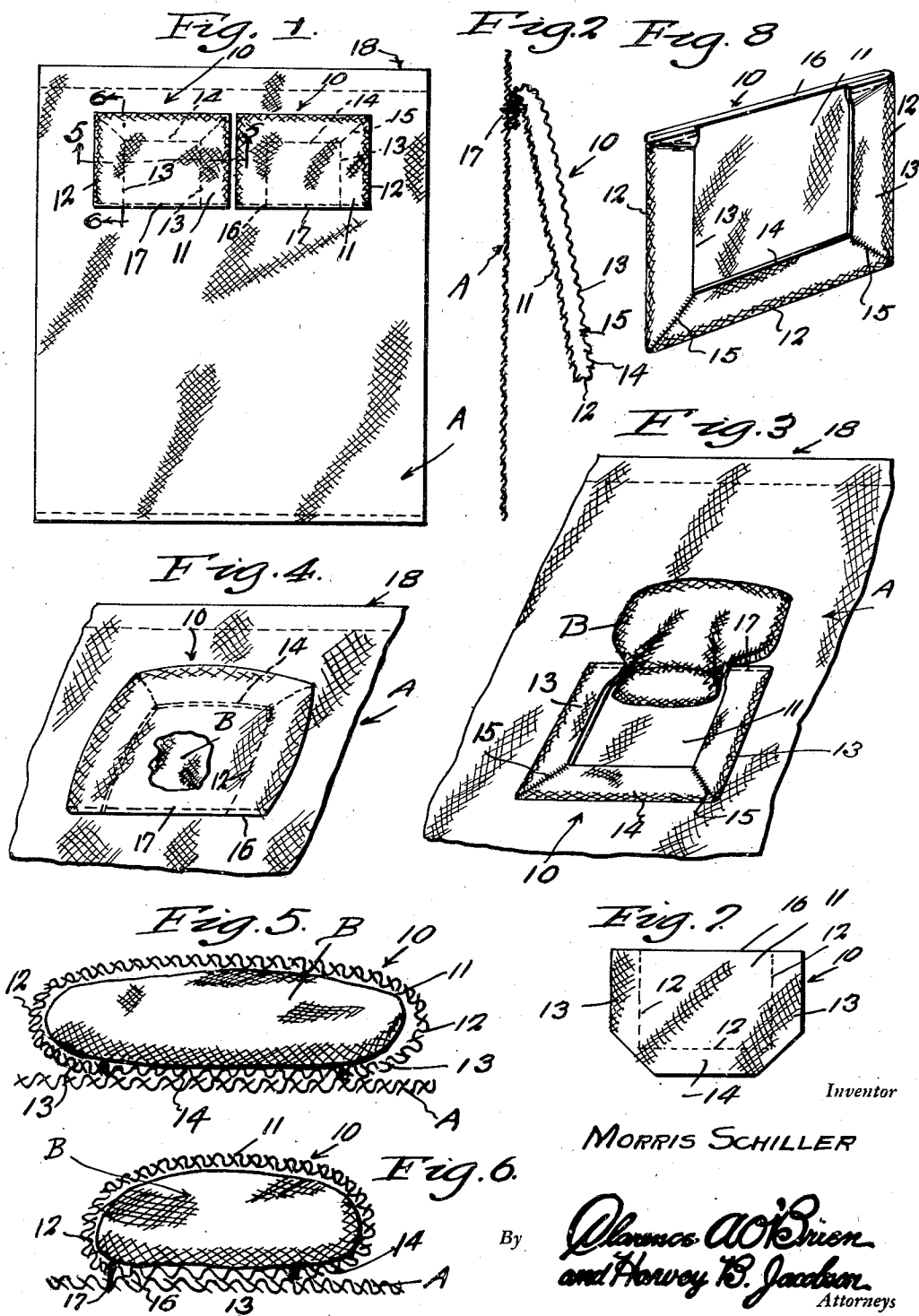
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The invention relates to a combination pillow holding envelope and bed sheet, and more especially to a bed sheet having two or more attached envelopes for accommodating sleeping pillows or other cushioning headrests.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a conventional bed sheet of this character, wherein pocket-like envelopes are unitary therewith so that regular pillows or other equivalent headrests can be inserted therein, and these pocketing envelopes forming pillow cases, thus providing a combined bed sheet and pillow cases.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a bed sheet of this character, wherein the pillows when within the envelopes or pockets can be removed therefrom without a struggle and the pillows or other fillers will be maintained in orderly relation to the bed sheet and will not get out of place when occupying a bed and assures a neat and pleasing covering for said bed.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a bed sheet of this character, wherein the same is economical in laundering, in that the sheet and the attached envelopes can be washed and ironed at one and the same time, and wherein, through the use of the improved combination sheet, the usual pillow cases, as separate units, are being entirely dispensed with.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a bed sheet of this character, which is simple in construction, thoroughly reliable and effective in its purpose, neat in appearance, enables a bed to be made up with ease and dispatch, assures economy in the laundering, and is inexpensive to manufacture.

More specifically, and briefly stated, novelty is predicated on a single, so-called patch-pocket in which three marginal edges of said pocket are returned and stitched to form the aforementioned envelope, the open or mouth portion of said envelope being stitched down on the sheet adjacent the usual head accommodation end, whereby to provide the desired hinging effect. There are two of these envelopes and they are arranged side by side and normally have their open sides facing the sheet, said open sides being turned down, as it were, to permit the pillow or other filler to be inserted, after which the thus stuffed envelope is returned to its normal righted position to function as the aforementioned pillow case. The envelope may be used singly or collectively, as desired.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be

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hereinafter more fully described in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which discloses the preferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved sheet constructed in accordance with the principles of my invention.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary sectional view showing one of the envelopes swung down to a position for insertion of a pillow (the latter not shown).

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective view showing a pillow partly inserted.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the pillow fully inserted and the pocketing envelope swung back to its usable position.

Figure 5 is an enlarged sectional view taken approximately on the line 5—5 of Figure 1 looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 6 is an enlarged sectional view taken at right angles approximately on the line 6—6 of Figure 1 looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 7 is a plan view of the blank for forming the pocket or envelope shown in Figure 1.

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the envelope per se, viewing it from its underside.

Referring now to the various views of the drawings in detail, and observing that like reference characters designate like parts throughout said views, it will be seen, in Figure 1, that the bed sheet, which is conventional, is denoted by the reference character A. The pillows, which are also conventional, are denoted by the reference characters B (see Figures 3, 4, 5 and 6), and the sheath-like pockets or envelopes for said pillows are denoted by the numerals 10. Each pocket is the same in construction and the description of one will suffice for both.

It is perhaps desirable to refer first to Figure 7 showing the pattern of cloth which is used in making the envelope-like pocket. This is a flat patch of bed-sheet material whose body portion is indicated at 11. The marginal edges are defined by fold lines shown dotted, as indicated at the points 12. There are three of these fold lines and they therefore define three marginal flaps, two end flaps 13 of duplicate construction, and one intervening so-called edge flap 14. The connective corners between the flaps 13 and 14 are obliquely cut off, so that by turning the flaps in, as seen in Figure 8, for example, said edges can then be stitched together, as indicated at the points 15. Thus, we have a simple patch (see

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Fig. 8) of material of rectangular form with these three marginal intumed stitched down flaps, and they, with said material, define the pocket or envelope. At the mouth end (see Figs. 2 and 3), the edge portion 16 of said envelope is stitched to the sheet, as indicated at 17 in the drawing. This provides a simple hinge connection between the open mouth of the pocket and permits said pocket to swing from the normal position seen in Fig. 1 to the pillow-receiving positions shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

As previously stated, these envelopes or pockets 10 are arranged in side-by-side relation to occupy the usual positions of pillow cases in relation to the sheet, that is, the upper end 18 of the sheet. By swinging the pockets down and away from the upper end of the sheet, they take the positions seen in Figures 2 and 3. In Figure 3, I illustrate the pillow B, other pad or filler, in the process of being inserted into the so-called open mouth of the envelope. Once the pillow is slipped in completely, the flaps then constitute retaining elements and hold it in place. Then the pillow-filled envelope is swung back to a normal useful position, which is shown in Figures 1, 4, 5, and 6.

It is obvious that in Figure 1 we see the envelopes flat. However, in preparing the enlarged Figures 5 and 6, I have included the pillows. It is advisable to explain this because Figure 1 is intended to show how flat the envelopes can fold against the body of the sheet to facilitate washing and ironing. When filled, that is, with the pillow in place, the envelopes take the more rounded and somewhat inflated appearance seen in Figures 4, 5 and 6.

The invention is simple in that it comprises a patch of material with marginal flaps defining an envelope, the envelope being stitched on the sheet and used singly or in pairs, or otherwise.

It is thought that persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates will be able to obtain a clear understanding of the invention after considering the description in connection with the

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drawings. Therefore, a more lengthy description is regarded as unnecessary.

Minor changes in the shape, size and arrangement of details coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to in actual practice, if desired.

What is claimed is:

In a combined sheet and permanently attached pillow case assemblage of the class described, in combination, a bed sheet of conventional form, and an empty pillow case open on one side, said pillow case characterized by a substantially rectangular patch of sheet material, three of the marginal edges of said patch being laterally turned inwardly toward each other and overlapped with the body portion of the patch and providing case defining flaps, the adjacent ends of the respective flaps being stitched together, the remaining marginal edge of said case being free of a flap, said remaining edge being stitched to the body portion of the sheet at a point spaced inwardly of the adjacent marginal edges of said sheet in order to hingedly connect the case to said sheet wholly within the confines of the sheet and with the open side of said case against the underlying sheet, whereby when the pillow is stuffed into said case, and is in use, it resides in direct contact with the underlying portion of the sheet.

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