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Fig. 1.

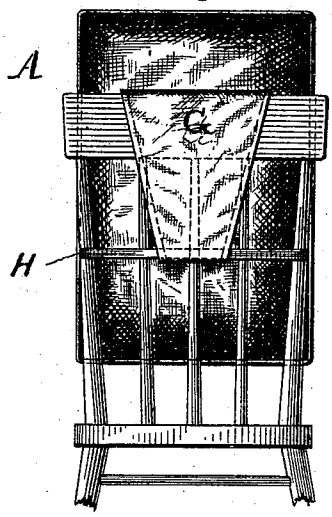


Fig. 2.

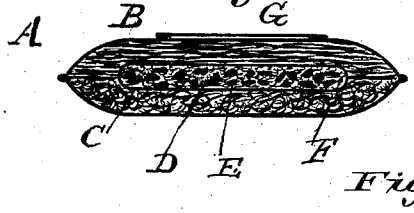


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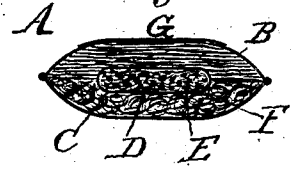
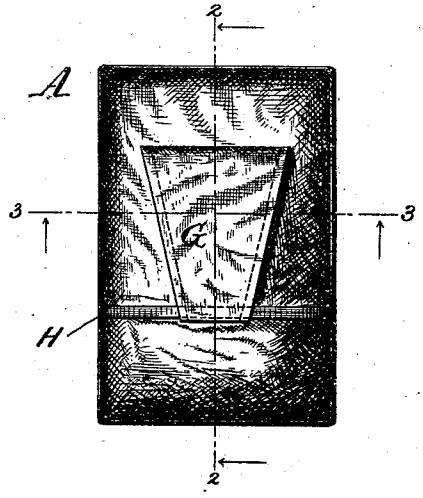


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH POITEVENT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Gainesville, in the county of Hancock and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillows, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in that class of pillows whose contents have a natural balsamic odor, produced either artificially by impregnating neutral material with balsam, fat-sap, crude pine-tar, and the like, or by the natural material itself, such as seed-pine straw, balsamic shavings, fat-sap-pine shavings, crude pine-tar, and the like. The purpose of pillows of this class is to operate beneficially upon the lungs, throat, or nasal organs of the persons using them. The inhalation of the balsamic odors given off by the contents of the pillow brings relief to the sleeper and invigorates and refreshes him. In designing a pillow of this character it has been my purpose to arrange the materials composing it in such manner as to retain their original distribution or location with respect to one another, even after long-continued use, and to confine the lumps or small pieces of crude sap or tar, which it is found desirable to employ, to the center of the pillow, thereby preventing them from rising to the top thereof, where they would cause discomfort to the user.

A further purpose of my invention is to so construct the pillow-casing that it may be readily attached, if desirable, to a chair.

Referring to the accompanying drawings illustrative of my invention, Figure 1 represents a rear view of my improved pillow as attached to a chair-back. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section of the same upon the line 2 2 of Fig. 4. Fig. 3 represents a cross-section thereof upon the line 3 3 of Fig. 4, and Fig. 4 represents a plan view of the under side of my improved pillow detached from the chair.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents the pillow-casing, of any desired material and shape.

The contents of the pillow are arranged as follows: An under layer of seed-pine straw, B, of convenient thickness, is first inserted in the pillow. Upon this is laid a bag of gauze, C, containing shavings, D, of fat-sap pine impregnated with crude pine-tar, and having interspersed among them lumps or nodules E of fat-sap taken from the yellow pitch-pine of the kind found in hilly sections of the country, where such pines come to maturity. A top layer, F, of balsamic shavings and fat-sap-pine shavings covers the bag C and constitutes the cushion intermediate between the lumps and the portion of the pillow upon which the head rests.

The material within the gauze bag contains the stronger or most potent elements of the pillow contents, and, by reason of being thus inclosed within the outer layers, the odor or aroma given off by such inner contents is less rapidly dissipated than if they were distributed generally throughout the body of the pillow. Their effects, moreover, upon the sleeper are of a milder and more gentle character than if they were located in closer proximity to the surface. My arrangement therefore secures a pillow which retains its original properties for a very considerable length of time, whose effects are mild and uniform, and which affords at the same time entire ease and comfort to the head resting upon it.

Upon the bottom side of the pillow I sew a flap, G, preferably of the shape illustrated in the figure, and the free end of this flap I connect with an elastic band, H, attached at each end to the pillow-casing. By means of this construction I am enabled to conveniently attach the pillow to a chair, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

I am aware that it is not new to construct mattresses with internal sacks filled with medicated substances surrounded by hair, wool, cotton, or other stuffing usually em-

ployed for mattresses. Neither is it new to provide ordinary air-bag head-rests and pillows with straps for securing them to the backs of seats. I therefore broadly disclaim such devices.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a pillow, of the broad back flap secured to the back of the pillow at one end and to a transverse elastic strap at the other end, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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