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FIG. 1.

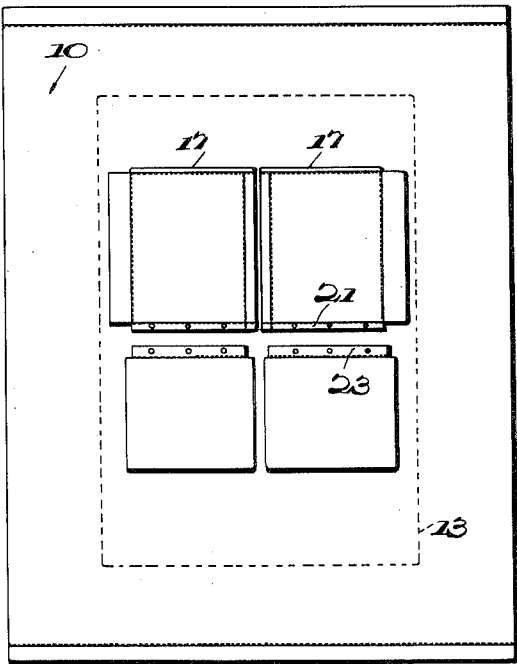


FIG. 2.

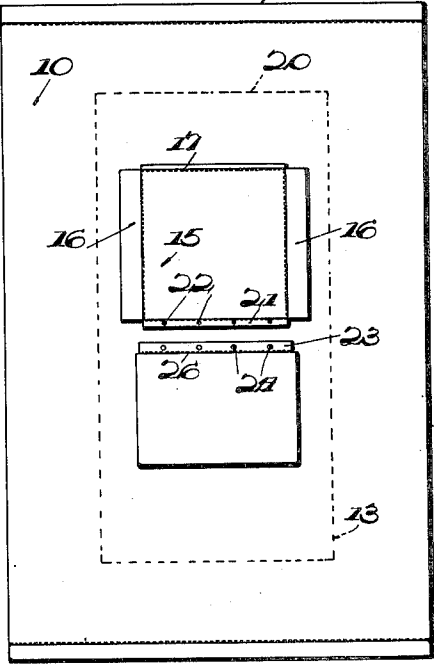


FIG. 3.

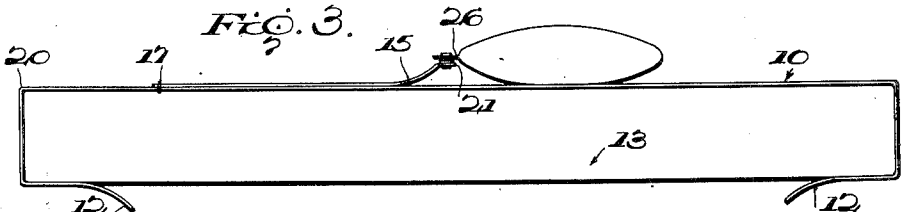


FIG. 4.

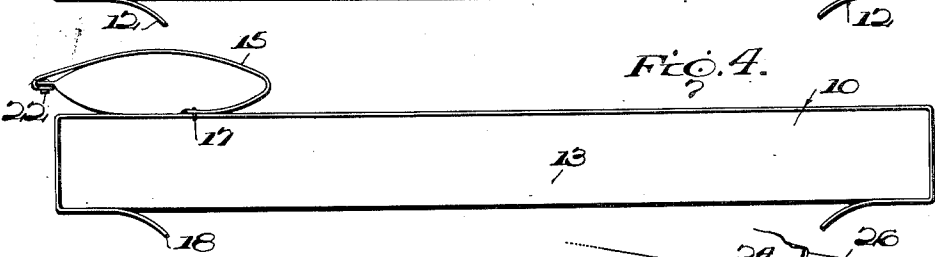
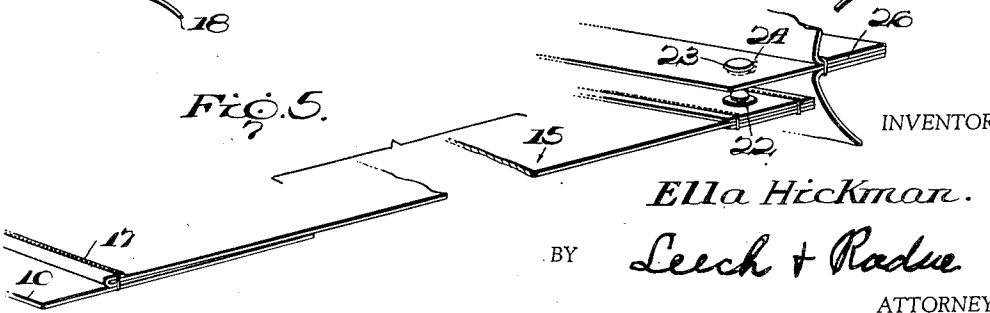


FIG. 5.



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This invention relates to bed linens, and particularly to combination sheet and pillow cover arrangements.

It is the general object of the present invention to provide a novel and improved sheet-pillow cover combination.

More particularly, it is an object of the invention to provide a combined sheet and pillow cover of the utmost simplicity in which the two parts are permanently secured together and each comprises only a flat rectangle of fabric contributing materially to the ease of laundering.

An important object of the invention resides in the provision of means for removably attaching one edge of the pillow to the free edge of the pillow cover whereby in the position of use the cover is maintained tightly stretched about the pillow to give it added buoyancy and fluffiness, better to support and relax the neck muscles.

A further object of the invention consists in the arrangement of the pillow cover and sheet whereby two pillows can be covered simultaneously by a single cover, if desired, by those wishing a higher support for the head.

An important feature of the invention resides in the provision of a tape containing fastening elements to be secured permanently to the seam edge of the pillow ticking and adapted for co-operation with complementary fastening elements on the lower or free edge of the pillow cover whereby the sheet, pillow cover and pillow are united for use and substantial relative movement is prevented during use.

Another important feature of the invention resides in the positioning of the upper or secured edge of the pillow cover to the sheet in such a location that when assembled a substantial portion of the under surface of the pillow is free from the sheet whereby those who prefer to sleep in such a manner may place their hands beneath it.

Other and further objects and features of the invention will be more apparent to those skilled in the art upon a consideration of the accompanying drawings and following specification, wherein are disclosed two exemplary embodiments of the invention, with the understanding that such changes and modifications may be made therein as fall within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In said drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a double bed sheet and dual pillow slip combination with the outline of a double bed mattress shown in dotted lines

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to indicate the mounting position of the pillow cases, the pillows being shown in position for attachment but not attached;

Fig. 2 is a view like Fig. 1 showing the sheet-pillow case combination for a twin size bed;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a mattress fitted with a sheet-pillow case combination with the pillow attached to pillow case in its initial assembling position;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but showing the pillow in its final position; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective and longitudinal sectional view through a combined sheet-pillow case showing a pillow in position for attachment.

Innovations in bed clothing have been suggested from time to time, but none seems to have supplanted the conventional individual lower sheet and separate envelope-like pillow cases in spite of major objections to these arrangements. The two separate units are an additional problem in laundering, and it is well recognized that much difficulty is experienced in introducing the pillow into the end of the pillow slip or casing. Most housewives resort to holding the upper end of the pillow in the teeth while endeavoring to apply the covering thereto. The undesirability of this practice is well recognized and in various places catering to the public the help is taught not to follow this practice, but it is nevertheless almost impossible to make the assembly without handling the pillow and pillow case unduly, especially if the desire of tight fit is achieved to give a smooth appearance and feel to the case.

In accordance with the present invention the sheet and pillow cover are united permanently at the time of manufacture so that both, which are flat rectangles of fabric, can be simultaneously laundered. It is thus impossible to make delivery of one without the other. The advantages of the new arrangement will be more apparent as its description proceeds.

Referring now to the drawing, it will be noted that Figs. 1 and 2 are substantially identical except that the first shows a sheet equipped with two pillow covers and intended for use with a double bed, while the second shows the same combination with but a single pillow cover intended for use on a single or twin size bed. The reference characters will be the same on both these figures and a description of one is believed to be adequate for both. In the drawings, the sheet 10 is conventional, and comprises a rectangle of suitable fabric having selvage edges

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and appropriate hems top and bottom. As seen in Figs. 3 and 4 the sheet is of sufficient length to have end portions 12 turned under the mattress 13 to anchor the sheet to the bed. Additional material is also provided at the edges for the same purpose. Figs. 1 and 2 show the mattresses in dotted lines beneath the sheets to illustrate comparative sizes and to show respective positions prior to use.

Each pillow cover according to this invention comprises a rectangle 15 of fabric, preferably identical to that of the sheet. The edges of the rectangle, which will be adjacent the ends of the pillow, are preferably provided with deep folded hems 16, as shown, to simulate in appearance as much as possible the effect of the conventional pillow cover. The overall length between the folded portions of the hems is preferably several inches greater than the equivalent length of the pillow whereby the hemmed ends fall together and hide the pillow ticking when the article is in use.

The upper edge of the pillow cover rectangle 15 is securely stitched to the sheet as shown at 17, but preferably only for the distance between the stitch lines forming the hems 16 whereby the latter are left free for the draped effect referred to before. This stitched line 17 may well be reinforced with the tape as seen in Fig. 5 to insure permanence and to prevent tearing of the sheet.

The pillow cover in the single-bed sheet shown in Fig. 2 is arranged centrally of the width thereof and approximately 27 inches from the upper edge 18 of the sheet although this will depend to some extent on the total overall sheet length, some persons preferring longer sheets than others for more secure tucking. In any event the distance from the seam 17 to what will be the upper edge of the mattress as seen at 20 (Fig. 2) should be of the order of one-half of the width of the pillow, i. e., its narrowest dimension, for a purpose which will later appear.

The lower or free edge 21 of the pillow cover is provided with a relatively narrow hem for the purpose of mounting a plurality of fastening elements 22 which preferably extend only to the end hems 16. These fasteners may be directly mounted in a tape stitched to the lower edge of the cover and may be of most any desired form. Ordinary buttons or buttonholes are satisfactory but the more modern so-called grippers or glove-type snaps are quite desirable. Even continuous fasteners of the zipper-type might be used. For use with these fasteners there is provided a relatively wide tape 23 having complementary fasteners 24 suitably positioned to cooperate with those on the free edge of the pillow cover. This tape is of sturdy woven material and is intended to be secured to the seamed long edge of the pillow ticking as at 26 by any suitable form of stitching. This tape may be fastened in the seam of the pillow as seen in Fig. 5 or may be attached on the outside when applied after the pillow is constructed. If the pillow is loosely packed the tape may be fastened some distance in from the edge by a seam which closes off part of the ticking of the pillow and encases the filling material more tightly.

When it is desired to use the combination unit just described the sheet is positioned on the bed in the customary manner with the pillow cover on the upper side and lying flat along the sheet as seen in Figs. 2 and 3. The complementary fasteners on the free edge of the pillow cover and on the pillow-mounted tape are secured to each

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other with the pillow positioned as seen in Fig. 3. The pillow is then rolled toward the head of the bed, after one-half of which it lies with its intended upper face against the now upper surface of the pillow cover. One further half-turn of the pillow toward the head of the bed brings the unit into the position illustrated in Fig. 4 where it will be seen that the attached edge 17 of the cover is nearly beneath the center of the pillow leaving space for the user's hands to be positioned beneath the pillow if that is the desired mode of sleeping. From this fastening line the cover is directed toward the foot of the bed, turns up about the lower edge of the pillow and is directed toward the head of the bed until it reaches the connection between the tape on the pillow and that on the upper edge of the pillow cover.

When in this position the pillow is slightly adjustable for position in accordance with the will of the sleeper and can be maintained in a position to keep the casing tight above it so as to eliminate any wrinkles whereby it stays smooth throughout the night and does not make lines in the sleeper's face. The pillow is kept tight, buoyant and fluffy and supports the head and relaxes the neck muscles. This is a great help for sinus, asthma and heart disease sufferers. The pillow while slightly movable cannot be materially displaced and when used for babies prevents suffocation due to misplacing of the pillow and covers. This relative permanence of position of the pillow is a big help in connection with old persons and the sick for the pillow stays in place because it is attached by means of its cover to the tightly stretched sheet. If the user desires a second pillow to raise his head further from the mattress it can be placed beneath the first or assembled with it as the whole device is being placed on the bed as previously described.

The pillow cover of the present invention uses less material than the conventional pillow slip and requires less attention and operations during laundering. Its desirability should be readily apparent from the above description.

I claim:

1. For use with a conventional pillow: the combination of a tape for permanent attachment to a longitudinal edge of a pillow and containing multiple fasteners spaced longitudinally along said tape to be exposed adjacent the pillow edge, a bed sheet, a rectangle of fabric, said rectangle having its longitudinal edges provided with hems and being of a width somewhat greater than the length of the pillow so as to cover the same, one edge of said rectangle between said hems being stitched permanently to the sheet parallel to its upper edge and spaced downwardly therefrom a distance such that when the sheet is positioned on a mattress the stitching will be below the upper edge of the mattress about one-half the width of the pillow and complementary multiple fasteners along the opposite edge of the rectangle between said hems removably attached to those on said tape, the length of the rectangle between the stitched down edge and the fasteners being of the order of one and one-half times the width of the pillow.

2. A combined sheet and pillow case for use with a conventional pillow having a row of fasteners along one longitudinal edge thereof, comprising in combination, a conventional bed sheet, a pillow case comprising a fabric rectangle having hemmed opposite edges spaced apart a distance greater than the length of the pillow, one

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edge of said rectangle between said hems being stitched to the sheet parallel to its upper edge and the opposite edge of said rectangle being fitted with complementary fasteners removably attached to those on the pillow, the length of the rectangle being such as to cover the top and substantially one-half of the bottom of the pillow, the junction seam of sheet and rectangle being spaced from the upper edge of the sheet by the normal amount of sheet turn under plus one-half the width of the pillow.

3. A combined sheet and pillow cover for use with a pillow having fasteners attached to one long edge, comprising in combination, a conventional bed sheet, a pillow cover consisting of a rectangle of fabric having one edge permanently secured to the sheet parallel to and below the top edge thereof, the opposite edge of said rectangle having complementary fastenings en-

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gaging those on the pillow, the remaining edges of the rectangle being finished and spaced apart a distance greater than the overall length of the pillow, the distance between the edge secured to the sheet and the fastener edge being of the order of three-quarters of the circumference of the pillow in the short direction.

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