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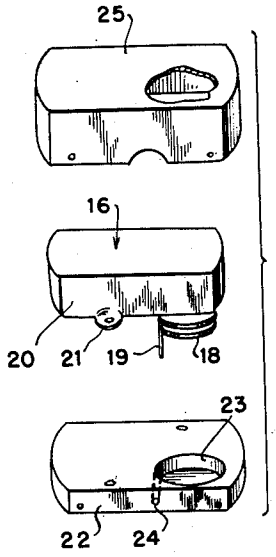


FIG. 1

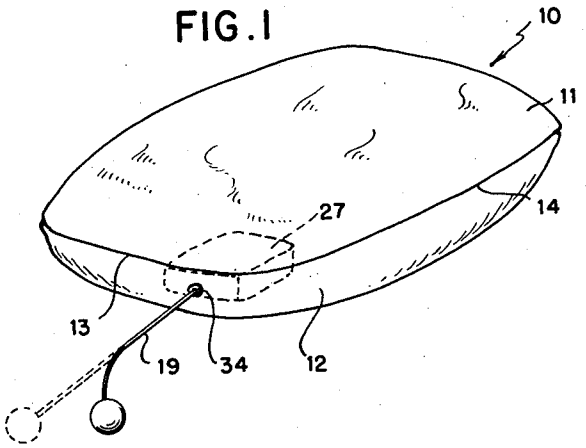
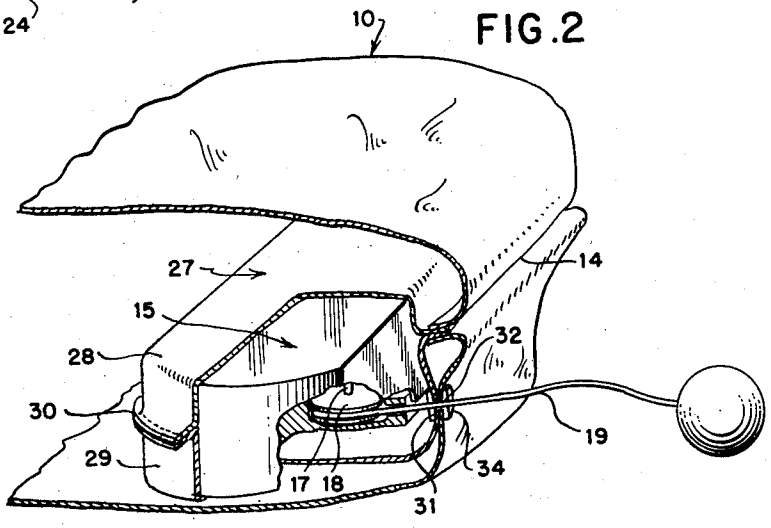


FIG. 2



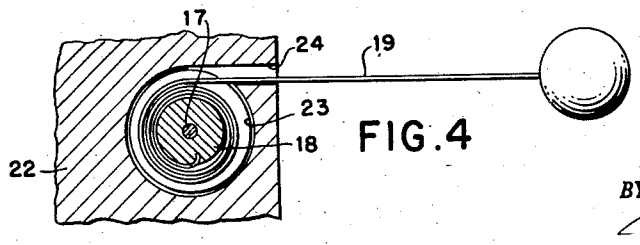


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The present invention relates to an article of bedding, particularly to a pillow, or the like, and especially to a child's pillow.

One of the more difficult tasks in taking care of infants and small children is frequently that of getting them to sleep. Most infants and smaller children, at certain stages and times, tend to resist going to sleep. The most usual manifestation of such resistance is refusal to keep the head down on the pillow and the persistence to sit up.

The present invention is directed to the provision of a child's pillow by means of which an infant or small child may be quickly and easily persuaded to place and keep its head on the pillow and thus reduce its resistance to going to sleep.

Generally stated, the invention contemplates the provision of a child's pillow, or the like, incorporating a music producing device, such as a music box, or the like, in its structure.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a child's pillow of the character described in which the music producing device is incorporated without interfering with its general and overall softness and resilience.

It is also an object of the present invention to provide a child's pillow of the character described in which the music producing device is retained in one place, without shifting.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a child's pillow, or the like, of the character described, in which the music producing device is retained in position for ready and convenient access by the child's attendant for easy operation thereof.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a child's pillow of the character described in which the pillow stuffing is not disturbed or permitted to escape through the access means to the music producing device.

It is a still further object of the present invention to provide a child's pillow, or the like, in which the music producing device does not detract from the appearance of the pillow nor interfere with its usefulness; which is strong, sturdy and durable; and which is relatively economical to produce.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages of the child's pillow, or the like, of the present invention will become more readily apparent to those skilled in the art from the embodiment thereof shown in the accompanying drawing and from the description following. It is to be understood, however, that such embodiment is shown by way of illustration only, to make the principles and practice of the invention more readily comprehensible, and without any intent of limiting the invention to the specific details therein shown.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a child's pillow embodying the present invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged, fragmentary perspective view, partly in section and partly in elevation, of the pillow shown in Fig. 1, clarifying structural details;

Fig. 3 is an exploded view of one type of a music box for use with a pillow of the present invention; and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary, enlarged sectional view, taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Generally stated, the invention consists in the provision with a pillow of a more or less conventional type, of an internally disposed sound or music producing device, generally described as a music box, with means extending exteriorly of the pillow casing whereby such music box may be wound by any one desiring so to do. Additionally, the invention resides in the arrangement of the music box in fixed position within the pillow and in a manner that its connection with the exterior will not create any leaks wherethrough the pillow stuffing, whether cotton, down, or the like, may escape.

Referring now more specifically to the illustrative embodiment of the invention shown in the accompanying drawing, the pillow, generally designated as **10**, the stuffing of which is not shown, comprises a generally elongated, approximately rectangular casing which may be formed of conventional ticking material or of a synthetic plastic or other flexible and pliable sheet material. The casing may be formed of a pair of sections or of a single folded over section of sheet material, forming a top wall, **11**, and a bottom wall, **12**, connected to one another along one or two sides by seams or seam **13**, and along its ends by seams **14**.

If desired, side and end walls may be interposed between the top and bottom walls, **11** and **12**, in a manner that will be readily understood and not thought necessary to be shown.

The music producing device or music box, generally designated as **15**, may be of a conventional type, consisting of the sound unit, **16**, including a winding shaft, **17**, a pulley, **18**, secured to the end of the shaft **17**, and a winding string, **19**, secured to the pulley **18**. The sound unit **16**, includes a housing, **20**, having lugs, **21**, extending laterally from its edges, by which it is secured to a relatively thick, preferably wooden base plate, **22**, having an opening, **23**, accommodatng and shielding the pulley **18**. A perforation, **24**, is formed in the base **22**, extending from the opening **23** to an edge thereof, through which the winding string **19** may be passed to the exterior of the music box for manual engagement. A cover **25**, preferably metallic, for the unit is also provided; such cover being attached to the side edges of the base **22**.

The music box, **10**, is disposed and held in a relatively snugly fitting bag or pocket, generally designated as **27**, which may also be formed of a number of sections of sheet material or fabric, including an upper and a lower section, **28** and **29**, respectively, secured to one another by lines of stitching, as **30**.

Openings **32** and **33**, of equal size and shape, are formed, respectively, in a preferably corresponding side or wall, preferably the bottom wall of the pillow casing and the music box pocket **27**, as **12** and **29**, respectively, each of such openings being at an approximately equal distance from an adjoining edge of such wall, A grommet or eyelet, **34**, connects and secures the pocket **27** to the pillow case by the edges of their respective openings **33** and **32**, at the same time reinforcing the edges of such openings and making a tight leak-proof connection between them and also providing an outlet to the exterior of the pillow for the string **19** by which the music box **10** is operated.

To further secure the pocket **27** and its enclosed music box **15** in place within the pillow case, the edges of sections **28** and **29** thereof, along one side, may be engaged between the edges of sections **11** and **12** of the casing, along one side thereof, when the latter are joined to be seamed, as at **13**, to form a common seam therewith.

In producing, the casing of the pillow **10** and the

pocket 27 may be separately formed and closed on three sides, leaving one side of each wholly or partly open. The pocket 27 may then be suitably positioned within the casing with the edges of their respective open sides in substantial register and the two connected by the grommet or eyelet 34, the openings 32 and 33 being formed simultaneously, as a result of such operation. The music box 15 may then be placed within the pocket 27, through its open end; the string 19 passed through the eyelet 34, and the open ends of the casing and pocket simultaneously sewn or otherwise connected into a common seam, as at 13. If desired, the pocket 27 may first be individually closed at its open end and the formed seam then caught in the seam 13, as the latter is formed.

This completes the description of the pillow or similar article of bedding for a child contemplated by the present invention. It may here be stated that the pillow casing of the invention to which the pocket 27 is secured may be the primary casing within which the stuffing of the pillow is directly packed, or it may be secondary casing which may be applied over the primary casing, formed of woven fabric or of plastic sheeting, whereby any previously formed pillow may be adapted and converted for the purposes of the present invention.

It will be apparent that numerous variations and modifications in the musical pillows of the present invention may be made by any one skilled in the art, in accordance with the principles of the invention hereinabove set forth and without the use of any inventive ingenuity. I desire, therefore, to be protected for any and all such variations and modifications that may be made within the spirit of the present invention and the scope of the claims hereto appended.

What I claim is:

1. A pillow or the like, comprising a casing formed of a sheet material and having at least one seam connecting edge portions thereof, a sound producing device, including a winding shaft, a pulley secured to said winding shaft and a winding string secured to said pulley, a pocket of sheet material fitted about said device within said casing, said pocket having an edge thereof engaged in said casing seam, registering openings formed in said pocket and said casing, the edges of said openings secured to one another to form a common opening through said pocket and said casing wherethrough said winding string may be passed to the exterior of said casing.

2. The pillow of claim 1, wherein said means for securing the edges of said registering openings to one another comprises an eyelet.

3. A pillow or the like, comprising a casing formed of sheet material and having at least one seam connecting edge portions thereof, a sound producing device, including a winding shaft, a pulley secured to said winding shaft and a winding string secured to said pulley, a pocket formed of sheet material fitted about said device and disposed within said casing, said pocket having juxtaposed edge portions along at least one side thereof, said edge portions engaged in said casing seam, and an eyelet securing a wall of said pocket to a wall of said casing and forming a common opening into said pocket wherethrough said winding string may be passed to the exterior of said casing.

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