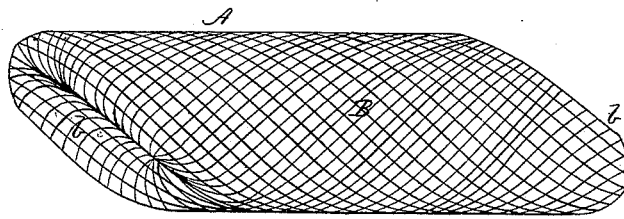


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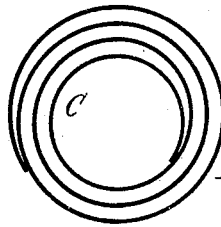
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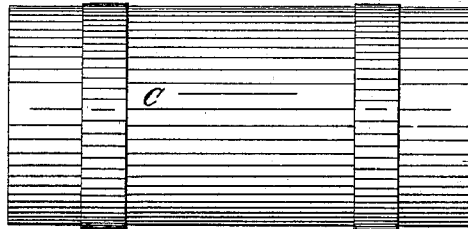
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*Fig 1.*



*Fig 2*



*Fig 3*

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## PILLOW.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY WESTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillows; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, Fig. 2 a cross-section, and Fig. 3 a top view, of my invention.

My invention has for its object to provide a pillow or cushion capable of being ventilated and not liable to become heated or impregnated with perspiration or other exudations from the person.

My invention consists of a pillow or cushion of wire-gauze or woven wire.

My invention consists, further, in certain details of construction and combination hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, A indicates a pillow composed of wire-gauze or woven wire. It may be formed by uniting the edges of two sheets of wire-gauze of suitable shape. Preferably it is constructed in the form of a flattened cylinder or ovaliform tube, B, with introverted ends *b b*.

To impart additional resiliency a filling or re-enforce, C, composed of a roll or tube of the same material as the pillow itself, may be inserted in the latter and held in position by any suitable means. Where the pillow is made as shown its introverted ends will prevent the filling from falling out by accident.

The pillow is designed to be covered by a slip or other envelope of cotton, linen, or other textile material, which may be removed whenever desired for cleaning or laundering.

Instead of a filling, C, spiral or other metallic springs may be inserted in the pillow or incorporated with the body of the latter in any suitable manner to add strength and elasticity to the latter and to cause it to assume its normal shape when relieved of pressure or impact.

The pillow, it will be noted, is a portable device like an ordinary pillow, and has two sides, an upper and lower, so that it can be reversed or turned over, and when laid upon a flat surface, such as a mattress, furnishes an elevated support for the head, capable of being moved or adjusted to suit the comfort of the user.

Being open throughout by reason of the interstices in the material of which it is composed, it is at all times thoroughly ventilated and incapable of being heated or saturated with animal excretions, like a pillow stuffed with feathers, hair, or other organic or vegetable substance.

The pillow thus has excellent sanitary as well as sumptuary advantages, and will be found not only to promote the comfort of the weary, but to contribute to the improvement of fever-stricken patients by affording cool support to their heads.

The body of the pillow or the cushion may be composed of a single thickness or two or more thicknesses.

The filler may be arranged either lengthwise or crosswise of the pillow or cushion and consist either of a single piece or two or more pieces.

The pillow or cushion may be constructed by first producing a bag of wire-gauze or woven wire and then introverting one or both ends thereof.

The invention includes, of course, a bolster as well as a pillow, and my claim is intended to extend to the former the same as to the latter.

What I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a pillow or cushion composed of wire-gauze or woven wire constructed substantially as described, and comprising a flattened cylinder or tube of ovaliform shape, substantially as shown and described.

2. A portable pillow or cushion having two sides, an upper and lower side and ends, all composed of wire-gauze or woven wire, substantially as shown and described.

3. A pillow or cushion consisting of a cylinder, roll, or tube of wire-gauze or woven wire having introverted ends, substantially as shown and described.

4. A wire-gauze or woven-wire pillow or cushion, in combination with an inserted or internal cylinder or roll of the same material, constituting a stiffener or resilient re-enforce, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of June, 1882.

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