

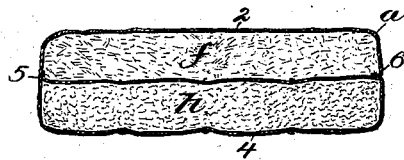
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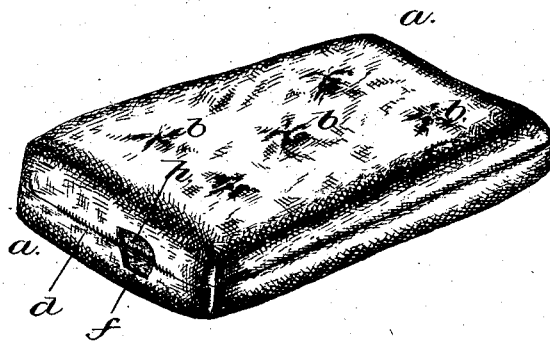
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## PILLOW.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WASHINGTON HUSE, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Pillows, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention has for its object the production of a pillow which will contain all the advantages of a hair and of a feather pillow, and yet be better than either. Large pillows, such as now commonly made of feathers, besides being quite expensive, are objectionable because they are too soft and yield too much to the head or person, thus making such pillows very heating, so that, especially in warm weather, or when used for the comfort of the sick, their warmth is uncomfortable and objectionable. Some people, because of the heat resulting from feather pillows of sufficient size and softness to be desirable, resort to the use of hair pillows; but the hair is objected to because it is too hard.

In my experiments to produce a pillow which would yield sufficiently to the head or person, thus obviating the objectionable hardness of hair, and yet be not as soft and heating as feathers, I ascertained that by making one-half of the pillow of hair and the other half of feathers, I could secure the desired object.

In the production of my invention I first form a tick or case with two pockets separated by a fibrous partition. I fill one pocket with hair, and secure the hair in the pocket at intervals by stitches or cords, as usual when upholstering a hair mattress, and I then fill the second pocket with feathers, closing the ends of the tick or case to keep the hair and feathers in place. If the cooler hair side is placed uppermost, the hair will have a soft foundation, which will prevent the hair matting together or becoming solidified, as is now common with hair pillows and mattresses, and the layer of hair resting on feathers makes a bed much softer than hair alone, and cooler than feathers. If the feather side be turned

uppermost, the thickness of the feathers will not be so great as to permit the head or person to sink into the feathers, as when a large feather pillow or bed is employed. The hair serves as a support for the feather portion, and yields less than would the feathers.

Figure 1 represents in cross-section a pillow composed of hair and feathers in separate pockets; and Fig. 2 shows in perspective one of my improved pillows, the hair side being uppermost, one end being broken out to show its interior construction.

The ticking or other cloth, *a*, to form the case for the pillow is folded upon itself so as to form three layers, 2 3 4, and the ends of the cloth are united to the body transversely, as at 5 6, preferably by sewing-machine stitches. The layer 3 forms the dividing-wall between the two pockets, one of which contains hair, as shown at *h*, and the other feathers, as shown at *f*. The hair will preferably be stitched, or tied, or tufted at *b*, as commonly done in the manufacture of hair mattresses, and the mouth of the tick or case will be closed, as at *d*, Fig. 2. The interposition of the hair above the feathers prevents the feathers from spreading as much as when the body comes directly in contact with the feathers.

A pillow made as described will cost less than a good feather pillow of the same size, and will be far better for all uses and more agreeable than feathers or hair alone.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, the tick or case divided by a partition, 3, into two pockets, both of which are permanently filled, one with feathers, as at *f*, and the other with hair, as at *h*, all substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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