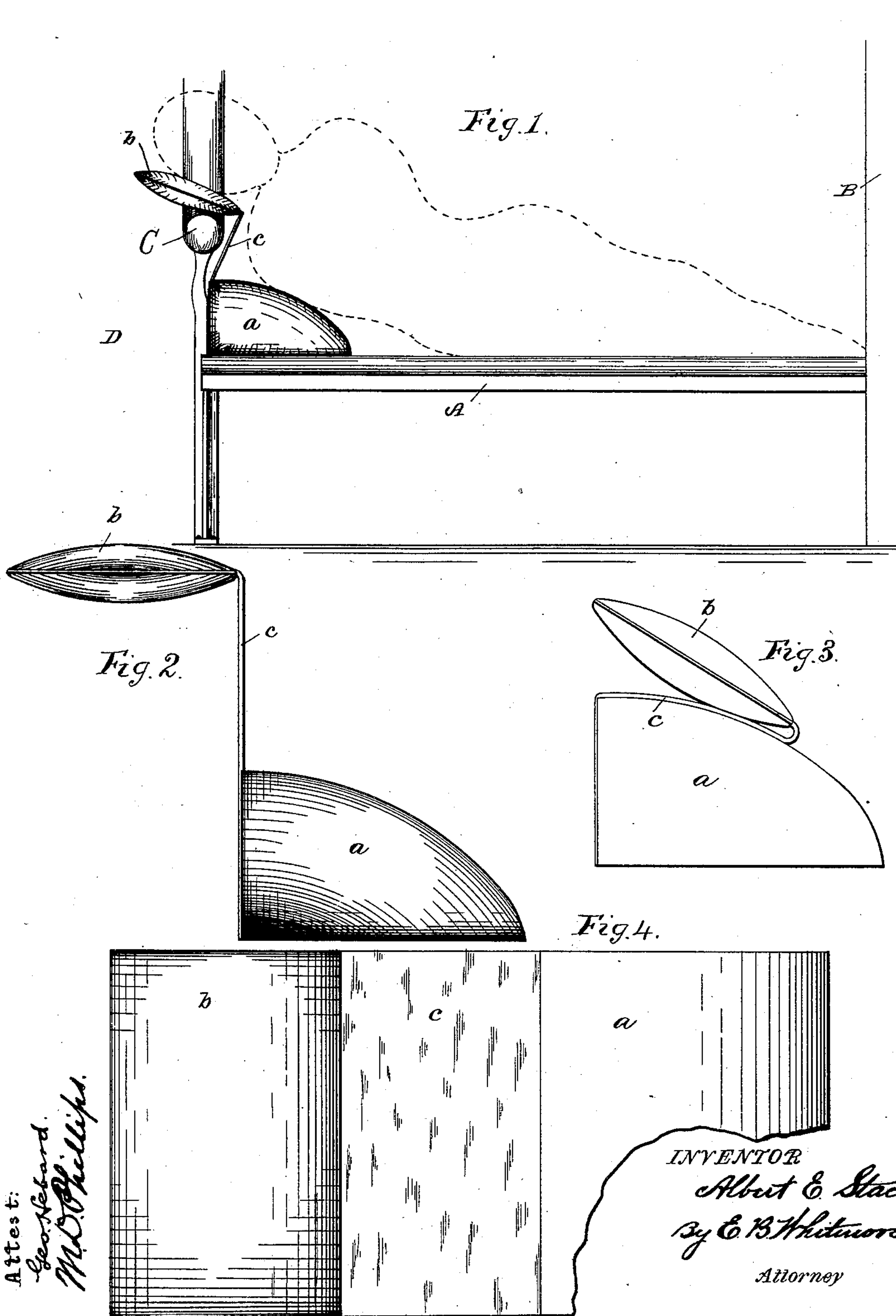


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. STACE, of Greece, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Shoulder-Rest and Pillow, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and shown in the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to produce a device forming a convenient shoulder-rest and pillow especially adapted for the use of travelers upon railway-cars, the invention being hereinafter fully described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a seat of a railway-car with my invention in place; Fig. 2, a view of the device drawn to a larger scale; Fig. 3, the device folded; and Fig. 4, a plan view of the device when spread out, a part being broken away.

Referring to the parts shown in the drawings, A represents a seat of common construction, like those, for instance, in an ordinary railway-car, B being the side or wall of the car, C the seat-arm, and D the aisle.

My improved shoulder-rest and pillow consists of a cushion *a* and a smaller part or pillow *b*, joined by a flexible strip or web *c*.

The shoulder-rest *a* when in use is placed in the corner of the seat A of the car, at the end thereof and against the arm C, as shown in Fig. 1, the pillow *b* lying upon the arm of the seat to comfortably support the head of the traveler.

The connecting-web *c* for the cushion and pillow forms a curtain or partition and affords protection and comfort to the occupant of the seat by preventing currents of air from passing through the arm or head of the seat and encountering his shoulder and neck.

Should this device be used by a child or youth, the pillow *b* may be folded down upon the cushion *a*, as shown in Fig. 3, the width of the thin web or sheet *c* admitting of this

manner of folding the parts without turning the pillow over. The upper surface of the cushion is inclined, as shown, giving to the cushion a wedge shape when viewed at the end.

This device may also be similarly used at the opposite end of the seat, if desired, the pillow part *b* resting upon or against the casing of the window.

The parts *a* and *b* may be made of any suitable material, as velvet, plush, &c., and stuffed or filled in the ordinary manner and to suit the taste.

The connecting-web *c* may be made of any fabric and preferably without filling, or it may consist simply of two or more straps or bands; but I prefer to have it a continuous web and without openings, so as to screen the shoulders of the occupant from currents of air that are liable to pass through the openings in the arm of the seat. The web, which is flexible, is preferably joined to the edge of the pillow and to the side of the cushion, but may be joined to other parts of each.

This device is equally well adapted to be used upon the arms of settees or other seats or benches in offices, waiting-rooms, or other apartments of buildings, and may be closely folded, as shown in Fig. 3, and put away when not in use.

What I claim as my invention is—

A new article of manufacture, consisting of a cushion for the shoulder adapted to be used at the end of a car-seat, connected by a web to a pillow for the head, to be used on a plane above the car-seat, substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of November, 1889, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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