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Mask for Medical Purposes.

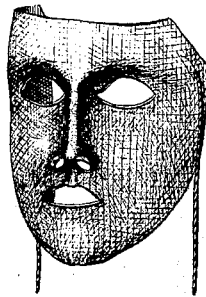
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Fig 1.



Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MASKS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, HELEN M. ROWLEY, of Van Wert, in the county of Van Wert, Ohio, have invented a Mask for Medical Purposes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and correct description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the mask applied to the face, and Fig. 2 is a separate view of the mask.

My invention consists in the application, as a medical agent, to the face of a person suffering with certain forms of disease, or afflicted with a bad complexion, of a mask made of flexible india-rubber, either for the purpose of exciting perspiration with a view to soften and clarify the skin by relieving the pores and the superficial circulation, or for the purpose of applying and confining unguents or other medical preparations to the skin of the face for the palliation or cure of cutaneous eruptions, blotches, pimples, or other similar complexional defects.

My invention is peculiarly adapted to the needs of ladies who desire to improve their complexion; and I contemplate its being worn during the hours of sleep.

For freckles or fugitive discolorations, and for clogged pores and capillary congestion, the perspiration excited by covering the face with a medium which prevents the escape by evaporation of the cutaneous transpiration, acts as a bleaching agent, and to relieve the loaded pores and congested capillary vessels. But for affections requiring specific remedies the medical agent adapted to the particular ailment may be applied in the shape of an ointment or plastic preparation spread upon the interior surface of the mask. The mask should be made so flexible as to apply itself readily and closely to the face of the wearer.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a mask made throughout of flexible india-rubber, for the purpose of being applied to the face, as and for the purposes specified.

The above specification of my said invention signed and witnessed at Van Wert this 28th day of March, A. D. 1874.

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