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Face-Canopy.

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Fig. 1.

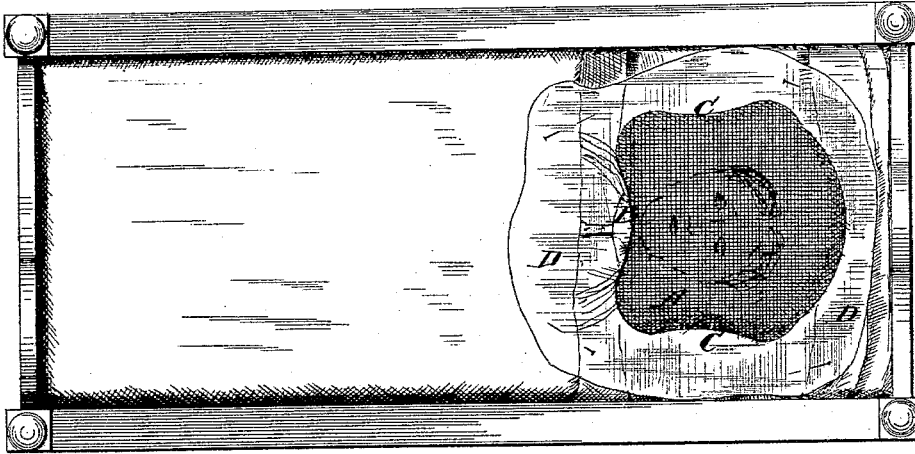
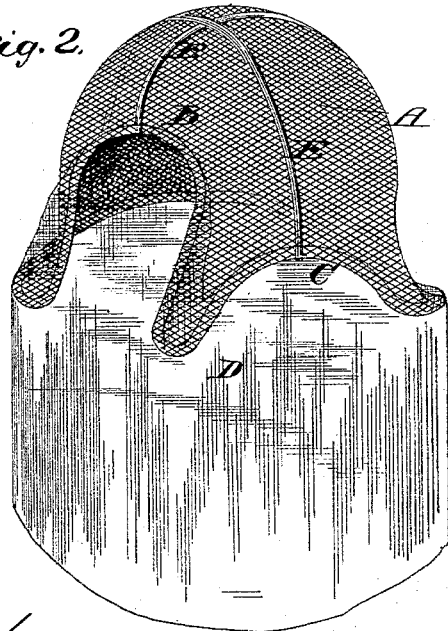


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FACE-CANOPIES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN BOURKE, of Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Face-Canopies; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents, in plan view, a person reclining upon a crib or bed and having in use my face-canopy; and Fig. 2 is a view, in perspective, of the canopy detached.

My invention consists in an improved canopy to protect the face and head of a reclining or sleeping person from mosquitoes, flies, and other flying insects; and its construction will be understood from the following description, and will be fully pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, A represents the canopy, which is made from a single sheet of wire-gauze, by stamping or otherwise, to give the proper shape. B is the space or yoke provided for the purpose of closely fitting about the neck of the person, and the edge of the gauze at this front curve is strengthened and finished by the insertion of a border-wire, which wire extends entirely around the lower edge of the canopy, giving it additional strength to retain its shape, and making a finish for the edge of the gauze. A curve or space, C, is

formed on each side of the canopy to fit closely over the pillow.

To the border-wire is attached a curtain, D, which effectually closes any opening which might be left under the edges of the canopy, and thus prevents the admittance of flies, &c., by such opening. This curtain may be pinned to the pillow or bed-clothing, as represented in Fig. 1, to more firmly secure the canopy in place; but this is not deemed absolutely necessary.

If desired, the canopy may be strengthened by bars or ribs E; but the wire-gauze being stiff enough to hold its position alone, these bars or ribs are not necessary.

I am aware that face-canopies are not new, and therefore I do not broadly claim such a device; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A face-canopy, substantially as described, made of a sheet of wire-gauze, strengthened and finished at the edges by a border-wire, and provided with the yokes or curves B and C, to fit, respectively, the neck of the person using the canopy, and the pillow upon which the person is resting, as shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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