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Mask.

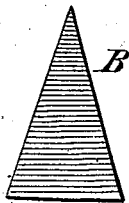
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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MASKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON WEIDMANN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Mask, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved mask; and Fig. 2 is a detail view, showing a modified form of opening for the nose.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved mask or false face, by which the free breathing through the nostrils is permitted, and which is more comfortable in wear on account of its lightness and flexibility. The mask may be furthermore manufactured and sold at a low price, and packed and shipped with great convenience.

The invention consists of a mask made of paper or other flexible or yielding material, and printed in one or more colors, and shaded in such a manner that when worn and accommodated to the shape of the face it will have the appearance of the masks generally in use, it being furthermore cut with openings for the nose and for the eyes.

The masks hitherto manufactured are formed so as to correspond to the general configuration of the face by being pressed into molds. They are then colored or finished in appropriate manner. The dies, presses, and materials employed in the manufacture of these masks are expensive.

My invention does away altogether with the use of dies, &c., and furnishes a cheaper and lighter mask, which, when worn, is just as effective and grotesque as most masks at present in use.

Referring to the drawings, M represents a mask, which is made of a flat piece of paper, or of other suitable flexible or yielding material, that is preferably backed for greater

strength by a layer of muslin or other fabric. The paper is cut in the proper shape and printed in colors of different shades, in such a manner, in imitation of a human or other face, that the mask, when put on and accommodated to the shape of the face, will have nearly the same appearance as the molded masks at present in use.

An opening, A, is cut out of the middle portion of the mask, and two smaller openings, one at each side of the central opening, are cut out, in addition, for the eyes. The central opening admits the protruding of the nose, and may be of triangular shape, as indicated by the letter B in Fig. 2, or of other shape, as desired.

The colors and shades in which the masks are printed have to be laid on with special reference to the plastic effect to be produced when the mask is worn. The masks thus made are light and flexible, admit the free breathing through the nostrils, and are therefore more comfortable to the wearer, so as to provide for many purposes a cheaper and just as effective mask as the more expensive ones now in general use.

I am aware that masks are commonly made by children for their amusement, which masks are formed of flexible material and provided with holes for the eyes, nose, and mouth, and I lay, therefore, no claim to the same.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to be protected in by Letters Patent, is—

A mask made of a flat sheet of flexible material, properly shaded in imitation of a human or other face, and provided with a central opening for the nose, and with side openings for the eyes, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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