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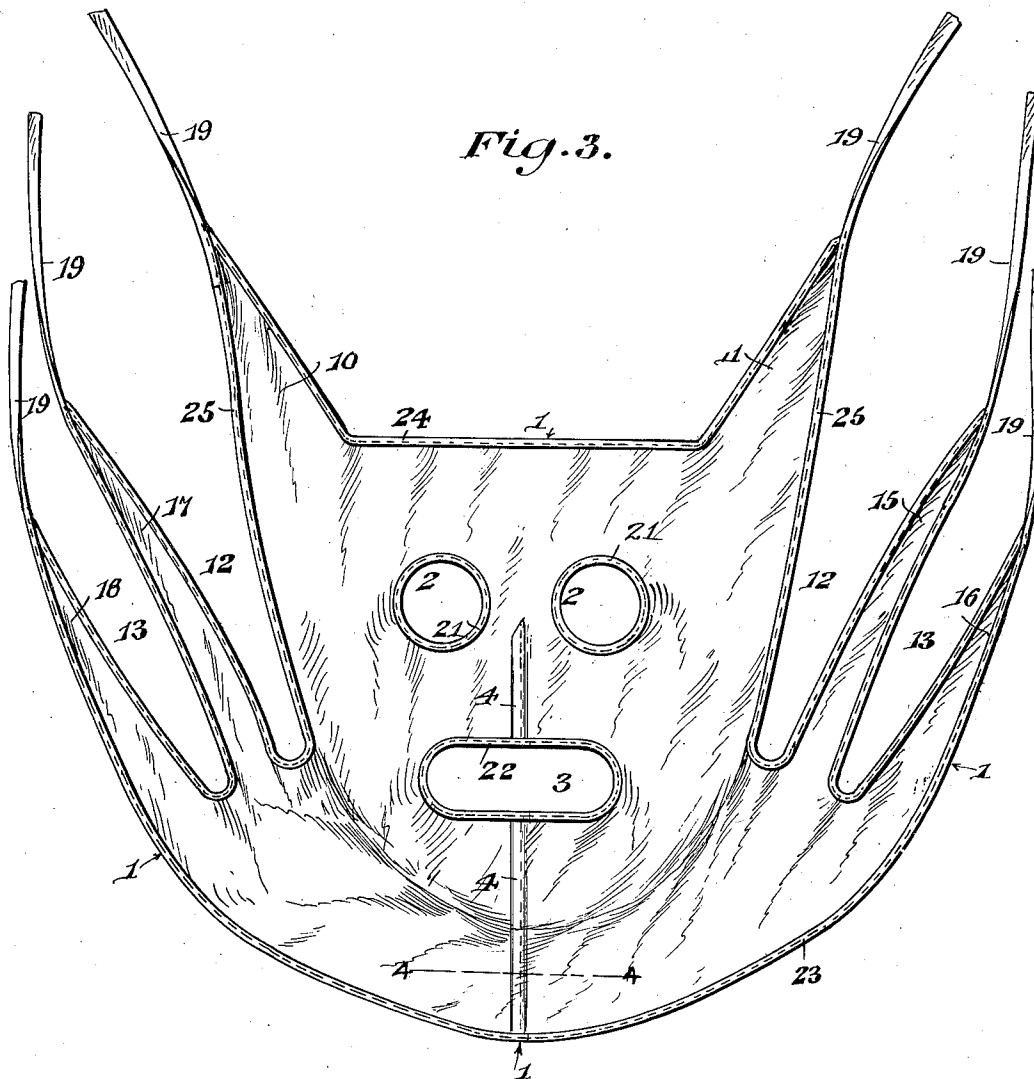


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Fig. 1.

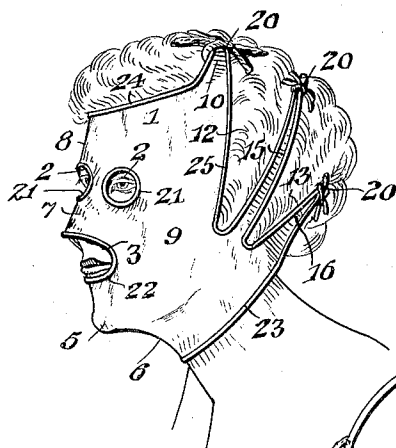
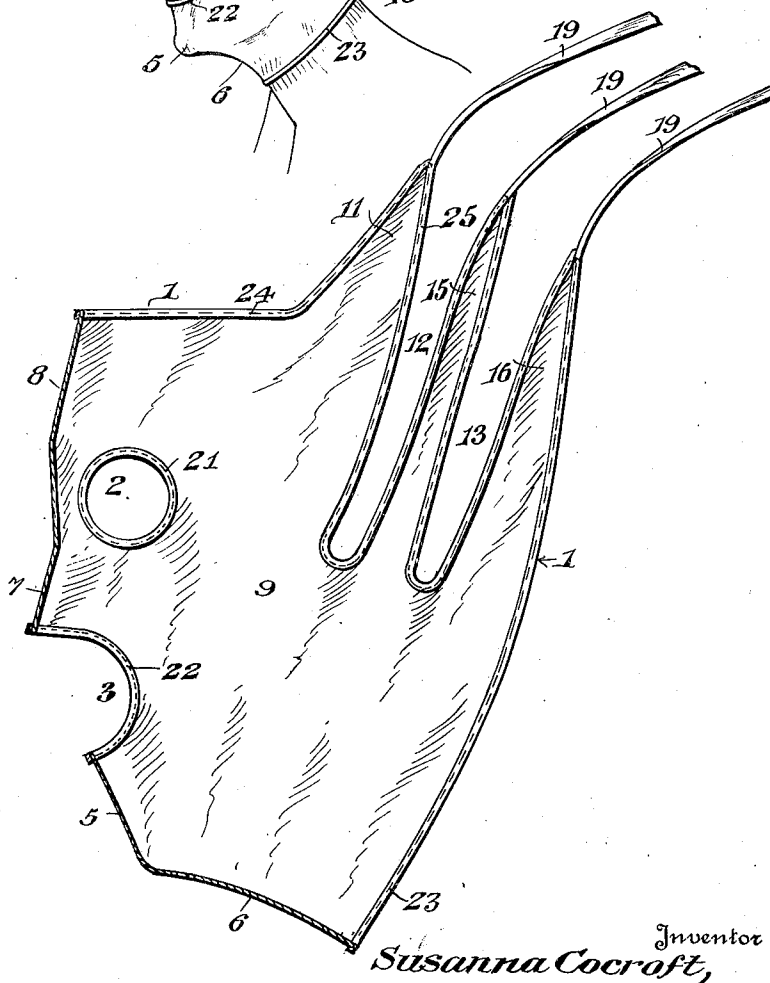


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a face mask, for use in the treatment of the face and has for its object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a face mask which when used will materially assist to restore and retain the delicate contour of the neck and chin and hold such contour after the skin has been stimulated by a suitable tissue tonic as well as providing means for materially enhancing the tone of the skin of the face and neck.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a face mask, of a soft silk like material acting, when used, to set up a slight friction when coming in contact with the face over night. This slight friction prevents the clogging of the pores, at the same time the material of the mask retains sufficient tonic to constantly feed the pores during the night, and further to keep the skin soft and elastic.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a mask, when used, to prevent the muscles of the face from sagging. When the muscles of the face begin to sag, they drag the face down and form pouches at either side of the chin. By holding up the muscles for a few hours during the day, or while one rests at night, this sagging tendency is relieved and the mask is of particular value to the muscles and tissues about the eye, which take on a drawn expression when the muscles of the face lose sufficient tone to support themselves. A face mask in accordance with this invention, when used, prevents the muscles of the face from sagging, overcome the drawn expression referred to and provide means whereby the eyes are rested materially as a result of the relaxation of the tension of the muscles.

Further objects of the invention are to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a face mask, which is simple, in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, compact, thoroughly efficient and convenient in its use, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more specifically described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations, and modifications

can be resorted to, which fall within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1, shows in side elevation, the application to the face of a mask in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2, is a vertical sectional view of a face mask in accordance with this invention.

Figure 3, is a front elevation of a face mask in accordance with this invention.

Figure 4, is a section on line 4—4, Figure 3 upon an enlarged scale.

A face mask, in accordance with this invention, comprises a body portion, generally referred to by the reference character 1, and which is formed from porous, closely woven, smooth and thin textile fabric possessing an elastic characteristic. Preferably the body portion is made of soft silk of that type usually employed in the manufacture of silk gloves.

Spaced from the vertical median, at the center of the body portion 1, is a pair of circular openings 2 of substantial diameter. Spaced from and arranged below the openings 2, as well as, intersecting the vertical median at the center of the body portion, is a longitudinally extending oval shape mouth opening 3 of greater length than the diameter of either of the openings 2. When the mask is applied to the face, the openings 2 expose both eyes of the wearer, and the opening 3 exposes the nostrils and the mouth of the wearer, but said opening 3 furthermore allows of the wearer of the mask breathing through the nose without any inconvenience.

The body portion 1, centrally thereof, is slitted from its bottom edge to the lower edge of the opening 3 and said slitted portion is overlapped and secured together, as at 4, in a manner to provide a fullness to form a chin receiving pocket 5, as well as an inset neck covering part 6. The body portion 1 is also slitted from a point between the openings 2 to the upper edge of the opening 3 and the slitted part of the material is secured together in a manner to provide, an offset bridge piece 7 which extends across the nose. The body portion 1 further provides a combined forehead and temple enclosing part 8 and cheek enclosing parts 9.

Each end of the body portion 1, at the termini of the combined forehead and temple enclosing part, is extended thereby providing a tapered tongue, and which are indicated at 10 and 11. The body portion 1 at each end thereof is formed with a pair of substantially V-shaped cut-out portions 12—13, thereby forming at one end thereof a pair of tapered tongues 17 and 18. The tongues 15 and 17 are of greater length than the tongues 16 and 18 and the tongues 15 and 17 are interposed between the tongues 10, 11 and the tongues 16, 18 respectively.

The free end of each tongue 19, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 is extended to form flexible securing members or tie strings 19. The securing members of the tongues 11, 15 and 16 cooperated respectively with the securing members of the tongues 10, 17 and 18 for the purpose of securing the mask in applied position, as illustrated in Figure 1, and the associated securing members are tied or knotted together at 20.

The edge of each opening 2 is reinforced by a continuous binder 21. The edge of the opening 3 is reinforced by a continuous binder 22. The bottom edge of the body portion 1 is reinforced by a binder 23, the top edge by a binder 24, and each of the edges of a tongue by a binder 25. The binders 23, 24, 25 are formed from soft silk and enclose the edges referred to. If desired the securing members may form a continuation of the binders.

When the mask is applied and secured in position it encloses the face and neck with the exception of the eyes, the bridge of the nose, the upper lip and the mouth and is secured in position in the manner as shown in Figure 1. As the body portion is formed of soft textile material, such as silk it offers no inconvenience to the wearer when the mask is applied. When the mask is applied it lifts the facial muscles and prevents their sagging, it overcomes the clogging of the pores and will act to retain enough of the tonic to constantly feed the pores while being worn. The mask, when used, serves a double purpose, one of which is to allow the

tonic to feed the skin and the other of which is to allow the acid eliminated from the skin to bleach the latter. The mask furthermore, when used, prevents the sagging of the muscles and tissues about the eyes so that after the mask is removed, the face is not provided with a drawn expression, due to the fact that the mask provides for the relaxation of the tension of the muscles under such conditions materially resting the eyes.

It is thought that the many advantages of a face mask, in accordance with this invention and for the purpose set forth can be readily understood, but although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, yet it is to be understood that changes in the details of the construction can be had which fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:—

A face mask comprising a body portion consisting of a single piece of porous, closely woven, smooth, thin textile fabric possessing an elastic characteristic and formed with a chin receiving pocket, an inset neck covering part, a bridge piece providing a nose covering part, a covering part common to the forehead and temples and a pair of cheek covering parts, said body portion further including a pair of eye openings, an oval shaped opening common to the nose and mouth and separated from the eye openings by said bridge piece, a tongue extended respectively from each of said cheek and neck covering parts, a tongue extended from each end of said combined forehead and temples covering part, the tongues at each side of said body portion being spaced from each other, and binder means completely enclosing the edges of said openings, tongues, neck, cheeks and combined forehead and temples covering parts and extended from the tongues to provide means for independently connecting together the said neck parts, the said cheek parts and the said temple parts when the mask is worn.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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