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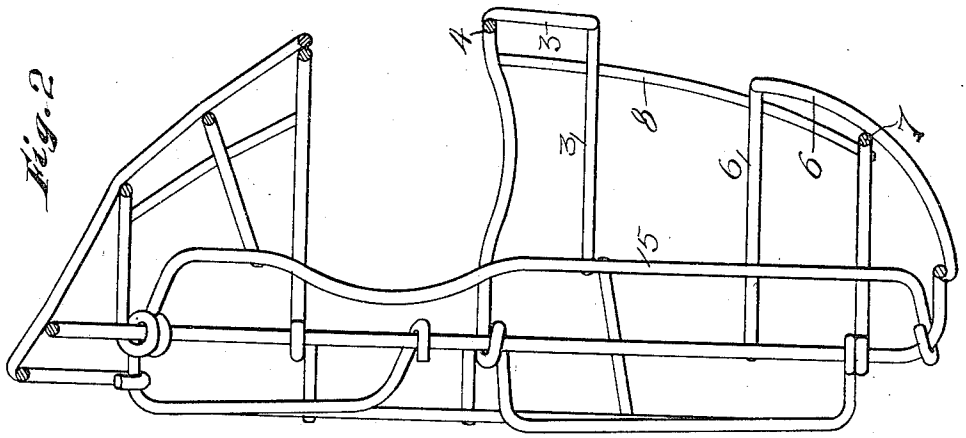
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Fig. 2.



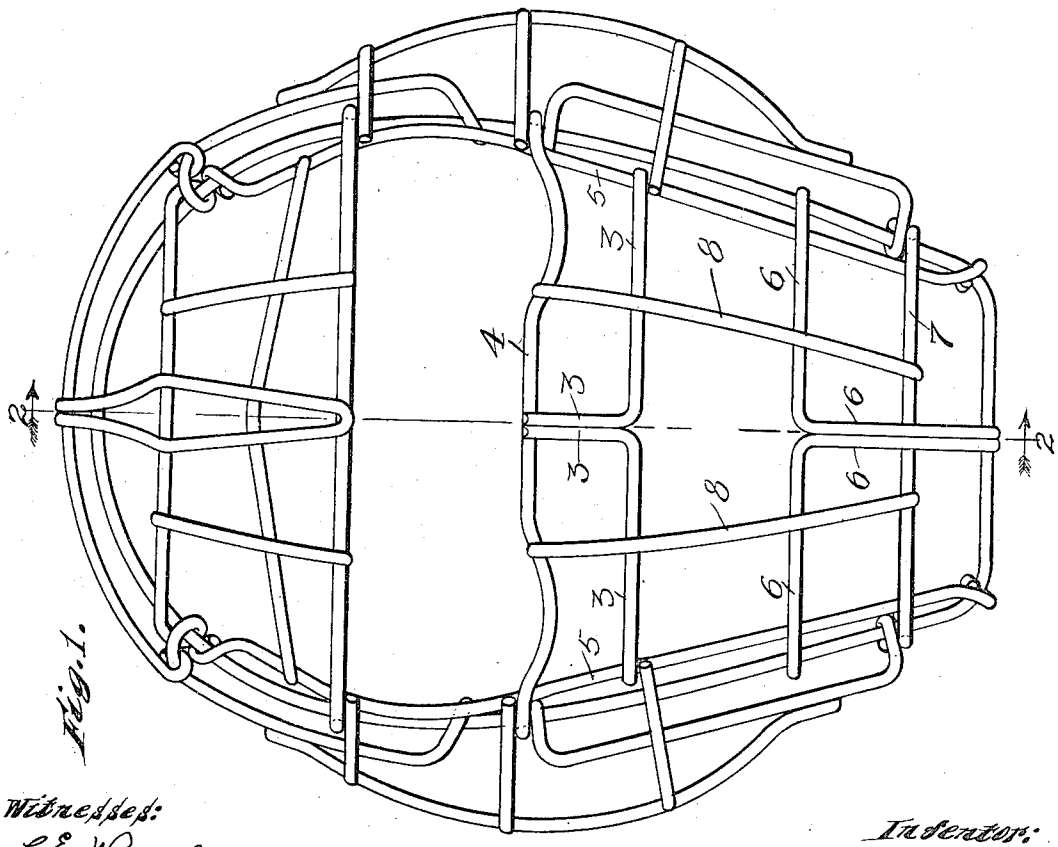


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS GOODMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the village of Melrose Park, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Base-Ball Masks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in base ball masks and has for its object the provision of an improved mask having improved means provided therein for permitting expectorations therethrough.

The invention consists in the combination and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a face view of a mask embodying my invention, and Fig. 2, a side view of the same.

The preferred form of construction as illustrated in the drawings comprises the usual wire frame and face protecting members united therewith, said face protecting members comprising the usual eye, side and chin wires employed in these constructions. Two wires 3 have their upper ends secured centrally and adjacent each other to the lower eye wire 4 and are extended downwardly therefrom closely adjacent each other for a short distance and then are separated and extended substantially horizontally to the side wire 5 of the mask. Likewise two similar wires 6 have their lower ends secured centrally and adjacent each other to the chin wire 7 of the mask and are thence extended upwardly adjacent each other and spread apart substantially horizontally and secured to the side wire 5 of the mask. A substantially vertical wire 8 but slightly inwardly and downwardly inclined is secured to the lower eye wire 4 a short distance at each side of the central wires and extended downwardly to the chin wires 7, such arrangement providing a smooth rectangular shaped opening for expectorating purposes and also avoiding the use of any detachable or easily broken parts at this point from which results a very strong and attractive appearing construction.

I claim as my invention:

1. A base ball mask composed of a main frame and face protecting members united therewith to form a protective frame for the face of the wearer, including eye wires providing open spaces for vision and a chin wire; two wires having their upper ends secured centrally and adjacent to each other to the lower eye wire extending thence downwardly and adjacent each other for a short distance thence extending substantially horizontally and secured to the corresponding sides of the mask; two wires secured centrally and adjacent each other to the chin wire of the mask extending thence upwardly adjacent each other for a short distance and spread apart substantially horizontally and secured to the side wire of the mask; and vertically extending reinforcing wires crossing said horizontally extending wires at each side of the center of the mask, substantially as described.

2. A base ball mask composed of a main frame and face protecting members united therewith to form a protective frame for the face of the wearer, including eye wires providing open spaces for vision and a chin wire; two wires having their upper ends secured centrally and adjacent to each other to the lower eye wire extending thence downwardly and adjacent each other for a short distance thence extending substantially horizontally and secured to the corresponding sides of the mask; two wires secured centrally and adjacent each other to the chin wire of the mask extending thence upwardly adjacent each other for a short distance and spread apart substantially horizontally and secured to the side wire of the mask; and a reinforcing wire secured at its upper end to the lower eye wire a short distance to each side of the center thereof extending thence downwardly and inwardly and secured to the chin wire, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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