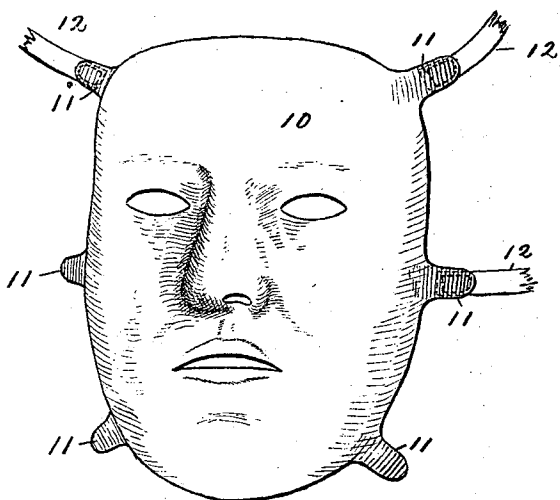


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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NETTIE E. JENKINS, of Auburn, in the county of Cayuga and State of New York, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Complexion-Masks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improved article of apparel especially adapted for beneficial  
10 treatment of the skin, and has for its object to construct a medicated mask or glove of purely vegetable substances, which when worn will tend to heal, purify, soften, and beautify the skin.

15 A further object of the invention is to construct the article of a compound possessing all the merits of rubber, of which material the majority of complexion-masks have been made, yet free from the numerous disadvantages attendant upon the use of such material.

Another object of the invention is to provide a means whereby tie-strings may be securely attached to a mask without causing inconvenience to the wearer.

25 The invention consists of a mask or suitable device made from a composite material; and the invention further consists in the composite material of which the said mask is made.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying  
30 drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which the figure represents a front elevation of a mask made in accordance with the invention.

The material from which the mask or gloves  
35 is made consists of the following ingredients, compounded in substantially the proportions specified, namely: sulphate of cinchonia, one-half ounce; salicylic acid, two drams; Turkey myrrh, one-half ounce; hydrastin, one-half  
40 dram; benzoic acid, one-half dram; caoutchouc, two pounds; sulphur, one and three-fourth ounce. The ingredients, with the exception of the caoutchouc, are thoroughly mixed and sifted over the caoutchouc by a  
45 milling process—for instance, while the latter material is being passed between heated rollers. The finished material is rolled in sheets of proper thickness, and from said sheets the mask or glove or other article is  
50 made. If in practice it is found desirable, a pigment may be added to the composition in sufficient quantities for imparting only a light tint.

In the construction of the mask 10, tabs 11

are formed integral with its sides, two tabs 55 being preferably located at the top of the mask, two at its center, and two at or near the lower end, as represented in the drawing. The tabs serve as a means for attaching the tie-strings or elastics 12 to the mask, and the said  
60 tie-strings or elastics are preferably sewed to the tabs, as illustrated, although they may be attached thereto by eyelets, rivets, or equivalent fastening devices.

By affixing to or forming the tabs upon the  
65 mask any roughened surface created by the attachment of the draw-strings or elastics is brought a considerable distance rearward upon the face, and is thereby less liable to be a source of annoyance to the wearer of the  
70 mask. A further advantage consists in the fact that the strings are not so liable to be torn away from the mask, thereby interfering with its usefulness.

Unlike other articles manufactured for a  
75 similar purpose, masks or gloves made in accordance with my formula are not only sudorific, but tonic and alterative, and the ingredients are so compounded and the articles so constructed that they are not decomposed  
80 and destroyed by the secretions from the skin, as all rubber goods must be. The masks and gloves above described are flexible, elastic, and durable, and the vegetable substances from which they are made can not possibly  
85 produce any injurious effect upon the skin.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As an improved article of manufacture,  
90 a mask, glove, or equivalent covering for the skin, constructed of a flexible material composed of sulphate of cinchonia, salicylic acid, Turkey myrrh, hydrastin, benzoic acid, caoutchouc, and sulphur, in substantially the pro-  
95 portions specified.

2. A material for the construction of articles of apparel adapted as a covering for the skin, comprising the following ingredients: sulphate of cinchonia, salicylic acid, Turkey  
100 myrrh, hydrastin, benzoic acid, caoutchouc, and sulphur, substantially in the proportions set forth.

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