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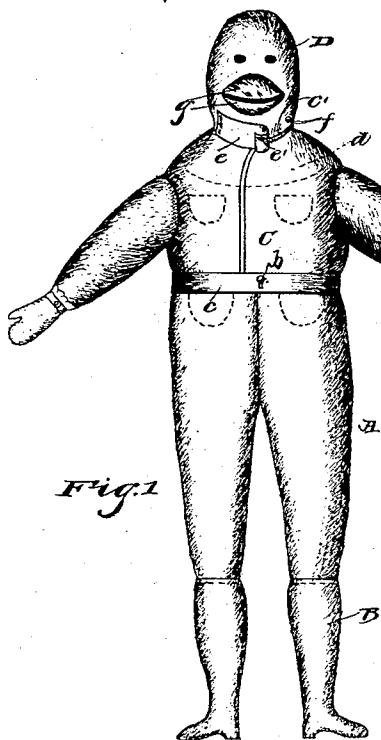


Fig. 1

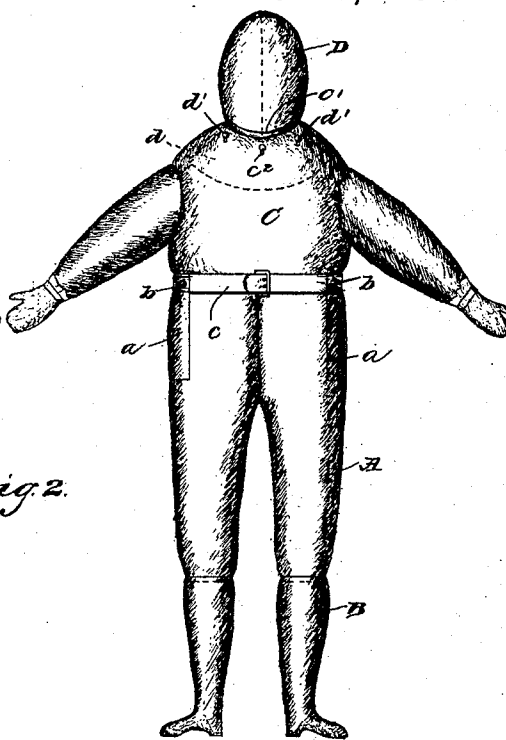


Fig. 2

Fig. 4

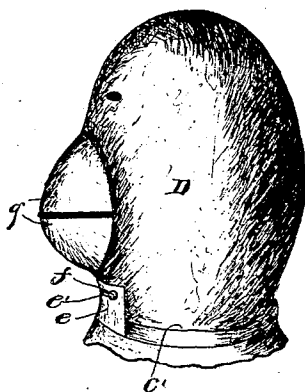


Fig. 3

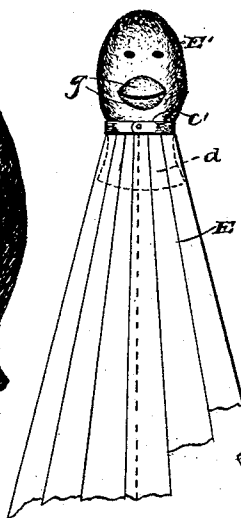
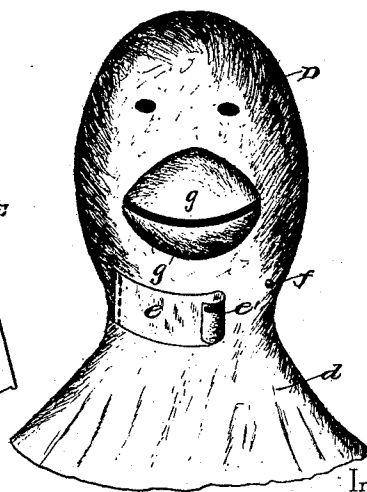


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BETSY JANE MARTIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pomona, in the county of Franklin and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fireproof Garments; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in fireproof garments.

The object of the invention is to provide wearing-apparel which will be perfectly fireproof and which will enable the wearer to expose himself to fire without danger. To the accomplishment of the above, the invention consists in a fireproof garment constructed in the novel manner hereinafter more fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

In the further description of the invention reference will be made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a suit complete. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view showing a modification in a combined mask and cloak especially adapted for use by ladies and children. Fig. 4 is a detail in side elevation of the head-piece. Fig. 5 is an enlarged elevation of the head-covering.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A represents pantaloons formed of asbestos, the thread used in sewing the same being formed of like material. The boots B of the suit are also made of asbestos and are stitched to the pantaloons A, as illustrated in the drawings.

C represents a coat secured to the pantaloons A, which latter are provided with the flaps *a*, buttoned or clasped, as at *b*, while said coat is further provided with mittens or gloves and also pockets, as illustrated in the drawings. The said coat is cut to form a neck-opening *c'*, and surrounding the same is a series of buttonholes *c''*, for the purpose to be presently described. The pantaloons A are provided with a belt *c*, which may be secured to the back thereof or extended entirely

around the same, in which latter case such belt would afford convenient means for firemen to carry any suitable tools.

The mask D is formed or provided with a skirt *d*, which is arranged to be secured to the collar of the coat. The said skirt *d* of the mask or head-piece D is placed within the neck-opening *c'* and under the coat, and is securely held therein by means of the buttons *d'*, engaging the buttonholes *c''*, surrounding said neck-opening. This mask, which is formed of asbestos, is provided with suitable eye and mouth openings and with the flap *e*, which extend across the lower front portion thereof, and is buttoned or clasped, as at *f*. The said flap *e* is secured tightly at one end to the neck of said mask and is provided with a buttonhole *e'*, which engages said button at *f*, and said button or clasp is located at a point on the neck of the mask a distance from the free end of said flap, so that when the same engages it the mask will be tightly drawn about the neck of the wearer and form a tight and secure fit of the garment, for the purposes set forth. The mouth-opening is provided with outwardly-extended and reversely-arranged flaps *g*, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawings, which flaps will more effectually protect the mouth of the wearer, and at the same time allow of the admission of air. A damp sponge may be inserted beneath this flap, which would enable the wearer to be protected from inhaling the hot air and smoke, and would cool the air which he inhales.

In Fig. 3 I have shown an article of wearing-apparel especially designed for use with ladies and children. Such construction consists of an asbestos cloak E and a mask E', sewed with asbestos thread, but which still retains or embodies the main principles of the construction claimed.

By the use of wearing-apparel such as described all danger of the wearer being burned is avoided and loss of life consequently lessened.

Wearing-apparel such as herein described may be worn regularly or may be kept in convenient places, especially in hotels or when traveling, and put on in time of danger.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

In a fireproof garment, the combination, with a body-covering having a neck-opening and surrounding buttonholes, of a mask or head-covering provided with mouth and eye
5 openings, outwardly and reversely extended flaps inclosing said mouth-opening, a skirt portion extending through said neck-opening under the body-covering and provided with buttons engaging said buttonholes, a fasten-
10 ing device secured to the neck of said mask, and a supplemental throat or neck flap fas-

tened at one end to the neck of said mask and adapted to have its free end engage said fastening device at a point beyond the same to tightly draw the mask about the neck of the 15 wearer, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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