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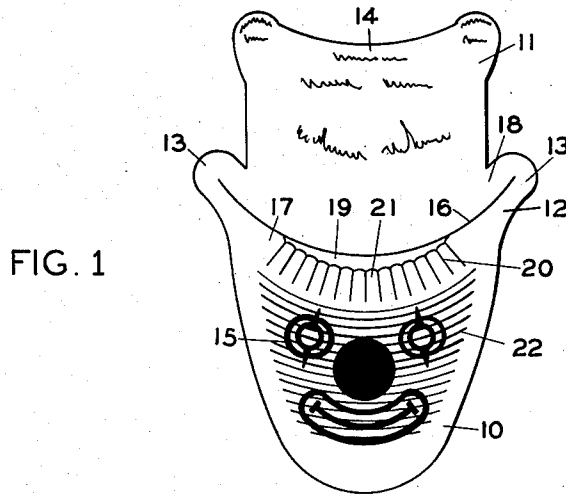
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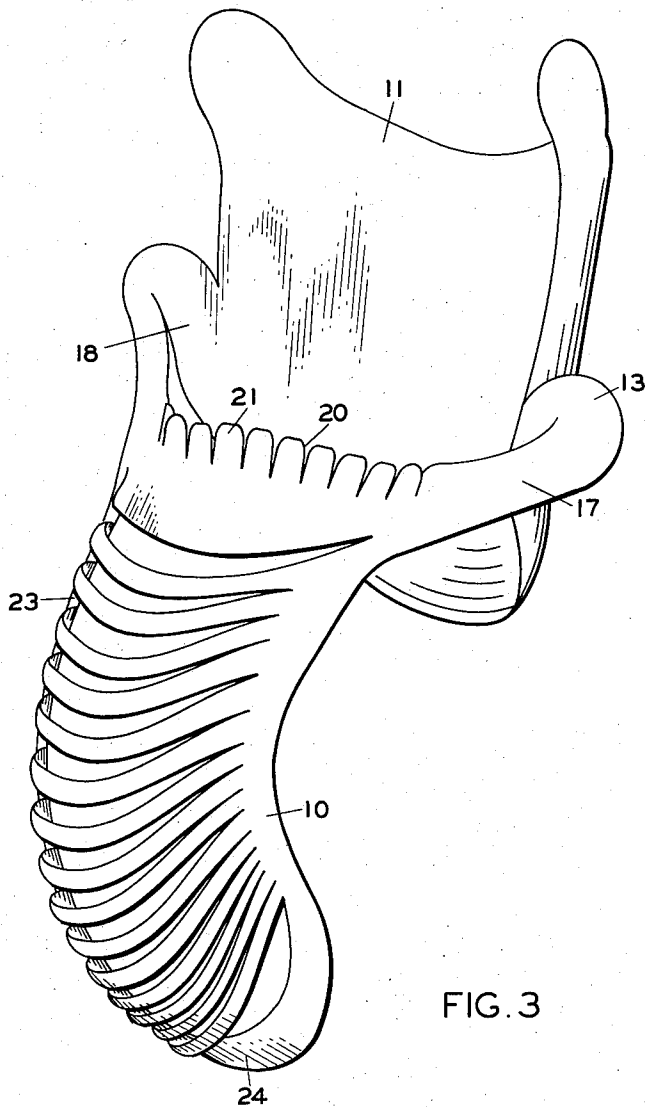


FIG. 3

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This invention relates to a combination headdress and face mask. It has to do, more specifically, with a low-cost article of the type which is preferably formed entirely from paper, paperboard, plastic or other similar relatively inexpensive flexible material so that when the article has served its purpose it is economically feasible to discard it.

According to this invention, the combination headdress and face mask is made of a flat blank of paper or the like which is so slit that it can be expanded into a head-embracing or headband portion with a depending face mask portion at the front thereof and with an upstanding crown shield at the rear thereof which can have advertising or other indicia thereon. The headband is provided with vertical slits in one edge to provide for variations in head size. The face mask is slit transversely to obtain a grotesque effect as well as to provide openings for the eyes, nostrils, and mouth and an opening for receiving the chin so that the face mask portion is anchored in place.

The accompanying drawings illustrate one example of this invention but it is to be understood that other forms may be provided.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the article of this invention in flat unexpanded condition.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the article of Figure 1 showing it expanded and applied to the head and face of a person.

Figure 3 is an enlarged perspective view showing the article expanded preparatory to placing it on the head and face of a person.

According to this invention, the article can be made merely by die-cutting or otherwise forming from a single blank of flexible sheet material, such as paper, paperboard, plastic or the like. The article formed in this manner is shown in Figure 1 in flat form and will comprise a depending mask portion 10, an upstanding crown shield portion 11, and an intermediate headband portion 12. It will be noted that the headband portion 12 projects laterally at each side edge to provide band-forming extensions 13. The crown shield 11 may be of any desired outline and may have advertising or other indicia printed thereon, as indicated schematically at 14. The face mask portion 10 may be of any suitable outline but is preferably of the outline of a face. Features of a face may be printed on the portion 10, as indicated at 15, but this is not necessary.

The band portion 12 is provided with an elongated arcuate slit which extends from a point spaced just slightly within the outer edge of one extension 13 to a similarly located point in the other extension 13. This will divide the band-forming portion 12 into a lower half 17, which, when the article is placed on a head, will mainly engage the forehead and an upper half 18 which will be positioned so that it will mainly engage the rear of the head. Some material is preferably removed along the center part of the slit 16 to provide a crescent-shaped

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opening 19 between the two band half portions 17 and 18. Adjacent this opening 19, the upper edge of the band half portion 17 is provided with radially extending or vertical slits 20 which form separate upstanding tabs 21. The face mask portion 10 is provided with successive arcuate slits 22 from a level spaced just below the tabs 21 to a point adjacent the lower or chin edge thereof. These slits extend from a point spaced slightly from one side edge to a point spaced slightly from the other edge and, therefore, obviously are of decreasing lengths. They therefore form the transversely extending bands 23 which are very flexible and which can be spread apart readily, especially when the mask is bent rearwardly at both sides to fit a face, as shown in Figures 2 and 3. A lowermost chin-engaging band 24 of substantial width is also provided.

Although it has been specified above that actual slits are formed to provide the various separate bands and separate areas of the flat article shown in Figure 1, it is to be understood that instead of actual slits, perforated, scored, or otherwise weakened lines may be provided to facilitate separation into the various areas.

In applying this article to the head of a person, it is first expanded as indicated in Figure 3 so that the depending mask portion 10 will be spaced ahead of the upstanding crown portion 11, being joined by the front and rear halves 17 and 18 of the band-forming portion 12 which will now be horizontally disposed. Then the band portion is slipped down over the head and the face mask portion 10 is stretched down over the face and is anchored by engagement of the transverse band 24 with the chin, as shown in Figure 2. This will space the transverse bands 23 from each other providing the necessary openings for the eyes, nostrils, and mouth. The band will contract or expand at the tabs 21 to fit heads of various sizes. A grotesque effect will be provided by the face mask 10, the band 12 will keep the hair in place and the crown shield 11 will provide an attractive upstanding advertising surface which can be readily seen. The device will be particularly suitable for wear by clerks, food servers, etc., at Halloween time since, due to its low cost, it can be discarded after it has served its purpose.

It will be apparent that this article is produced in flat form but can be easily expanded to provide a forward depending face mask, a rearward upstanding crown shield, and a horizontal connecting headband, all integrally joined together, for application to a person's head.

According to the provisions of the patent statutes, the principles of this invention have been explained and have been illustrated and described in what is now considered to represent the best embodiment. However, it is to be understood that, within the scope of the appended claims, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically illustrated and described.

Having thus described this invention, what is claimed is:

1. A combination headdress and face mask comprising a flat blank of flexible sheet material, said blank having side edges with a slit extending transversely thereof intermediate the height thereof from a point spaced within one of the side edges to a point spaced within the other side edge, an upper headband half-portion above said slit and a lower headband half-portion below said slit joined together adjacent the side edges for engaging back and forehead portions, respectively, of the head of the wearer, a face mask portion depending from the lower headband half-portion and adapted to cover the face of the wearer, said face mask portion being provided with a plurality of vertically spaced transversely extending slits which extend from a point spaced within one of the side edges of the face mask portion of the blank to a point spaced within the other side edge of the face mask portion of the blank so as to provide a series of transversely ex-

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tending flexible bands vertically of the face mask portion jointed together adjacent the side edges of the face mask portion of the blank and which are adapted to spread at said transversely extending slits when the mask portion covers the face to provide openings for the eyes, nostrils and mouth. 5

2. An article according to claim 1 in which the lower headband half-portion is provided with a series of vertical upstanding slits each having one end joining with said first-named transverse slit and spaced transversely therealong for head size adjustment. 10

3. An article according to claim 1 in which said first-named transverse slit is of arcuate form and all of said transverse slits in said face mask portion are of arcuate form and are disposed substantially parallel. 15

4. An article according to claim 3 in which the blank

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is provided with tab extensions at each of its side edges intermediate its height into which extends the first-named transversely extending slit.

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