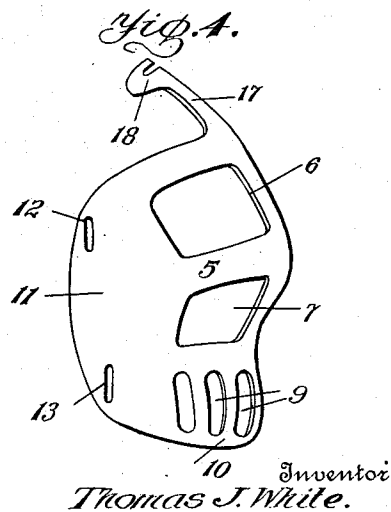
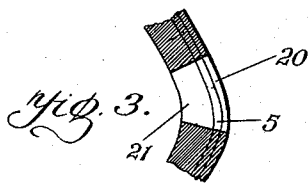
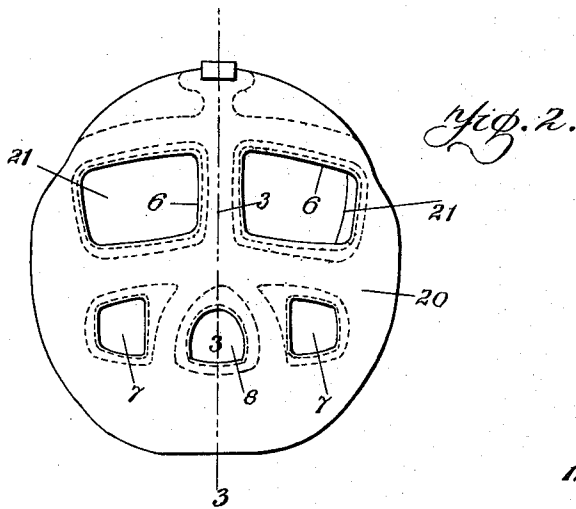
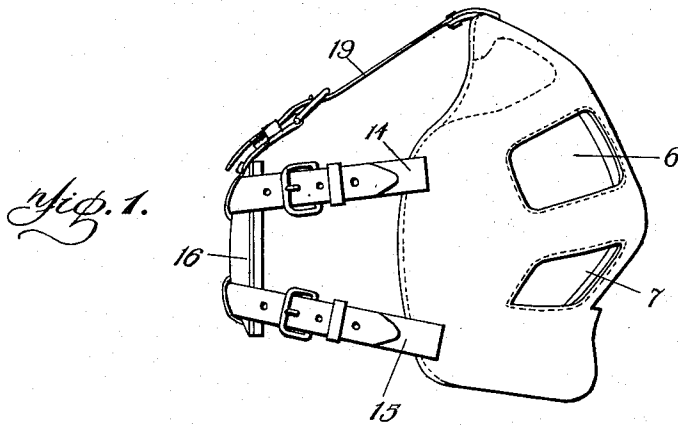


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boxing-Masks, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to face masks, and more particularly to a mask to be used during boxing exhibitions in public, in order to protect the face and prevent disfigurement and bloodshed which are unsightly, for instance, to the average theater-going or amusement-seeking person.

With this in mind my invention resides in a mask comprising a relatively stiff frame shaped to conform to facial outlines, and having portions which effectively protect the eyes, nose, jaw and ears from an opponent's blow, the said frame having a comparatively flexible outer covering and being provided with an inner padded lining in order to operate as a cushion, together with means for securely holding the mask in position.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the mask and its adjustable head harness complete. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the mask. Fig. 3 is a detail section, on an enlarged scale, taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the mask frame removed.

Referring now to these figures, my improved mask comprises a relatively stiff metal frame 5 as shown particularly in Fig. 4, having upper openings 6 upon opposite sides of its center and lower openings 7 also upon opposite sides of its center. It is also provided with a lower central opening 8 which, together with the openings 7, facilitate breathing, the upper openings 6 permitting sight through the mask. These openings 6, 7 and 8 also serve to lighten the weight of the frame, as do the series of slotted openings 9 in the lowermost portion 10 of the frame which extends around and un-

der the chin in order to protect the jaw. The side portions 11 of frame 5 are extended rearwardly a distance sufficient to cover and protect the ears, and are provided with upper and lower slots 12 and 13, respectively, to receive the ends of adjusting straps 14 and 15, respectively, these straps passing through loops of a pad piece 16, as shown in Fig. 1, and designed to be placed against the back of the head. The frame 5 is also provided with a central upstanding and rearwardly curved extension 17 having an aperture 18 to receive one end of an adjusting strap 19 adapted to pass over the top of the head and having its opposite end secured to the head piece 16 before mentioned, whereby to prevent the mask from dropping. The outer surface of the frame 5 is covered by a thin sheet of leather 20 or other tough, pliable material, and its inner surface is padded by a lining of soft felt 21, or other material capable of forming a cushion, the outer covering 20 and the inner lining 21 being extended slightly beyond the edges of the frame 5 and stitched together therearound and around the openings 6, 7 and 8. Thus a mask of this character, properly constructed as shown and described, will effectively prevent disfigurement and injury, and it effectually serves the purpose for which it is designed.

I claim:

In a boxing mask, the combination of a relatively stiff frame shaped to conform to facial outlines, having sight and breathing apertures, a tough flexible material covering the outer surface of said frame, a padded lining covering the inner surface of the frame and forming a cushion, and means to support the mask in operative position.

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

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