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[54] CAMOUFLAGE APPARATUS

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[57] ABSTRACT

A camouflage apparatus to disguise the face and neck areas of hunters is disclosed in the form of a netting having areas or patches defined by various shades of the color green throughout the netting. The netting includes wing-like end portions which are connected together by a loop and pile clasp system at the back of the user's neck. Pockets sewn into the upper portion of the netting are arranged to receive ear lugs of eyeglasses by which the netting is at least partially supported. Openings in the netting are aligned with the lens area of the glasses. Additional netting material extends upwardly from the lug receiving pockets in the manner that a portion of the netting is used to camouflage the forehead and temple areas of the user's head.

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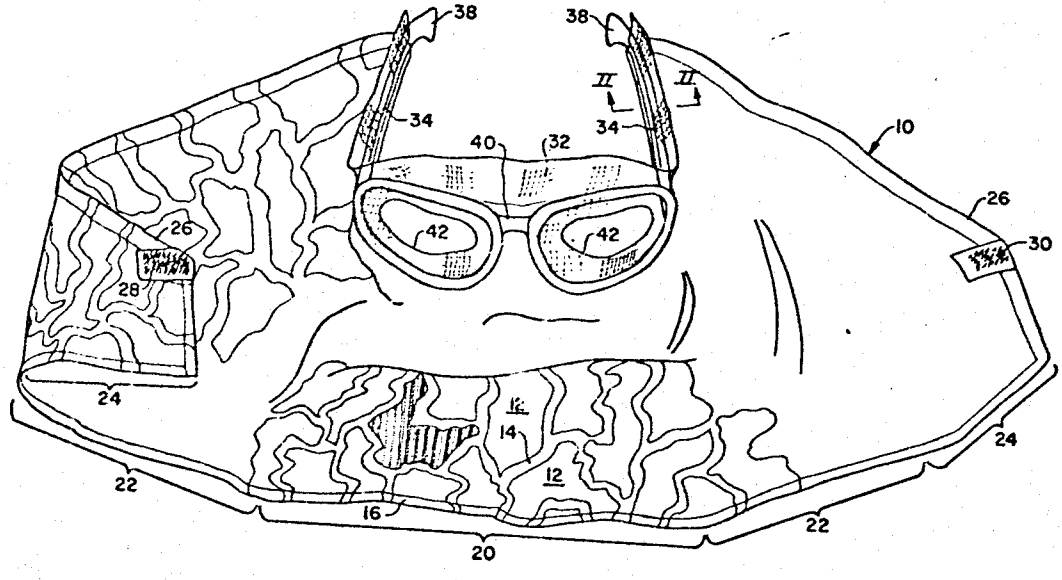

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

CAMOUFLAGE APPARATUS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to an apparatus for use by hunters or the like to camouflage the head portion of their body, particularly the face and neck areas, while duck hunting or hunting other wild game. Sportsmen, particularly when hunting water foul and turkey, and deer with bow, have found it highly desirable and even necessary in many instances to camouflage their presence in an effort to avoid detection by the game they are hunting, at least until the game comes within shooting range of the sportsmen. The extent of the camouflage that may be employed varies with the individual hunter's belief and the particular surroundings, but it has nevertheless been found particularly desirable if some form of camouflage can be provided to avoid detection and particularly reflected sunlight from the face and neck portions of the sportsman.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to provide a camouflage apparatus for use by hunters or the like to disguise and avoid detection of the hunter's presence by wild game.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a camouflage apparatus including a multi-color netting to camouflage the facial area of hunters which is constructed for adjustable attachment to a frame to form an apparatus which can be comfortably worn by the hunter without distorting his vision.

It is still a further object of the present invention to provide a camouflage apparatus including a multi-color netting which is constructed with wing-like flap portions having clasp means for securing the flap portions together so that the netting loosely encircles the hunter's neck to thereby hang comfortably when not in use to camouflage his facial area.

More specifically, an object of the present invention is to provide a camouflage apparatus for use by hunters in the form of a multi-color netting which is attached to the ear lugs of eyeglass frames or the like, from where the netting extends upwardly beyond the forehead of the user and downwardly beyond the neck portion. In the preferred form, the netting is provided with wing-like ends which have clasp members that are connected together at the rearward part of the user's neck.

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a camouflage apparatus for use by sportsmen while hunting wild game comprising a netting having patches or areas defined by various shades of a preselected color, the netting including wing end portions which carry a clasp member used to attach the netting end portions together so that part of the netting encircles the user's neck, pockets sewn into the upper portion of the netting for receiving ear lug stems of eyeglass frame and additional netting material extending upwardly from the location of this frame so that the user may position the additional netting material to camouflage the forehead and temple areas of the user's head, and openings in the netting aligned with the lens portion of the eyeglass frame.

In the preferred form, the aforesaid clasp members further comprise a loop and pile type clasp system for

temporary interconnection of the winged end portion of the netting.

These features and advantages of the present invention as well as others will be more fully understood when the following description is read in light of the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of the present invention; and

FIG. 2 is a sectional view taken along line II—II of FIG. 1.

With reference now to FIG. 1 of the drawings, there is illustrated camouflage apparatus according to the present invention in the form of a cotton or nylon type of netting 10 which has been cut into a preselected shape. The actual shape of the netting is not of paramount importance, but nevertheless a keystone-like shape was found to produce very acceptable results. The netting is dyed or otherwise made with patches 12 defined by different shades and/or colors of irregular-shaped stripes 14 which isolate the patches 12 from each other. The patches are dyed or otherwise made in the form of different shades of a selected color, preferably the color is various shades of green so as to blend in with the surroundings in an outdoor setting.

The netting has a lower edge 16 extending below the neck of a sportsman and defined by a seam sewn along the lower terminal edge of the netting so as to prevent unraveling or an unweaving of the netting material. The actual width of the netting is made long enough so that it defines a frontal portion 20 which is continued by side portions 22, each of which is, in turn, continued by end flap portions 24. The shape of the end flap portions is generally triangular such that the top edge 26 forms the hypotenuse of the triangle. A clasp system is used to attach the ends 24 together at the back portion of the neck of the wearer. In the preferred form, the clasp system comprises a pad-like member 28 stitched onto one end 24 and consisting of a plurality of stiff plastic hooks. To the other end 24 there is attached by stitching a pad of plastic pile material 30. The form of the clasp members shown in the drawings is characterized further by the feature that when brought into contact and light pressure is applied between the members they are firmly attached together. Many other forms of clasp members may be used to attach the ends 24 together.

As previously indicated, the overall shape of the netting 10, when laid out on a flat surface, may be best characterized as in the shape of a keystone wherein the base of the keystone shape corresponds to the lower edge 16, and the sides 26 may be related to the inclined edges of a keystone form. The top edge 32 of the netting completes the general outline of the keystone. In each side portion 22 below the top edge, typically about 3 or 4 inches, there is sewn into the netting pockets 34 which, as best shown in FIG. 2, are formed by the seam 36. Each of the pockets is dimensioned to receive the lug portions 38 forming part of the frame of a pair of eyeglasses 40. This frame need not include lenses, but they may be conventional sunglasses, or prescription glasses may be used. Two openings 42 are cut into the netting for adjustable alignment with the lens area in the glass or frame, thereby avoiding obstruction or otherwise handicapping the view of the sportsman.

The camouflage apparatus according to this invention is put into use by first locating the netting upon the lug members of the glasses as shown in the drawing so

that the openings 38 are aligned with the lens portion. After this occurs, the user places the glasses on his face in the usual manner, thereby locating the netting so that it extends downwardly across the remaining portion of his face and including the neck portion. The upper edge of the netting is made wide enough so that it can extend upwardly beyond his forehead and underneath a hat when conventionally positioned on the head of the sportsman. The flap portions 24 are each drawn around the sportsman's neck so that at the back thereof, the clasp members 28 and 30 are brought into operative contact with each other. Since the pockets 34 receive the lugs 38, the netting may be moved thereon to position the openings in the netting independently of the frame.

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that various other shapes and outlines of webbing material may be used and that the webbing may be attached to the lug portions of the sunglasses in different manners than that illustrated and described in the drawings.

Although the invention has been shown in connection with a certain specific embodiment, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that various changes in form and arrangement of parts may be made to suit requirements without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. A camouflage apparatus for use by a sportsman while hunting wild game, said apparatus comprising:

a frame including two side members for positioning on the head of said sportsman,

a netting having terminal end portions and openings in the netting for unobstructing the vision of the sportsman, said netting including patches of preselected colors,

clasp means attached to said terminal end portions in such a manner that a portion of said netting encircles the neck of the sportsman, and

attached means included in the netting slidably receiving said side members for moving said opening in the netting independently of said frame.

2. A camouflage apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said attachment means comprise pockets formed by stitching in the netting for receiving said side members.

3. A camouflage apparatus according to claim 2 wherein a portion of said netting extends upwardly from said pockets.

4. A camouflage apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said terminal end portions are further defined as end flap portions of substantially equal length.

5. A camouflage apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said clasp means comprise a pad member on one of said end flap portions and containing a plurality of plastic hooks, and a pad member on the other of said end flap portions and containing plastic pile material.

6. A camouflage apparatus according to claim 5 wherein said patches of preselected colors are defined in said netting by stripes of colors for isolating said patches from each other.

7. A camouflage apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said netting is defined as having a shape of a keystone when laid out upon a flat surface.

8. A camouflage apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said netting is further defined as having a straight lower terminal edge of camouflaging the neck area of the sportsman.

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