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TONSORIAL MASK.

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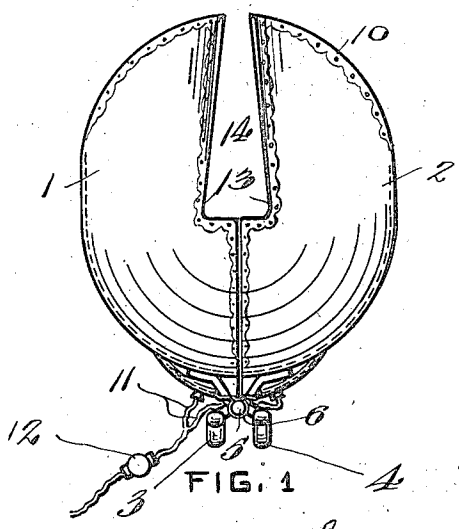


FIG. 1

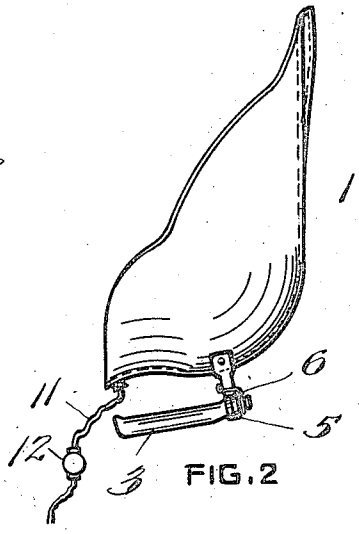


FIG. 2

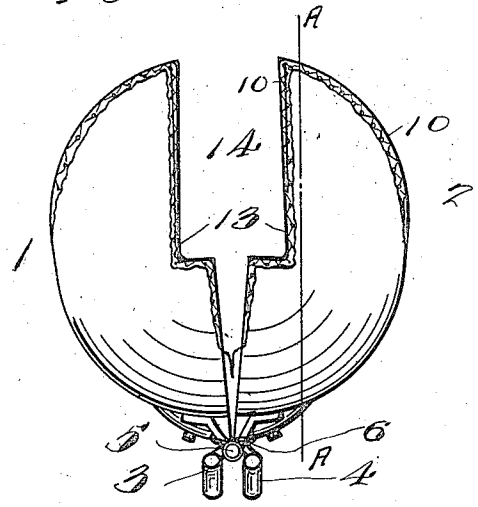


FIG. 3

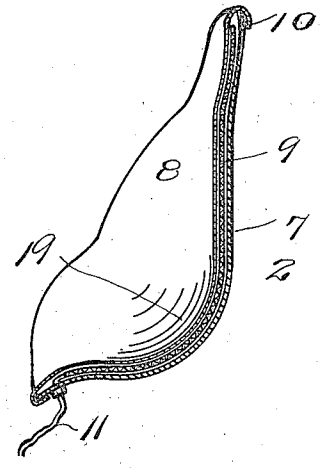


FIG. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD H. FLYNN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tonsorial Masks, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in tonsorial masks and is designed especially for use by barbers when applying a "hot towel" to the face of a customer in the chair after shaving. The mask may also be used independent of the towel to apply heat for many different kinds of facial treatment, but is especially intended to eliminate the objectionable custom of wetting and wringing out hot towels to be applied to the face. This latter custom is insanitary because of the habit of the barber of returning a used towel to the steaming vessel, to be used again on the next customer, and is also objectionable because of the necessity of handling the hot or steaming towel by the barber which is not only inconvenient, but in some cases liable to scald or burn the hands. By the utilization of my improved mask, a comparatively cool, wet, towel is applied to the face and then the mask is applied over the towel and the latter gradually heated from the mask until the desired temperature is reached, after which the small wet towel may be discarded, and a fresh sanitary one used upon the next customer.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention, constructed according to the best modes I have so far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the preferred form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the mask of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the mask of Fig. 1, but in this instance the mask is shown in open position. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view of the mask on line A—A Fig. 3.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention as illustrated in Figs. 1 to 4, the mask is fashioned to conform to the outlines of the face, and in the primary showing of the invention I employ a sectional mask formed of the two halves 1 and 2 which are provided with handles 3 and 4 pivoted together at 5 like the blades of a scissors. A coiled spring 6 about the pivot or hinge 5 urges and tends to hold the sections of the mask together or in closed position as in Fig. 1.

The two half sections 1 and 2 are similar to each other in construction, and in Fig. 4 the interior construction of the mask is illustrated. Each section comprises an outer shell 7 and an inner shell 8 spaced and held apart sufficiently to accommodate the heating pad 9 between the two shells. The outer shell is preferably molded or pressed hard-rubber, or it may be of aluminum or other metal, while the inner shell, which is in reality a covering for the heater pad or heating element 9, is preferably made of rubberized cloth or other suitable flexible material and is bound as at 10 about the edges of the two sections and through other parts where needed, by a lace or string which may be drawn taut to hold the heating pad and covering cloth in place against the outer shell. The covering is removable and replaceable when desired, as for instance when it is necessary to substitute a clean sanitary cover for an unsanitary one, so that the latter may be cleaned.

The heating pad is illustrated as consisting of a network of wiring as commercially used for heating, and is interwoven or embedded in an asbestos sheet to form a pad or cushion, as well as a heating medium. The pad is heated by electricity conducted thereto through the wires 11, 11, the usual plug 12 being employed to make connection to a suitable source of supply.

As clearly seen in Figs. 1 and 3 each section is cut away as at 13, to provide an aperture 14 open at the top, and of a form to comfortably fit about the nose when the mask is in position.

In use the mask is placed over the face with the cupped portion 19 fitting over the chin and the aperture 14 about the nose, with the soft flexible cloth cover 8 in contact with the dampened towel, which is first laid over the face as usual, and then the current is turned on to heat the pad 9. The pad is gradually heated, and the temperature of the heat produced may be regulated and governed by suitable switch as usual, so that the heat permeates the cloth covering and the dampened towel, and thus reaches the face to perform the functions intended.

In using the mask, the handles 3 and 4 render the manipulation of the mask facile so that it may be applied or withdrawn with

facility, and when not in use the device may be hung up or suspended by the handles which perform the function of a hook. In this manner the customer has the benefit of a sanitary appliance when used upon his face, time and labor are economized by the barber, and the efficiency of the barber's work is enhanced.

Having thus fully decribed my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A tonsorial mask comprising hinged sections formed with a nose opening, each section comprising an outer shell, an inner covering, and a heating medium, a handle integral with each section forming a hinge joint, and a coiled spring about the hinge to hold the sections in operative position.

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

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