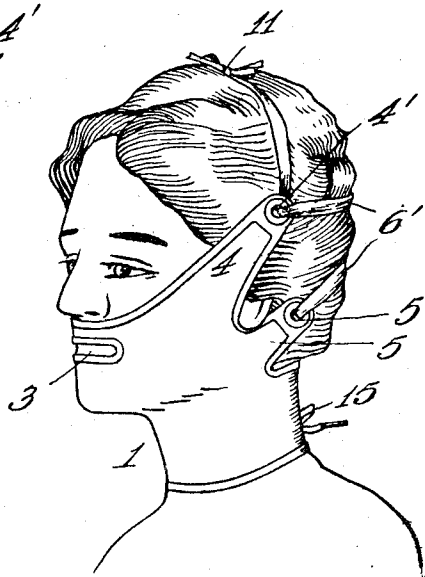
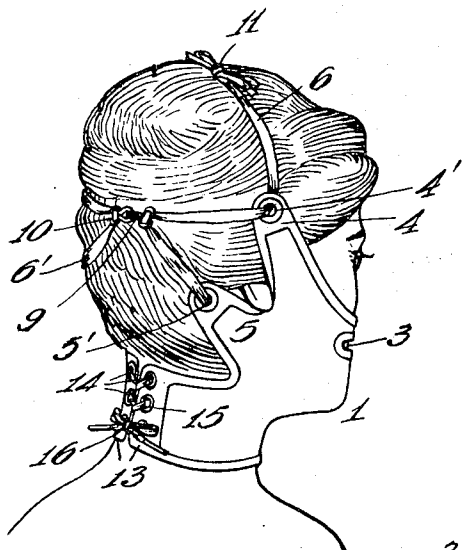
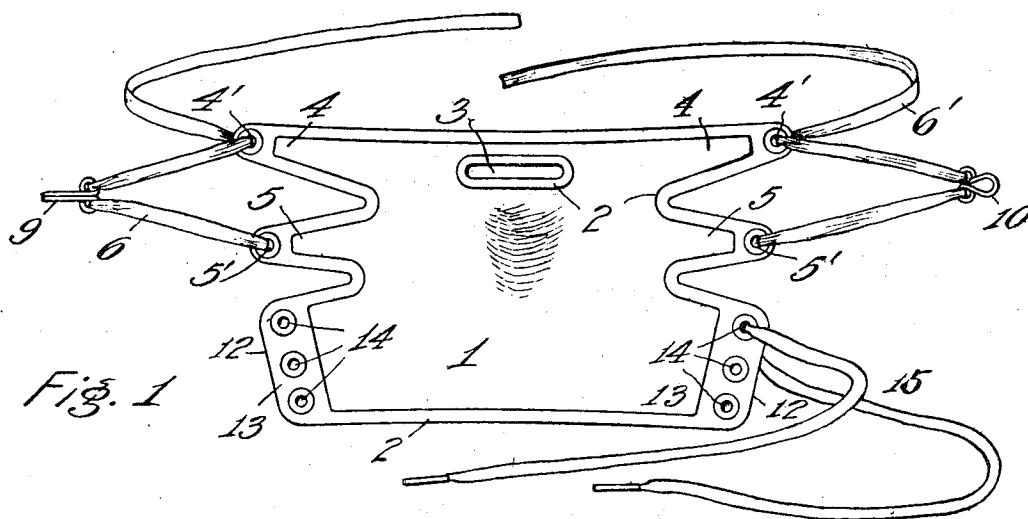


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LILLIAN M. BENDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Face-Masks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in masks such as are used for the correction or removal of facial defects.

The object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which will cover more of the face and neck than has hitherto been practicable owing to the discomfort occasioned by the lack of suitable means to adjustably apply the mask.

The invention is particularly designed for the removal of wrinkles and sagging flesh through the provision of a snugly fitting elastic bandage to the portions of the face above and adjacent the mouth and to the chin and neck by means of a comfortably worn device that is conveniently adjustable to afford desired amounts of yielding pressures to the parts to be treated.

The invention consists in the employment of a novel form of face mask combined with devices for securing the same to a person's head and neck to afford an advantageous treatment to the parts affected and with no discomfort to the wearer.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a mask and securing means therefor embodying my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are pictorial views illustrating the application of the invention.

Referring to said drawings, the reference numeral 1 designates my improved face mask which is preferably made of a sheet of elastic material, such as rubber, and having its peripheral and interior edges reinforced by strips 2 of the same material. The mask is shaped to fit the chin and neck of a person and is arranged to extend upwardly to cover the upper lip of the wearer.

An aperture 3 is provided to furnish a mouth opening. Tabs 4 and 5 extend laterally from the upper portion of each of the opposite sides of the mask and near their outer extremities are respectively provided with eyelets 4' and 5'. Tapes 6 and 6' are secured at one end of each in the eyelets 5', thence are passed through hook-and-eye at-

tachments 9 and 10 respectively and finally threaded through the eyelets 4' of the upper tabs.

In proximity of the lateral edges 12 of tabs 13 at the lower portion of the mask are provided a plurality of spaced eyelets 14. When the mask is worn in adjusted position, the tabs 13 are extended about the neck of the wearer, as a collar, and a tape 15 is laced alternately through the opposite eyelets 14 to cause the lower portion of the mask to embrace the neck. The degree of yielding pressure desired to be exerted upon the neck can be regulated through suitable lacing and then secured, as by a bow knot 16. The portions of the mask surrounding the mouth and inclosing the chin are adjustably secured at desired amounts of pressure by means of the tapes 6 and 6'.

Through the medium of the two tapes 6, 6' and by means of the hook-and-eye attachments 9-10 a tension may be exerted upon the chin and those parts thereunder where so-called "double-chins" occur. The free ends of tapes 6, 6' are designed to be tied together upon the top of the wearer's head, as at 11, and finally engaging the hook-and-eye attachments together. By reason of these tapes having a running engagement through the eyelets and the hook-and-eye attachments the strains are distributed. Should undue pressure be present at any part of the face it may be relieved by the wearer drawing the tapes more or less through the eyelets or said attachments without disturbing the knot fastening of the tapes. Double-chin caused by sagging flesh is reduced, and also portions about the upper lip wherein the unsightly nose-to-mouth lines are apt to appear are corrected as are also the other lines about the sides of the mouth. The portion of the mask enveloping the neck removes the discoloration caused by wearing tight high collars and makes the skin soft and white by excluding the air and causing profuse perspiration.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is—

A face mask comprising a sheet of elastic material provided with a mouth opening, an upper, an intermediate and a lower pair of tabs, said lower pair being of greater width

than either of the other pairs, said upper pair being of greater length than any of the other pairs, a pair of laces each connected to an intermediate tab and extending through an upper tab, a hook-and-eye attachment mounted upon that portion of the laces between the upper and intermediate tabs and further adapted to connect the said

portions together, and a single lace for adjustably connecting the lower tabs together. 10
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