

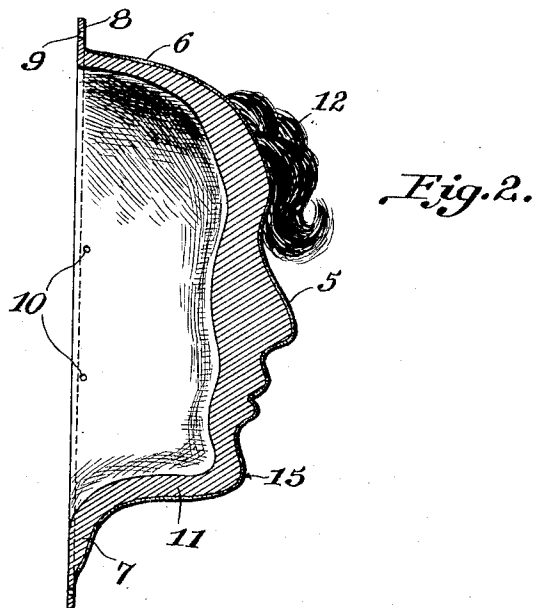
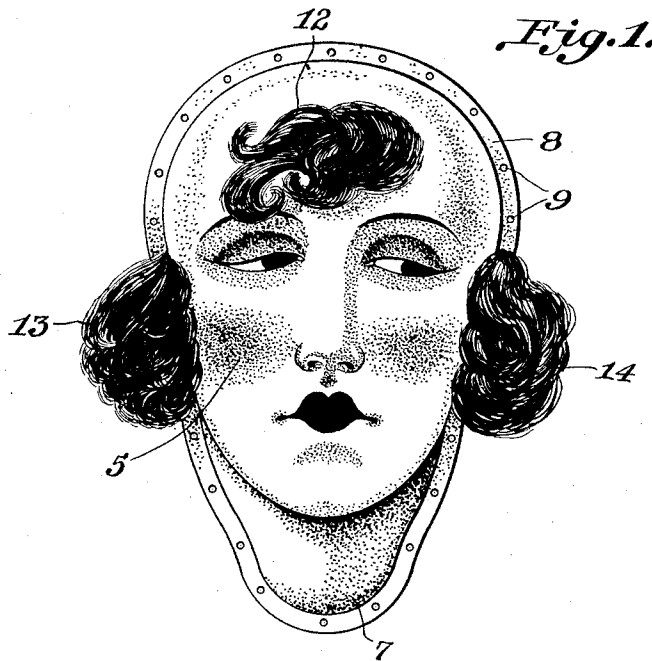
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This invention relates to improvements in ornamental forms and also embraces the method of making the same.

The main object of the invention, as expressed in the illustrated example thereof, is the production of a form resembling the female face, wherein highly decorative effects are produced by the addition of certain adornments.

The preferred form of the invention is substantially a bas-relief reproduction, wherein the face portion and a portion of the head is included, the same being preferably molded to produce a shell-like or hollow structure, inexpensive in manufacture and exceedingly of light weight, and adapted to be attached to fabric or other ornamental materials to produce high decorative effects of rare novelty, as will presently appear.

Divers schemes of decoration may be employed, as for instance, the form may be combined with trimmings, such as silk or other goods, for cushions, box, plaques, or similar decorative novelties. The preferred method of attaching the form to said fabrics comprises a marginal flange having a series of apertures therein, or the flange may be omitted if desired and the region adjacent the rear marginal portion may be provided with a plurality of apertures.

My improved method of making the form comprises a composition formed from inexpensive ingredients, which in a plastic condition may be molded to the desired form, and finally completed by a dipping and spraying process, the decorating being somewhat standardized in nature and may be applied without the exercise of more than ordinary skill.

With these objects in view, together with others which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the novel formation, combination and arrangement of parts, all as will be described more fully hereinafter, illustrated in the drawings, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the novel and improved form.

Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view thereof.

Before proceeding with the detailed description of my improved form and method of making the same, it is thought advisable to indicate that my idea is not based on the

production of a half-head of a doll or similar structure, that is, in its broadest sense. I am aware that it is known that a doll's head may be cast or finished in two portions, and the sections united to produce the whole head portion, but my idea is to produce the face portion and enough of the head to form a base as means of attaching other decorative articles or trimmings to the same.

As shown in the drawing, forming a part of this specification, the numeral 5 denotes the face portion of my improved form, which is highly decorated, to produce, let us say, a vamp-like appearance and in this scheme of adornment all the arts of make-up are called upon for the above purpose. The forward part of the top of the head 6 is also included and the front portion of the throat 7, so that when the form is considered in front elevation, as shown in Fig. 1, an illusion of a complete head is created.

As shown in the drawing, the form is preferably provided with a marginal flange 8 having a series of apertures 9 for the attachment of silk trimmings or the like in the further decoration of the form. This style of attaching is especially desirable when the form is to be combined with material to form a pillow, the ornament, in this instance, being preferably disposed centrally of said pillow. In some forms of added decoration it may be possible to dispense with the flange and in these instances the rear portion adjacent the margin may be apertured as indicated at 10, Fig. 2.

The extraneous means for decorating the ornamental form is not shown in the drawings, since the invention resides in the production of the form itself. However, it is pointed out that in some of the schemes of adornment the top portion 6 will be hidden by trimmings or other fabrics, which will be preferably drawn down in hood fashion around the region usually occupied by the ears and under the chin 11 to expose only a portion of the neck 7. In this connection a quantity of hair may be affixed to the form and only so much as will be required to project therefrom to complete the decoration. For instance, a mass of hair may be affixed to the forehead, and a similar quantity of hair at the sides of the head, as indicated at 13 and 14; all of which blending with the make-up of the form to create the illusion of lifeness. Obviously, other

schemes of decoration will suggest themselves to the designer of the novelties based on my form.

In order to produce an inexpensive form and at the same time reduce the weight thereof, I propose to develop a shell-like structure, possessing these requisites, and the method of such production and the various steps entailed, will be now disclosed in detail.

The composition employed in making the forms comprises starch, rosin and wood-flour, which are suitably blended and mixed with water to form a plastic mass. The mass is then placed in a suitable mold and baked on a hot press, or pressed on a cold press until it forms a half-head-like structure, which in this state presents the shell-like or hollow form shown in Fig. 2. In preparing the form for decoration, it is first dipped into a glue mixture and left to dry, whereupon the outer portion is sprayed with enamel, as shown at 15, in Fig. 2, preferably flesh color to present a life-like appearance. The cheeks are then tinted by hand and the features painted and blended to complete the life-like appearance. The hair, either natural or artificial, is applied at the points indicated hereinbefore.

The form is now in marketable condition and ready for further decoration according to the desires of the purchaser.

While the present is a disclosure of the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited thereto, as various changes in the minor details of construction, proportion and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by U. S. Letters Patent:

1. An article of manufacture comprising a shell-like structure arranged to simulate the frontal portion of the human head and having a marginal flange arranged at the

rear portion for the attachment of decorative material.

2. An article of manufacture comprising a shell-like structure arranged to simulate the frontal portion of the human head and a marginal flange arranged at the rear portion thereof, provided with apertures for attaching decorative material thereto.

3. An article of manufacture comprising a shell-like hollow structure arranged to simulate the frontal portion of the human head and related portions comprising a portion of the top of the head and the neck and a marginal flange arranged at the rear-portion thereof to facilitate the attachment of decorative material thereto.

4. The herein described method which consists in molding a plastic material to form a mask-like structure including features of the human face, spraying the face portion thereof and painting the color characteristics of the features.

5. The herein described method which consists in molding a plastic material to form a shell-like hollow structure including features of the human face, spraying the face portion and adjacent portions to simulate flesh, and painting the color characteristics of the features.

6. The herein described method which consists in mixing materials to plastic form, molding the same to produce a shell-like hollow structure including features of the human face, baking the product, spraying the face portion and adjacent portions to simulate flesh and painting the color characteristics of the features.

7. The herein described method which consists in mixing starch, rosin and wood-flour to form a plastic material, molding the same to produce a shell-like structure including features of the human face, baking the product, spraying the face and adjacent portions to simulate flesh and finally painting the color characteristics of the features.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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