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FENCING MASK

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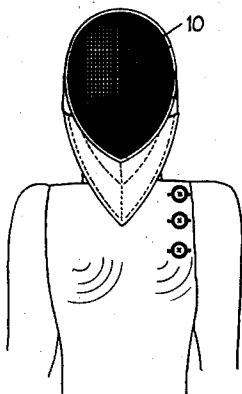


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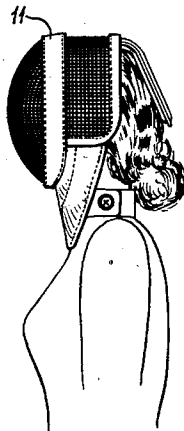


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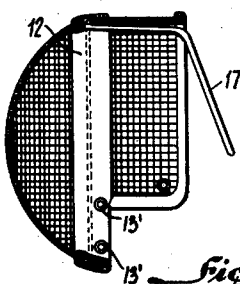


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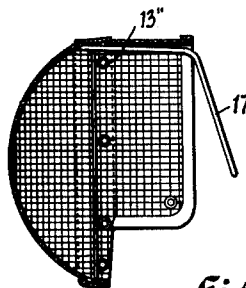


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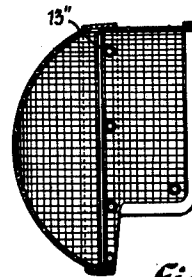


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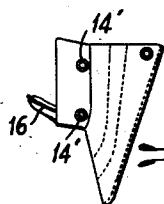


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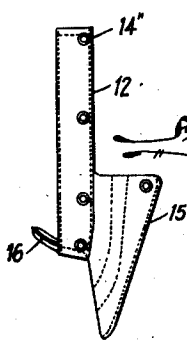


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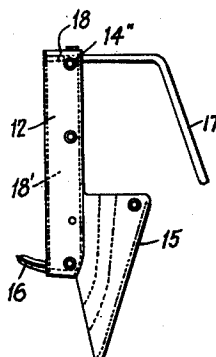


Fig. 9.

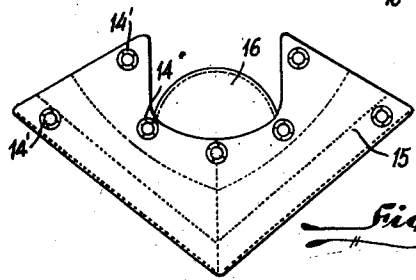


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in masks of the kind used in fencing.

Thus, one of the objects of the invention is to provide a mask, which, when my improved construction is applied thereto, will afford greater protection for the fencing parties, as it will prevent the end of a foil from penetrating between the bib and the chin pad during a forward thrust in a fencing match.

Another object of my invention is to combine in a more or less integral form, the face rim, bib and chin pad, and to permit and facilitate the removal of said parts for the purpose of cleaning those.

As the construction of my device is comparatively simple, the cost of manufacturing the same is proportionately low.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming part of this application, and in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of a mask, with my device secured thereto.

Figure 2 is a side view of the same.

Figure 3 is an elevational view of the essential part of my device, showing an integrally combined bib and chin pad.

Figure 4 is a vertical transverse section of a mask, showing part of an inner face rim, and showing, also, snap buttons on the latter for the attachment of the bib and chin pad thereto.

Figure 5 shows in side elevation, integrally connected, a bib and chin pad slightly folded and ready for attachment to the mask shown in Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a similar view to Figure 4, showing the mask without the face rim, but with snap buttons for attachment of the face rim, bib and chin pad thereto.

Figure 7 is a side elevational view of an integrally combined face rim, bib and chin pad, and showing, also, means for attaching the latter to the mask illustrated in Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a view similar to Figure 6, but with the member supporting the back of the head, as well as the face rim removed.

Figure 9 is a side elevational view, showing the face rim, bib and chin pad integrally connected to the head supporting member, and showing, also, means for securing said face rim, bib and chin pad as well as the supporting head member to the mask proper.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 10 indicates a mask used for fencing; said mask is

upon the outer side thereof provided with a lining 11 to which an inner cushion, or face rim 12 is secured, for instance by stitching; the face rim or mask proper is provided with buttons 13' adapted to engage eyelets 14' arranged in the integrally combined bib and chin pad, shown in Figure 3.

The embodiment shown in Figure 3 comprises, as stated, the bib 15 and chin pad 16 which, contrary to ordinary custom, are integral or formed in one piece; said bib and chin pad, which consist of a padded and stitched member made of any suitable material, are provided with quite a number of eyelets 14' for engagement with corresponding buttons arranged in the mask structure, as for instance shown at 13' in Figure 4.

The bib and chin pad may be integrally connected to the face rim 12, that is made in one piece with the latter, so that these form an integral unit, as shown in Figure 7, in which instance said unit is detachably arranged in the mask proper, to which latter it may be secured by corresponding buttons 13'' and eyelets 14'', or in any other suitable manner, such as by hooks.

Another arrangement is to the effect that the said bib, chin pad and face rim may be integral with the supporting head member 17, as shown in Figure 9. In this latter instance springy wires 18 in the supporting head member 17 are extended downwardly upon each side of the inside of the mask proper, as shown at 18', while the face rim in this case is mounted upon said wires.

Thus, it is possible in this instance to remove the head member, face rim, bib and chin pad, together, by a jerking pull, as in this case the springy wires 18' will release their tension against the inner sides of the mask.

Like before, buttons 13'' and eyelets 14'' may here again be used as an additional means of securing the parts together.

It is obvious that changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the several parts, as shown, within the scope of the appended claim, without departing from the spirit of the invention, and I do not, therefore, wish to limit myself to the exact construction and arrangement shown and described herein.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

The combination of a fencing mask proper with a detachable unit, the latter comprising a head support, elongated springy wires integral with said head support and adapted to extend downwardly and inside of said mask, a face rim fixedly secured to said wires, and a bib and chin pad integral with said face rim, and means for securing said unit to the fencing mask proper.

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