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FIG. 1



FIG. 3

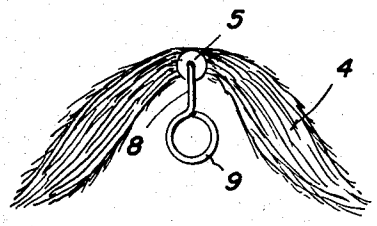


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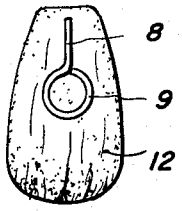


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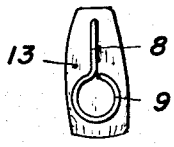
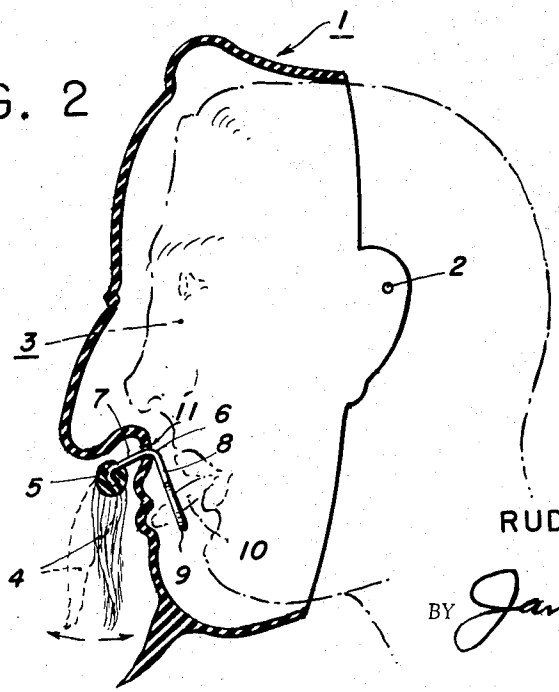


FIG. 2



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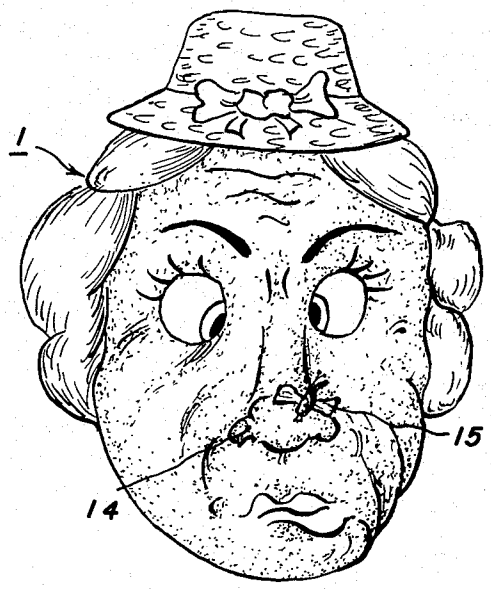


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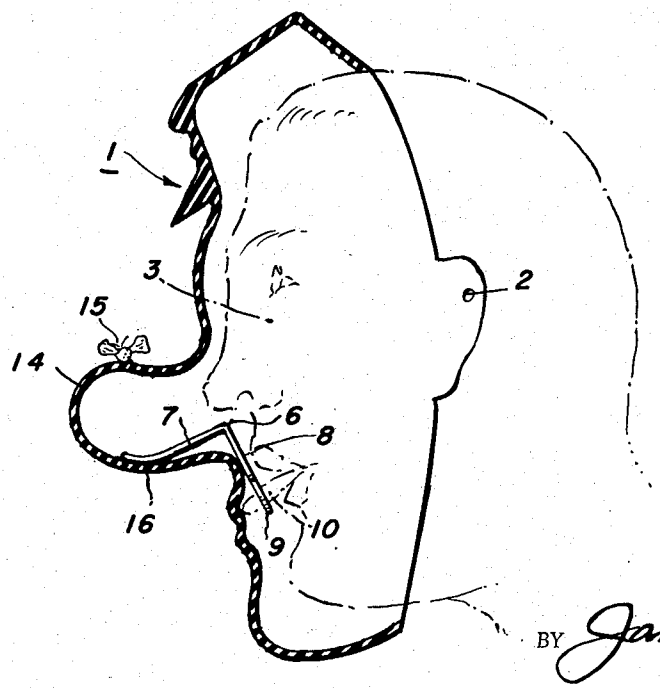


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This invention relates broadly to a novel face mask, and more particularly to a new and improved face mask to be used and worn by adults and children alike at Halloween parties and the like, much to the amusement and enjoyment of everyone concerned. In a more specific aspect, the invention relates to and is concerned with a novel face mask which, when worn over the face of the user, imparts not only an amusing, comical and sometimes grotesque appearance to the face of the user but, in addition, enables the user to move and/or distort one or more simulated anatomical features on the face of the mask, such as the nose, the tongue, a tooth or a mustache.

An object of the invention is to provide a comical and amusing face mask provided with a separable or integral but movable simulated anatomical feature.

Another object of the invention is to provide an amusing face mask provided with novel means operable at the will of the wearer or user to move or distort one or more simulated anatomical features of the face of the mask such as the nose, the tongue, a tooth or a mustache, much to the enjoyment of everyone concerned.

A further object of the invention is to provide a face mask of the foregoing general character wherein the separable or integral simulated anatomical feature is operated by the tongue of the wearer after the mask is affixed to the face or head of the wearer.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the description proceeds.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing and related ends, the invention, then, comprises the features hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims, the following description setting forth in detail certain illustrative embodiments of the invention, these being indicative however of but a few of the various ways in which the principle of the invention may be employed.

Reference is now made to the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters denote like parts and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one modification of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the mask shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the separable simulated mustache and attached actuating device unit, separated from the mask shown in Figs. 1 and 2;

Fig. 4 is a rear view of a separable simulated tongue with attached actuating device unit, separated from the mask structure;

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Fig. 5 is a rear view of a separable simulated enlarged tooth with attached actuating device unit, separated from the mask;

Fig. 6 is a front view of a further modification embodying an integral but movable simulated nose; and

Fig. 7 is a vertical section of the mask shown in Fig. 6.

In all of the figures and in all of the modifications the face mask is generally designated by the reference character 1. The body of the mask is molded into any desired facial characteristics and examples of such characteristics are shown in Figs. 1 and 6. While molding of the masks is a desirable process, it is to be understood that, in some cases, the mask may be formed by a dipping operation employing forms of the desired facial characteristics. The mask is preferably composed of rubber in the form of latex, although it is to be understood that any desirable material could be employed.

The masks are made in at least two sizes, one size to fit the average child's face and the other size to fit the average adult's face. Toward the rear and on each side of the mask there is provided a hole or opening 2 to which is affixed the conventional rubber band or string to enable the mask to be positioned firmly on the head and over the face 3 of the wearer.

In Figs. 1, 2 and 3, there is shown a modification of the invention wherein the simulated anatomical feature is depicted as a separable and movable mustache 4. This mustache is made up of any desirable material, such as horse hair or any other natural or artificial hair or fiber. It is affixed as at 5 to a lever-like actuating device which comprises in general a metallic or plastic wire or rod bent as at 6, at an angle of approximately 90°, to provide an outwardly extending arm 7 and an inwardly depending arm 8. The end of the inwardly depending arm 8 is provided with a loop or eye 9 of sufficient circumference to enable the tip of the tongue 10 of the wearer to be inserted therethrough as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The assembled artificial mustache and actuating device is loosely attached to the face mask through an opening 11 just above the simulated lips of the mask and it will be understood, of course, that this opening 11 is of rather small comparative diameter so that a rather snug fit is provided between said opening 11 and the actuating device. Preferably, the actuating device is positioned in the opening 11 at approximately the right angle bend 6. The operation of the device is believed to be clear. With all the parts assembled it is only necessary for the wearer to

insert the tip of his tongue into and through the loop or eye 9 and "wiggle" the mustache to impart thereof any desired motion. As shown by the arrows in Fig. 1, the mustache may be made to gyrate through portions of an arc or, as shown by the arrow in Fig. 2, the mustache may be moved away from and toward the face of the mask.

The simulated tongue 12 of Fig. 4 and attached actuating device and the simulated tooth 13 of Fig. 5 and attached actuating device may be used interchangeably in the same manner as the mustache is used in Figs. 1 and 2. Of course, in using the simulated tongue 12 of Fig. 4, the opening 11 in the mask should be at a point on the mask roughly corresponding to the simulated mouth of the mask. The same is true with respect to the simulated tooth 13. The simulated tongue and simulated tooth may be made or molded from any desirable material such as rubber or other plastic.

In Figs. 6 and 7 there is shown a modification of the invention as applied to the movement of an anatomical feature, such as a nose, which is an integral, molded part of the mask. For instance, in Fig. 7 the molded hollow nose portion 14 with integral simulated household fly or bee 15 may be "wiggled" at the wearer's will through the use of the same actuating device as described in connection with Fig. 2. In Fig. 7, however, the end of extending arm 7 is affixed in any desirable manner as by glueing, etc., to the inside of the nose of the mask as at 16.

The modifications included herein are merely illustrative and it will be understood, of course, that the invention is to be taken as limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A face mask for amusement purposes having a built-in but separable simulated facial feature on the exterior of the mask, a lever-like mechanical actuating device having one end attached to said feature with the other end passing through said mask to the interior thereof at a point approximating the position of the mouth of the wearer, and a loop on the latter end of the actuating device to accommodate the tongue of the wearer whereby motion of the wearer's tongue may be imparted to said facial feature through said actuating device.

2. The face mask of claim 1 wherein the facial feature is a simulated mustache.

3. The face mask of claim 1 wherein the facial feature is a simulated tongue.

4. The face mask of claim 1 wherein the facial feature is a simulated tooth.

5. A face mask for amusement purposes having an integral, molded, movable simulated facial feature on the exterior of the mask, a lever-like mechanical actuating device having one end attached to said feature with the other end positioned in the interior of the mask at a point approximating the position of the mouth of the wearer, and a loop on the latter end of the actuating device to accommodate the tongue of the wearer whereby motion of the wearers' tongue may be imparted to said facial feature through said actuating device.

6. The face mask of claim 5 wherein the facial feature is a simulated nose.

7. The face mask of claim 5 wherein the facial feature is a simulated nose carrying a simulated house fly.

8. A face mask for amusement purposes having a movable simulated facial feature on the exterior thereof, a lever-like actuating device having one end attached to said feature with the other end disposed at a point interior of the mask at a point approximating the position of the mouth of the wearer, and means on the latter end of the actuating device for contact with the tongue of the wearer whereby motion of the wearer's tongue may be imparted to said facial feature through said actuating device.

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