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MASK.

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Fig. 1

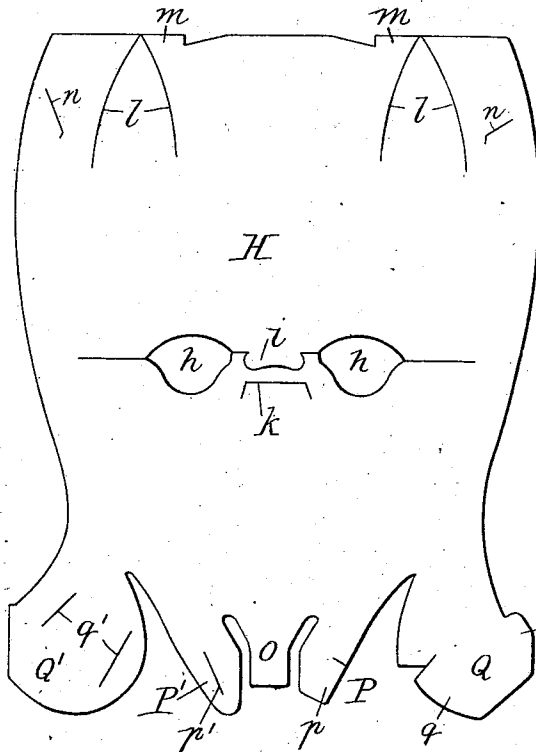


Fig. 2

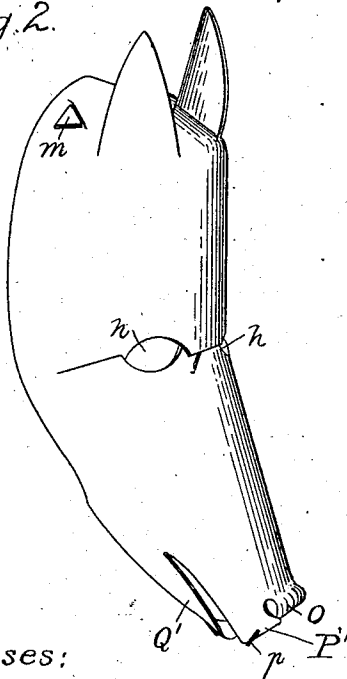
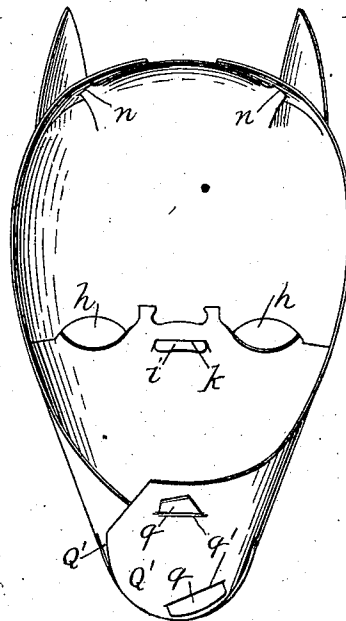


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GAIUS L. MERRELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Masks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to produce in a simple and inexpensive way from a flat blank a shaped mask which is suitable for the amusement of children. This improved mask is formed of a flat blank of pasteboard or similar flexible material provided in suitable places with interlocking flaps, which draw the blank together at these points and impart the desired shape to the same.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a blank suitable for producing a mask representing the face of a wolf or similar animal. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the mask made from this blank. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the mask.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several figures.

The blank H is made of pasteboard or other flexible material and is provided in its middle portion with openings *h* for the eyes and between these openings with a tuck-flap *i* and below this flap with a transverse slit *k* for the reception thereof. At its top the blank is provided with two pairs of upwardly-converging cuts *l* to form the ears and on the inner sides of the points of the ears with tuck-flaps *m*, which enter slits *n* outside of the ears for drawing the blank together behind the ears. At the bottom the blank is provided with flaps which form the muzzle and are preferably composed of the following parts: O represents a central flap, which forms the top of the muzzle, and P P' two side flaps, arranged on opposite sides of the central flap, to form the side portions of the muzzle. The flap P is provided with a tuck-flap *p* and the flap P' with a slit *p'*, into which this tuck-flap is inserted. Q Q' represent outer flaps, which form the bottom portion of the muzzle or lower jaw. The flap Q is provided with tuck-flaps *q*, which are inserted into slits *q'* in the flaps Q'. In forming the mask from this blank the latter is bent transversely between the eyes and the tuck-flap *i* secured in the

slit *k*, whereby the upper and lower portions of the face are placed at a slight angle to each other, as represented in Fig. 2. The flaps *m* and *n* behind the ears are interlocked, whereby the top portion of the face between the ears and the top portions outside of the ears are drawn down and secured together. The lower end of the central muzzle-flap O is bent back, and the side flaps P P' are interlocked against the outside of the bent end portions of this flap, thereby shaping the nose and upper jaw, and the bottom flaps Q Q' are interlocked, thereby shaping the lower jaw.

The blanks are printed or otherwise provided with lines indicating the cuts which are required to be formed in the same for producing these flaps, so that the blanks can be readily cut and shaped by the users for producing the mask.

The number, shape, and arrangement of the flaps may be modified as may be necessary to produce a mask of the desired shape and to secure the flaps together.

I claim as my invention—

1. A mask having ears and provided on the inner and outer sides of each ear with interlocking flaps whereby the top portion of the mask is held down, substantially as set forth.

2. A mask having in its face portion a tuck-flap and a slit in which said flap is engaged, whereby the upper and lower face portions are secured at an angle to each other, substantially as set forth.

3. A mask having at its lower end interlocking flaps forming the upper portion of the muzzle and interlocking outside flaps forming the lower portion of the muzzle, substantially as set forth.

4. A mask having at its lower end a central top flap and side flaps which are interlocked against said central flap for forming the upper portion of the muzzle, and interlocking outside flaps forming the lower portion of the muzzle, substantially as set forth.

5. A mask provided at its top with ears and with interlocking top flaps holding the top portion down, and having at its lower end interlocking muzzle-flaps, substantially as set forth.

6. A mask having interlocking top flaps holding the top portion down, an interme-

diate tuck-flap and slit whereby the upper and lower face portions are secured at an angle to each other, and interlocking bottom flaps forming the muzzle, substantially as set forth.

5 7. A flat blank for a mask provided with cuts forming at the upper portion of the blank the ears and interlocking top flaps, and at the bottom portion the inner and outer interlocking flaps forming the upper and lower portions of the muzzle, substantially as set forth.

10 8. A flat blank for a mask provided with cuts forming at the upper portion of the blank

the ears and interlocking top flaps, at the intermediate portion the eyes and interlocking tuck-flap and slit, and at the bottom portion the inner and outer interlocking flaps forming the upper and lower portions of the muzzle, substantially as set forth.

Witness my hand this 19th day of May, 20 1902.

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