

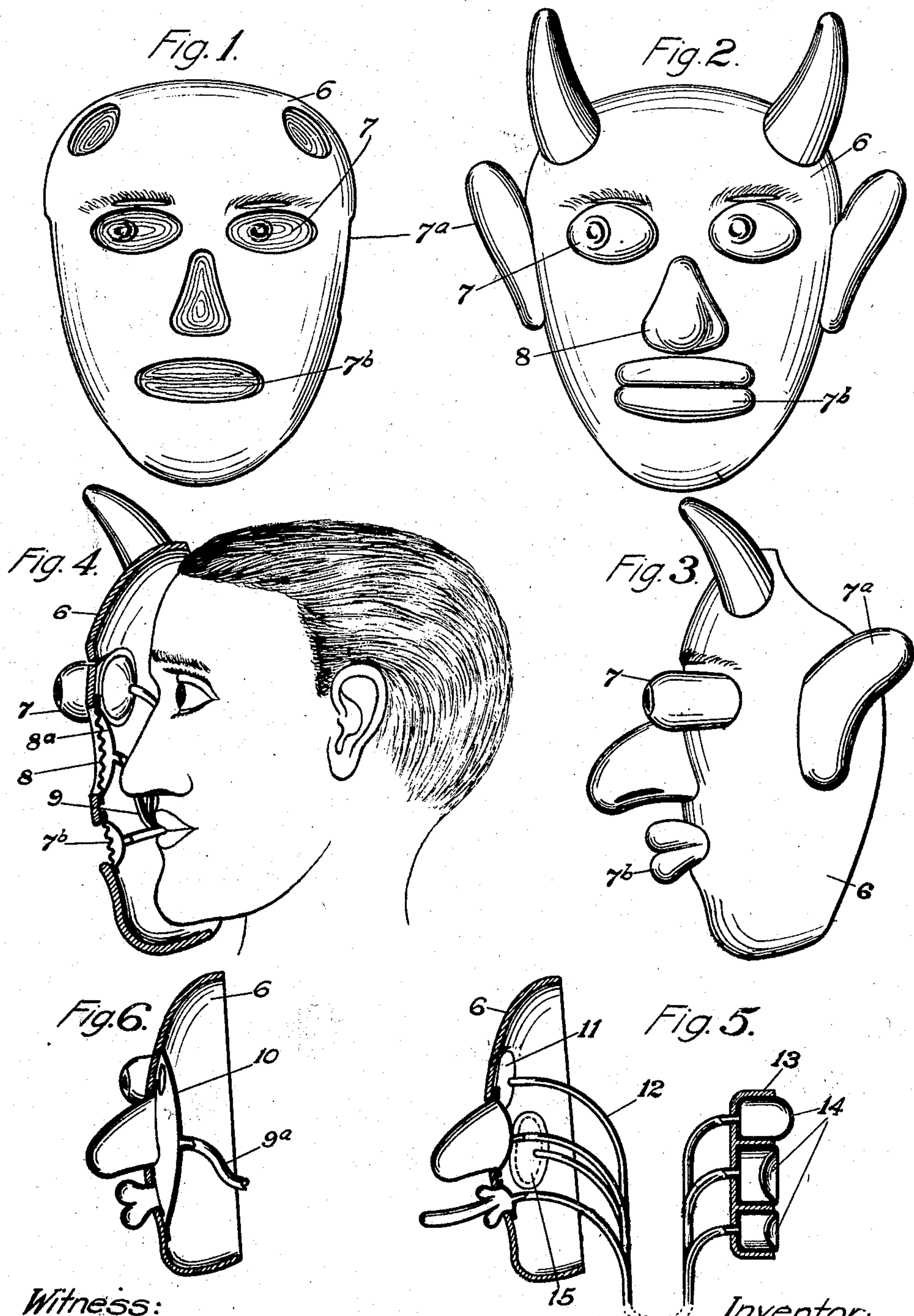
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRISON D. STERRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Masks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to false faces adapted to be worn and provided with means for changing the appearance of the false face to produce a grotesque and amusing effect.

The primary object is to provide features on the mask which are capable of being protruded or withdrawn at will, and to provide efficient and convenient means for operating said movable features.

The invention is illustrated in one form in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Figure 1 represents a false face with the features retracted and Fig. 2 the same with the features protruded. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 4 is a central vertical section of the mask, placed upon the face and showing the devices for operating the movable features. Fig. 5 illustrates a different arrangement of the air tubes and means for operating them, and Fig. 6 still another modification in which all the features are operated by one air tube.

False faces have heretofore been made with features of more or less grotesque and amusing form, but they have been fixed in place and unchangeable in expression. In the device illustrated it will be seen that there is provided a false face 6, which may be of papier mâché or any other material desired and normally it presents a very ordinary and not frightful face. The features, such as the eyes 7, ears 7^a, nose 8 and lips 7^b, are made of thin folded paper or thin flexible rubber or any other suitable material and normally lie retracted in the openings in the mask. One, or any number of these may be used as movable. Behind these paper features and closing the opening so as to form a sort of bellows is a membrane 8^a which is perforated and has a pipe 9 which may be inserted in the mouth of the wearer and by blowing through the pipe the feature will be protruded through the opening in the mask so as to expand it as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

Ordinarily I prefer to connect each of the features with a separate small pipe for operation and these devices may be either carried in the mouth as illustrated in Fig. 4 or they may be collected into a bundle and be of

sufficient length to extend downward into the wearer's pocket where they are connected with a small casing 13 for different compartments which are compressible as illustrated at 14 so that each of the features may be operated separately by pressing upon the bellows compartment with the finger. Otherwise the features may all be covered by membrane 10 as illustrated in Fig. 6 and a single pipe as 9^a will extend either to the mouth or to the small bellows 13 carried in the pocket. A movable cheek 15 may also be provided and any of the features may be placed entirely outside the mask.

It will be observed that by this means the wearer of the mask can whenever desired impart movement to the different features and protrude or withdraw them so as to give a very amusing and grotesque effect. The uses of the device for purposes of amusement will be obvious.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is the following:

1. A false face provided with openings, and retractile and extensible features placed near said openings, and means to protrude the features at the will of the wearer.

2. The combination with a mask or false face having openings in the position of features, with a flexible and extensible bag formed to simulate the feature placed in said openings and having a connected pipe by which air may be blown into said bag to protrude the feature through the hole in the mask.

3. A mask or false face provided with openings at the position of the several features of a face, and said openings being closed by an extensible membrane, a supplementary membrane behind the first membrane and both membranes being sealed together and attached to the mask, and means for introducing air pressure between the two membranes, substantially as described.

4. The combination with a mask or false face having extensible and retractile flexible features, of a membrane behind said features and forming an air-tight compartment thereover, and a tube and bellows connected thereto whereby the features may be protruded from the mask by air pressure created in the bellows.

5. The combination with a mask having an opening, of a movable feature and means whereby said feature may be exposed or withdrawn through the opening.

6. A mask having a movable feature and means whereby said feature may be withdrawn from view within the mask, substantially as described.
- 5 7. A false face or mask having flexible coverings at position of the features, the edges of the coverings being sealed to the mask and means whereby the cover can be protruded by inflation.
- 10 8. A false face or mask having elastic coverings over the features thereof, the edges of the coverings being sealed to the mask, in-

flating tubes arranged on the inside of the mask and connected with the space between the covering and the mask substantially as 15 described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribed witnesses.

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