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JACK-O'-LANTERN HELMET.
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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.



Fig. 3 -

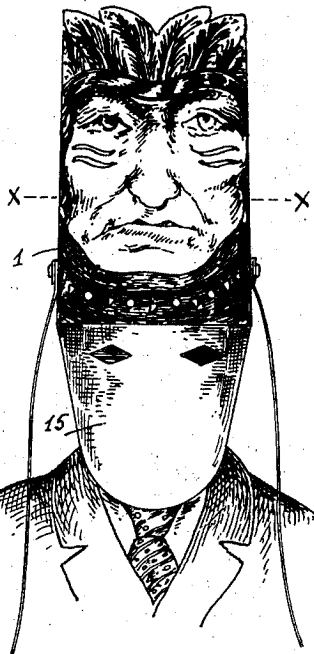


Fig. 2 -

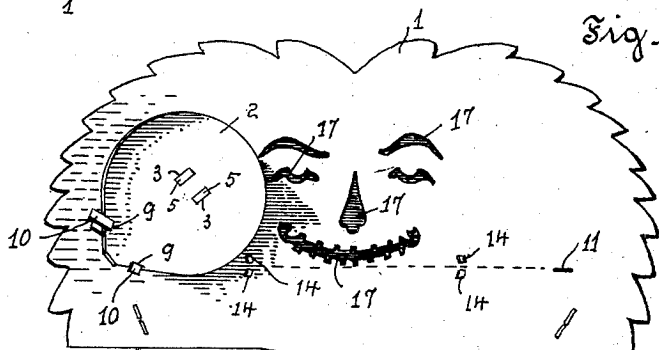


Fig. 5 -

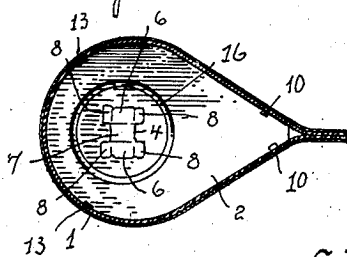
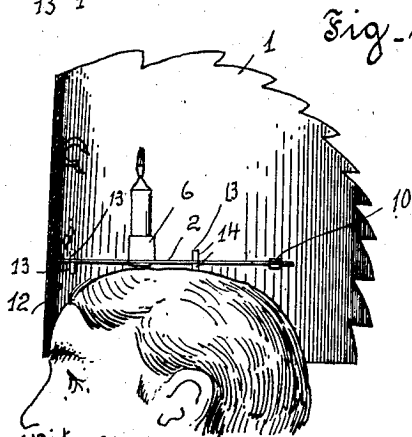


Fig. 4 -



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JACK-O'-LANTERN HELMET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. DU KET, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Jack-o'-Lantern Helmets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a jack-o'-lantern helmet, and has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive device of the kind that may be worn on the head in parades, masquerades, and the like.

A further object is to so construct the device that the parts are readily separable and laid flat for shipment and as readily assembled in form for wear and use.

I accomplish these objects by constructing my invention as hereinafter described, and illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the face of the helmet-body flattened out. Fig. 2 is a like view of the back of the helmet-body, showing the diaphragm attached thereto in open position. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the helmet with domino attached. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section through the helmet, showing the diaphragm in position to form a cavity for a hat or head. Fig. 5 is a section through the helmet on line *x x* of Fig. 3.

The body of the helmet 1 is constructed of a single sheet of semitranslucent cardboard or other suitable material having printed thereon in suitable colors the features of the face desired to be represented and any suitable accessories thereto, the top and side edges of the sheet being cut away to the contour of the print. In the exemplification shown in the drawings there is represented the head of an Indian surmounted by a feather crest. For campaign parades the features of a favored candidate may be depicted, as shown in Fig. 6, or for masquerades, carnivals, and the like various grotesque or fantastic or character heads may be represented.

2 represents a diaphragm, preferably balloon-shaped, but may be made circular or oval, as best suits the design of the body 1. Central to the diaphragm are provided parallel incisions 3 3 for securing to the diaphragm the candle-socket 4, which is formed of a single piece of pliable sheet metal incut

to form the fasteners 5 5 and the sides 6 6 of the candle-socket around the central square 7. To secure the socket 4 to the diaphragm, the fastener portions 5 5 are bent at right angles to the central square 7 and inserted through the cuts 3 3 and then folded flat against the bottom side of the diaphragm. To form the socket 4, the sides 6 6 are first bent upward at right angles to the square 7, and in that position the end portions 8 of the sides 6 are folded one over the other to complete the socket. Thus constructed it is manifest that for convenient packing the socket may be again opened and pressed out flat on the face of the diaphragm. At the rear portion of the diaphragm are provided incisions 9, running parallel with and near the edge of the diaphragm, through which are inserted pliable sheet-metal fasteners 10, pointed at the ends and folded together.

To secure the parts together in form for use, the sides 6 6 are first folded to form a socket, and a short piece of candle is inserted therein. Around the edge of the diaphragm is then rolled the body 1, which is provided at the side margins with incisions 11 at points suitable to receive the fasteners 10 and to locate the diaphragm a suitable distance above the lower edge of the body 1 to provide a suitable lantern-body above and a socket 12 for the head of the wearer below the diaphragm. By bending the points of the fasteners 10 in opposite directions flat against the outside of the body 1 the helmet is formed. To further secure the diaphragm in position, the body 1 is provided at side points at equal distances above the lower edge of the body with fasteners 13, having end portions 14, extending within the helmet, adapted when folded toward each other to form catches which support the diaphragm parallel with the bottom edge of the body and prevent the front portion of the diaphragm from being pushed upward or downward from such position. It is apparent that by this construction the socket for the head of the wearer may be readily expanded or contracted to fit different-sized heads and that the making of numerous sizes is thereby rendered unnecessary.

By securing a domino 15 to the lower edge of the helmet the wearer may be disguised and the effect of the illuminated face of the

helmet heightened by causing it to appear as that of the wearer.

Preferably the diaphragm 2 is shaped by a die to form one or more grooves 16 concentric around the candle-socket, which are adapted to receive any of the material of the candle which may melt and run down on the diaphragm and prevent it spreading to the outer edges of the diaphragm.

It is manifest that an opaque sheet-body provided with facial apertures 17, as shown in Fig. 2, may be used instead of a semitranslucent sheet-body having a design printed thereon and that the helmet so constructed will serve the purpose of the Hallowe'en pumpkin jack-o'-lantern. I therefore do not limit myself to printed designs in constructing my invention.

Thus constructed I have provided a simple and inexpensive device of the kind that is composed of parts which may be packed closely together in small space for shipment and that are readily assembled and secured together for use and that may be made of many different forms and designs suited to the purpose and occasion of its use, whether for campaign parades, masquerades, carnivals, or the like.

What I claim to be new is—

1. A lantern-helmet, comprising a flexible, pictorial sheet-body and a diaphragm, the

body being adapted to be rolled around the edge of the diaphragm and secured thereto at the side margins to form a head-socket that is adjustable in size, below, and a lantern-body above the diaphragm, and means to support a candle within the lantern-body.

2. In a lantern-helmet, the combination with a flexible sheet-body, of a diaphragm provided with fasteners adapted to secure the margins of the sheet thereto when the sheet is rolled around the periphery of the diaphragm in position to form a head-socket below and a lantern-body above the diaphragm.

3. In a lantern-helmet, the combination of a sheet-diaphragm having circular or oval outline, a flexible, semitranslucent, pictorial sheet-body, adapted to be rolled around the edge of the diaphragm, fasteners secured to the diaphragm to detachably secure the diaphragm to the side margins of the sheet-body, in position to form a head-socket of adjustable size below, and a lantern-body above, the diaphragm, and a foldable candle-holder mounted on the diaphragm.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of March, A. D. 1903.

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