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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

LIFE VAC, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

DCSTAR INC.,
Patent Owner.

PGR2023-00032
Patent 11,478,575 B1

Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, MICHAEL L. WOODS, and
MATTHEW S. MEYERS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WOODS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Denying Institution of Post-Grant Review
35 U.S.C. § 324

I. INTRODUCTION

Life Vac, LLC, (“Petitioner”) filed a Petition (Paper 2, “Pet.”) for post-grant review of claims 1–17 (the “Challenged Claims”) of U.S. Patent No. 11,478,575 B1 (Ex. 1001, “the ’575 patent”). Pet. 1. DCSTAR Inc. (“Patent Owner”) filed a Preliminary Response (Paper 10, “Prelim. Resp.”).

Under 35 U.S.C. § 324 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.4(a), we have authority to institute an post-grant review if “the information presented in the petition . . . , if such information is not rebutted, would demonstrate that it is more likely than not that at least 1 of the claims challenged in the petition is unpatentable.” 35 U.S.C. § 324(a).

Applying those standards, and upon considering the Petition, the Preliminary Response, and the evidence of record, we determine that the Petition fails to demonstrate that it is more likely than not that at least 1 of the Challenged Claims is unpatentable. Accordingly, we deny institution of post-grant review.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Real Parties-in-Interest

Petitioner identifies Life Vac, LLC, as the real party-in-interest. Pet. 2. Patent Owner identifies DCSTAR Inc. as the real party-in-interest. Paper 6, 2.

B. Related Matters

Patent Owner identifies the following court proceedings relating to the ’575 patent:

- *DCSTAR INC. v. The Partnerships and Unincorporated Associations Identified on Schedule A*, Case No. 1:23-cv-02355 (N.D. Ill.);

- *DCSTAR INC. v. The Partnerships and Unincorporated Associations Identified on Schedule A*, Case No. 1:23-cv-02522 (N.D. Ill.); and
- *DCSTAR INC. v. The Partnerships and Unincorporated Associations Identified on Schedule A*, Case No. 1:23-cv-03351 (N.D. Ill.).

Paper 6, 2. Petitioner does not identify any related matters. Pet. 2.

C. Post-Grant Review Eligibility

As a threshold issue, we must determine whether the '575 patent is eligible for post-grant review. There are two requirements that must be met for post-grant review to be available.

First, post-grant review is only available if the petition is filed within nine months of the issuance of the challenged patent. 35 U.S.C. § 321(c). Petitioner certifies that the petition was filed within nine months of the '575 patent's October 25, 2022, issue date. Pet. 3; Ex. 1001, code (45). The Petition was given a filing date of June 16, 2023, (Paper 9, 1), which was within nine months of the October 25, 2022, filing date.

Second, post-grant review is available only for patents that issue from applications that at one point contained at least one claim with an effective filing date of March 16, 2013, or later. *See* Pub. L. No. 112-29, §§ 3(n)(1), 6(f)(2)(A). Here, the earliest priority date recited for the '575 patent is the application's filing date of Aug. 3, 2021, (Ex. 1001, code (22)), which is later than March 16, 2013.

Accordingly, the '575 patent is eligible for post-grant review.

D. Overview of The '575 Patent

The '575 patent is titled, "Removal Device for Removing Obstruction in Respiratory Tract and Connector." Ex. 1001, code (54). The disclosure of the '575 patent relates to "medical instruments, and in particular to a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract." *Id.* at 1:7–9. "The technical problem to be solved by the disclosure is to provide a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract which is simple in structure and operation and practically effective." *Id.* at 1:33–36. To illustrate an embodiment of the '575 patent, we reproduce its Figure 1, below:

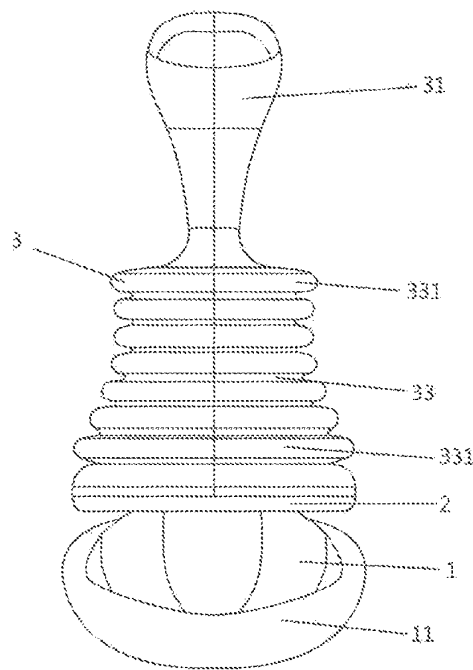


Fig. 1

Figure 1, reproduced above, is “a three-dimensional combined schematic diagram of a removal device provided in” one of the ’575 patent’s embodiments. *Id.* at 5:25–26. In particular, Figure 1 depicts face mask 1, connector 2, and gasbag 3 sequentially connected. *Id.* at 6:5–7.

We further reproduce Figure 3 of the ’575 patent, below:

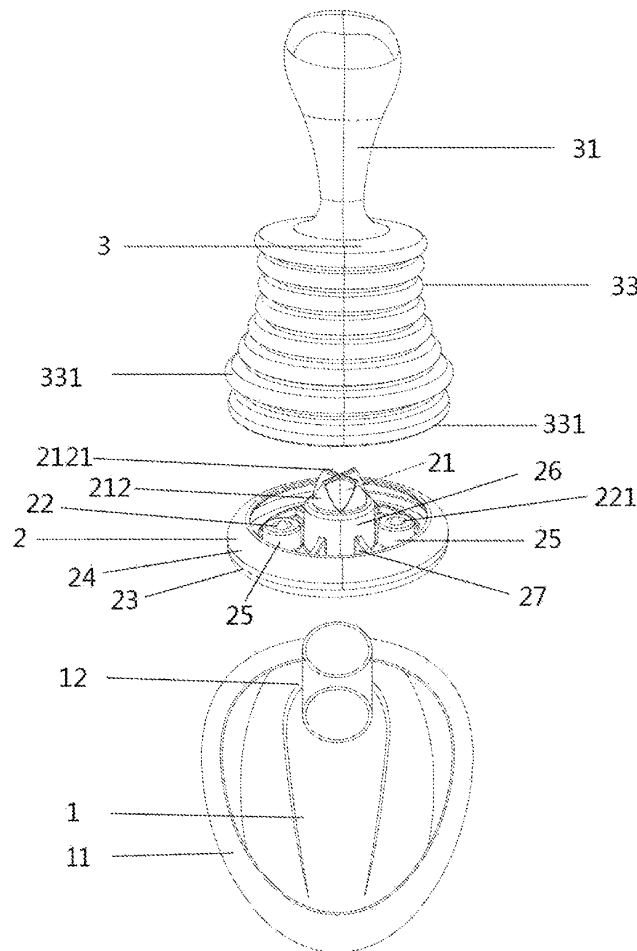


Fig. 3

Figure 3, reproduced above, “is a three-dimensional exploded schematic diagram . . . of the removal device provided.” *Id.* at 5:29–31. Specifically, and as shown in Figure 3, “connector 2 is made from an elastic material, and

is provided with a bottom plate 23.” *Id.* at 6:18–20 (emphasis omitted).¹ “[A]n upper side of bottom plate 23 is provided with an annular first peripheral side wall 24, an upper end of the first peripheral side wall 24 shrinks inward to form a stop edge.” *Id.* at 6:20–23. “[T]he collapsible gasbag 3 is provided with a second peripheral side wall 33 made from an elastic material, and the second peripheral side wall 33 is provided with a plurality of layers of outwardly convex folds.” *Id.* at 6:23–26. In operation, and in

the process of compressing the collapsible gasbag 3, gas flows from the inside of the collapsible gasbag 3 to the outside of the collapsible gasbag 3 at the second check valve 22, and the first check valve 21 is tightly closed, that is, gas in the gas storage cavity may be discharged to the outside through the second check valve 22, but may not enter the respiratory tract of the patient through the first check valve 21.

Id. at 8:6–13.

E. Challenged Claims

Petitioner challenges 1–17 of the ’575 patent. Pet. 1. Claims 1, 3, 9, and 13 are independent. Ex. 1001, 9:58–13:23. We reproduce independent claims 1, 9, and 13, below, with emphasis added to particular limitations addressed in this Decision:

1. A removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, a top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed,

¹ Here and throughout this Decision, we omit bold emphasis to all reference numerals.

and a bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve, a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face,

wherein the connector comprises a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions.

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9. A removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the *connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve*; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face,

wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a peripheral cylinder which is vertically through; the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; an outer side of the second base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the peripheral cylinder, and the second vent hole of the second base portion is in communication with the gas storage cavity; the duckbill portion extends into the peripheral cylinder, and a lower end of the peripheral cylinder is in communication with the outside; when gas flows into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the duckbill portion gradually increases such that the duckbill portion is deformed by expansion, so that the second slit is opened, thereby allowing gas in the gas storage cavity to be discharged to the outside; and when gas flowing into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the duckbill portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the second slit is closed, thereby preventing outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity through the second vent hole.

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13. A connector for a removal device, *the connector comprising a bottom plate, and a first check valve and a second check valve which are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions; and the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.*

Ex. 1001, 9:58–12:41 (emphases added to limitations addressed in this Decision).

F. Asserted Grounds of Unpatentability

Petitioner asserts that the Challenged Claims are unpatentable based on the following grounds (Pet. 18):

Claims Challenged	35 U.S.C. § ²	References
1–17	103	Lih ³ , Tarrats, ⁴ da Costa ⁵
1–17	102	Lih

Petitioner also relies on the Declaration of Mr. Carl Stamp (Ex. 1003).
See Pet. 1 (“This Petition, supported by the accompanying Declaration of Carl Stamp.”)

III. ANALYSIS

A. Level of Ordinary Skill in the Art

Petitioner submits that a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention (“POSITA” or “POSA”)

would have: (1) *a mechanical or biomedical engineer with at least 5 years of experience in designing or developing medical devices in general*, or at least 2 years of experience in designing devices associated with maintaining or clearing the airway of humans, who would, where necessary or desired, work or consult with a medical clinician such as a respiratory therapist, emergency medical technician (EMT) or physician, to develop

² The AIA version of 35 U.S.C. applies to this proceeding. *See* Ex. 1001, code (22) (indicating the earliest possible priority date as August 3, 2021).

³ US Pat. No. 10,052,115 B2, issued Aug. 21, 2018 (Ex. 1004, “Lih”).

⁴ US Pat. No. 4,971,053, issued Nov. 20, 1990 (Ex. 1006, “Tarrats”).

⁵ US Pat. No. 3,939,830, issued Feb. 24, 1976 (Ex. 1005, “da Costa”).

such medical devices, or (2) a medical clinician such as a respiratory therapist, EMT or physician with experience designing or developing medical devices in the respiratory field, who would, where necessary or desired, work or consult with an engineer, to develop such medical devices.

Pet. 18–19 (citing Ex. 1003, 10) (emphasis added).

Patent Owner, on the other hand, submits that a POSITA would be (1) a mechanical or biomedical engineer having at least 2 years of experience in designing devices associated with maintaining or clearing the airway of humans, who would, where necessary or desired, work or consult with a medical clinician such as a respiratory therapist, emergency medical technician (EMT) or physician, to develop such medical devices, or (2) a medical clinician such as a respiratory therapist, EMT or physician with experience maintaining or clearing the airway of humans, who would, where necessary or desired, work or consult with an engineer, to develop such medical devices.

Prelim. Resp. 6–7.

Petitioner’s and Patent Owner’s proposed definitions are similar, with a primary difference being that Petitioner’s definition more broadly includes people having experience with “medical devices in general.” *Compare* Pet. 18–19, *with* Prelim. Resp. 6–7. Patent Owner contends that Petitioner’s standard is “unreasonably broad,” arguing that Patent Owner’s definition for a skilled artisan “more reasonably focuses on the nature of the subject invention.” Prelim. Resp. 7.

For purposes of this Decision, we adopt Petitioner’s assessment of the level of ordinary skill in the art. We are not persuaded that a skilled artisan would have necessarily required experience with respiratory devices, as Patent Owner proposes. *See* Prelim. Resp. 6–7. We find Petitioner’s definition, which would include “a mechanical or biomedical engineer with

at least 5 years of experience in designing or developing medical devices in general,” is consistent with the ’575 patent and the asserted prior art. Pet. 18–19; *see Okajima v. Bourdeau*, 261 F.3d 1350, 1355 (Fed. Cir. 2001).

B. Claim Construction

In this post-grant review, we apply the same claim construction standard that would be used in a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 282(b). 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(b). In applying this standard, we generally give claim terms their ordinary and customary meaning as would be understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention and in the context of the entire patent disclosure. *See id.*; *Phillips v. AWH Corp.*, 415 F.3d 1303, 1312–14 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (en banc).

Petitioner expressly construes “bottom plate” and “check valve.” *See* Pet. 20–21.

Patent Owner proposes a construction for “bottom plate,” “check valve,” and “connector.” Prelim Resp. 8–11.

For purposes of this Decision, we need not and do not formally construe any claim term. *See Nidec Motor Corp. v. Zhongshan Broad Ocean Motor Co.*, 868 F.3d 1013, 1017 (Fed. Cir. 2017) (stating that “we need only construe terms ‘that are in controversy, and only to the extent necessary to resolve the controversy’” (quoting *Vivid Techs., Inc. v. Am. Sci. & Eng’g, Inc.*, 200 F.3d 795, 803 (Fed. Cir. 1999))).

C. Principles of Law

Petitioner’s challenge is based on anticipation and obviousness. Pet. 18.

“A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *Verdegaal Bros., Inc. v. Union Oil Co. of Cal.*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987). To establish anticipation, “all of the elements and limitations of the claim must be shown in a single prior reference, arranged as in the claim.” *Karsten Mfg. Corp. v. Cleveland Golf Co.*, 242 F.3d 1376, 1383 (Fed. Cir. 2001).

A patent claim is unpatentable as obvious if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. *See KSR Int’l Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 U.S. 398, 406 (2007). The question of obviousness is resolved on the basis of underlying factual determinations including: (1) the scope and content of the prior art; (2) any differences between the claimed subject matter and the prior art; (3) the level of ordinary skill in the art; and, when presented, (4) objective evidence of nonobviousness. *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 17–18 (1966).

We analyze the asserted grounds of unpatentability in accordance with these principles.

D. Obvious over Lih, Tarrats, and da Costa

Petitioner submits that claims 1–17 are obvious over Lih, Tarrats, and da Costa. Pet. 18.

1. *Lih (Ex. 1004)*

Lih is a U.S. Patent titled “Choking Intervention Device and Method of Use Thereof.” Ex. 1004, code (54). Lih discloses a “choking intervention device for clearing an object obstructing a breathing passage of a choking victim includ[ing] a bellows assembly and a removable facemask configured to enclose a person’s mouth and nose.” *Id.* at code (57). We reproduce Figure 3 of Lih, below:

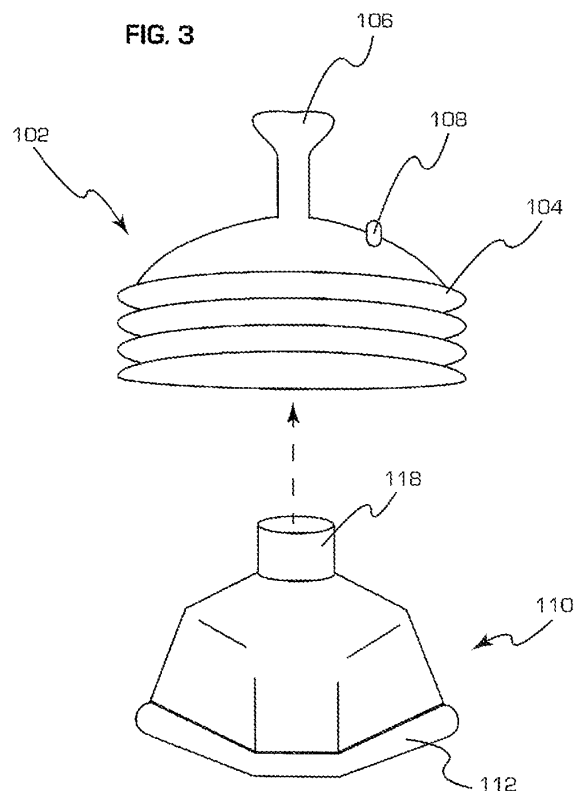


Figure 3, reproduced above, “illustrates an exploded view of [an] exemplary choking intervention device.” Ex. 1004, 3:36–37. In particular, Figure 3 depicts bellows assembly 102 configured to sealingly couple to facemask 110. *Id.* at 3:64–66 (referencing related Fig. 1).⁶ Bellows assembly 102

⁶ Bold emphases to reference numerals are omitted in this Decision.

may have a plunger-shape that includes bellows 104 and handle 106 disposed at the top and opposite base 114 (numbered in Fig. 2). *Id.* at 3:66–4:2. Bellows assembly 102 may include relief valve 108 configured to allow air to escape when bellows 104 is compressed. *See id.* at 4:3–5. Relief valve 108 is unidirectional as it allows air to escape during compression, but prevents air from escaping during suction. *Id.* at 4:10–12.

2. *Tarrats (Ex. 1006)*

Tarrats is a U.S. Patent titled, “Suction Mask to Relieve Choking.” Ex. 1006, code (54). Tarrats discloses an “apparatus to remove an obstruction from the trachea of a choking victim [comprising] a hollow cylinder having a forward end.” *Id.* at code (57). We reproduce Figure 1 of Tarrats, below:

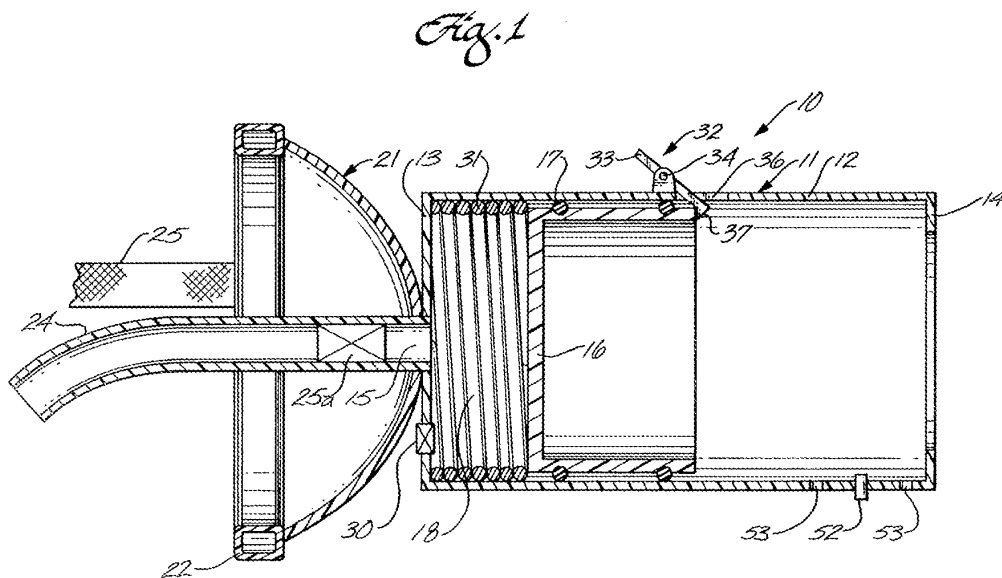


Figure 1, reproduced above, “is a cross-sectional view of a preferred suction mask in accordance with [Tarrats’s] present invention.” *Id.* at 2:21–22. Specifically, Figure 1 depicts suction mask 10 having a hollow cylinder or

housing 11, which has cylindrical side wall 12, generally flat forward end wall 13 having aperture 15, and an annular rear end wall 14. *Id.* at 2:29–32. Piston 16 is mounted within cylinder 11 and with O-rings 17 within grooves of cylinder 11. *Id.* at 2:33–39. O-rings 17 form an airtight seal between piston 16 and inner surface of cylinder sidewall 12. *Id.* at 2:39–41.

In use, the piston 16 is releasably latched in its forward position. The mask 21 is then placed over the mouth and nose of a choking victim, the airway 24 extending into the choking victim's mouth. While maintaining the mask 21 against the choking victim's face, the latch 32 is depressed to its released position allowing the piston 16 to move rearwardly, expanding the size of the chamber 18. As the chamber expands 18, air is drawn into the chamber 18 through the airway 24. This reduces the pressure within the mouth cavity of the choking victim drawing any obstruction in the victim's trachea upwardly out of the trachea.

Ex. at 3:47–58.

3. *da Costa (Ex. 1005)*

da Costa is a U.S. Patent titled, “Manually Operable Dechoking and Resuscitating Device.” Ex. 1005, code (54). da Costa discloses a “manually operable device susceptible of use as a dechoker for removing an obstruction from the throat of a person, generating artificial respiration, or alleviating heart failure by applying pressure from the lungs to the heart to compress the latter and cause some blood circulation.” *Id.* at code (57). We reproduce Figure 2 of da Costa, below:

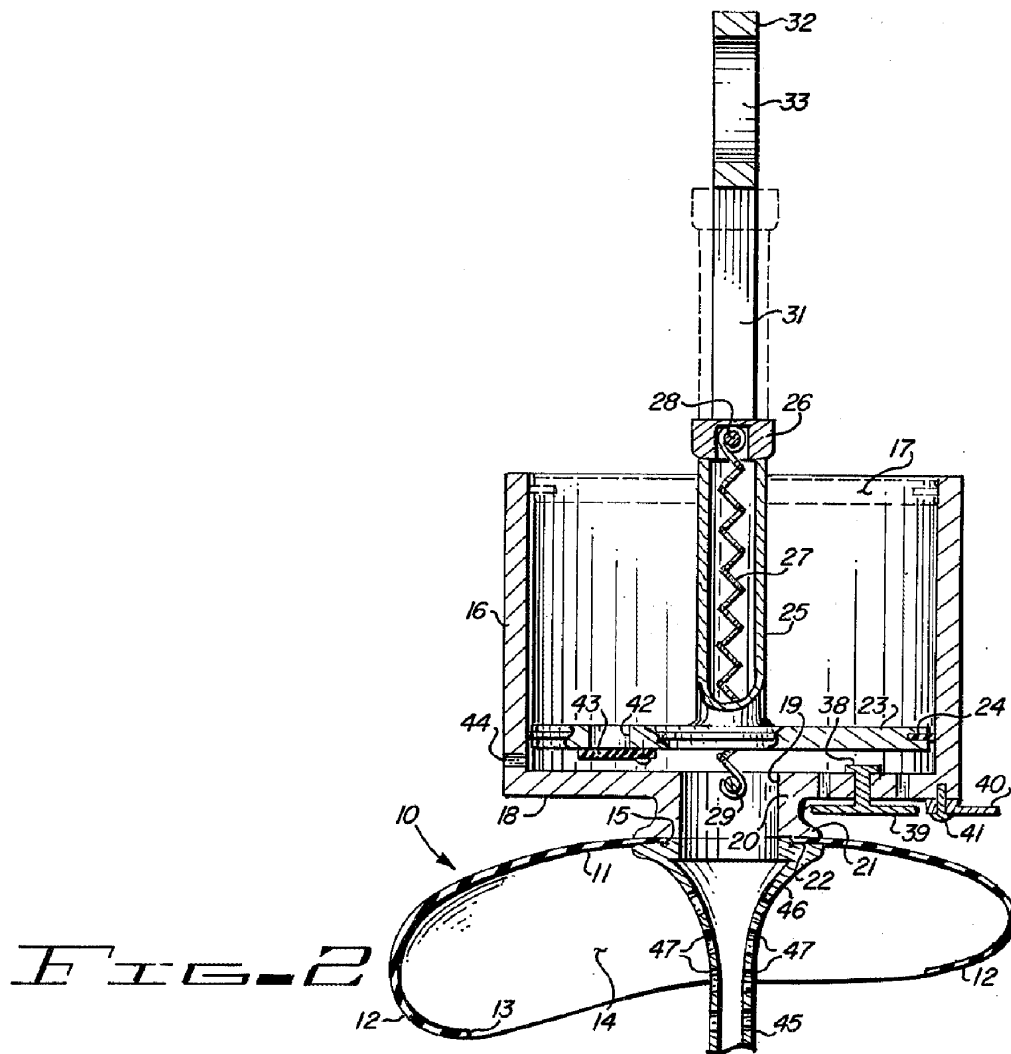


Figure 2, reproduced above, is a vertical section of a face mask and a piston pump. *See id.* at 3:52–55. In particular, Figure 2 depicts face mask 10 with main body portion 11. *See id.* at 4:7–9. Face mask 10 is dimensioned to fit over the nose-chin area of the face of a person leaving cavity 14 between body portion 11 and the face to which it is applied. *See id.* at 4:12–14. Cylinder 16 has open end 17 and its other end is closed by an end wall 18, which is formed with central opening 19 and aligned with opening 15 in

body portion 11 of the mask. *Id.* at 4:18–21. Piston 23 in the form of a metallic plate or disc is fitted for reciprocation in cylinder 16. *Id.* at 4:29–30. At the upper face of piston 23 at the center thereof is tubular rod 25. *Id.* at 4:36–37. Secured to the upper end of rod 25 is handle 26, which is normal to rod 25. *Id.* at 4:37–38.

If a person has an obstruction in his throat that requires immediate removal he is positioned with his head and trunk bent forwardly, preferably at an angle of 45 whereupon an operator first swings detent 40 out of engagement with valve head 39. With one hand he grasps handle member 26 and crossbar 32 and with the other hand places mask 10 over the nose and mouth of the person 16 then tightens his grip on member 26 and crossbar 32 to generate an outstroke of piston 23. This creates a vacuum condition in cylinder 16 which closes passages 35 and the vacuum becomes effective in the throat of the person. This causes air pressure from the lungs and/or partial regurgitation of the stomach contents to eject the obstruction or at least move it partially outwardly in the throat.

Id. at 5:45–59.

da Costa also teaches an *alternative embodiment*, shown in Figures 5–7, which “illustrate the device as modified for alleviation of a heart failure by starting blood circulation.” *Id.* at 6:7–9. We reproduce Figure 6 of da Costa, below:

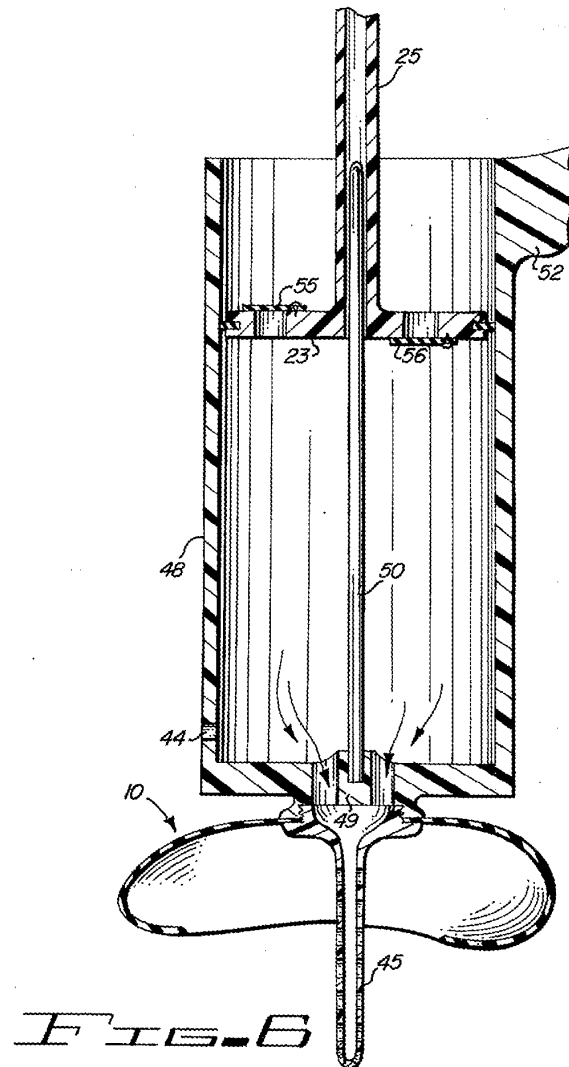


Figure 6, reproduced above, depicts a *modified embodiment* “for alleviation of a heart failure by starting blood circulation.” Ex. 1005, 6:6–9. Piston 23 is provided with pressure relief valves 55, 56. *Id.* at 6:30–31.

On the instroke or piston 23 lungs 53 are filled to the limit of their capacity by air under pressure. Thus the lungs are expanded against heart 54 to compress the latter. On the outstroke of piston 23 the lungs contract to relieve the pressure on the heart to permit it to expand to its normal condition. This alternate compression and expansion of heart 54 causes the

latter to perform its pumping function to initiate blood circulation. Under many conditions the circulation will be sufficient to sustain life.

Id. at 6:43–52.

4. *Petitioner’s Challenge*

Petitioner submits that claims 1–17 are unpatentable over Lih, Tarrats, and da Costa. Pet. 22.

Petitioner “[a]dopt[s] the Examiner[’]s arguments,” acknowledging that “Lih and Tarrats fail to disclose a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate.” *Id.* at 28 (citing Ex. 1002, 177). Petitioner submits that, “[w]ith respect to the Challenged Claims, Lih teaches a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract comprising a sequentially connected collapsible gasbag, a connector [118], a face mask, and a check valve [108].” *Id.* at 29 (citing Ex. 1002, 176); *see also id.* at 25 (identifying 118 as “connector” and 108 as “check valve”). Petitioner further submits that “Tarrats teaches an apparatus to remove an obstruction with a connector [15] provided with a first check valve [25a] a first gas outlet end of the first check valve that prevents air into the victim’s mouth with the valve inlet on the face mask side and the outlet on the bellow side in communication with the gas storage cavity location of the check valve.” *Id.* at 29 (citing Ex. 1002, 176–177); *see also id.* at 26 (identifying 15 as the “connector” and 25a as the “first check valve”).

In referencing da Costa, Petitioner explains that “da Costa teaches two check valves (for safety and pressure) [55, 56] that allow air to flow in

opposite directions.” *Id.* at 29 (citing Ex. 1005, 6:31–32). Petitioner further explains,

[t]hese two check valves are located on a plate at the bottom of a piston that connects to an air chamber taught by da Costa. Additionally, da Costa is in the same field of art, a reference that would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the effective filing date of the claimed invention (so to avoid pushing the obstruction farther into the user’s airway while in use and to initiate blood circulation). . . . Therefore, Claims 1, 7, and 10–12 should be cancelled as obvious by Lih in view of Tarrats in view of da Costa.

Id. (citing Ex. 1005, 6:31–32).

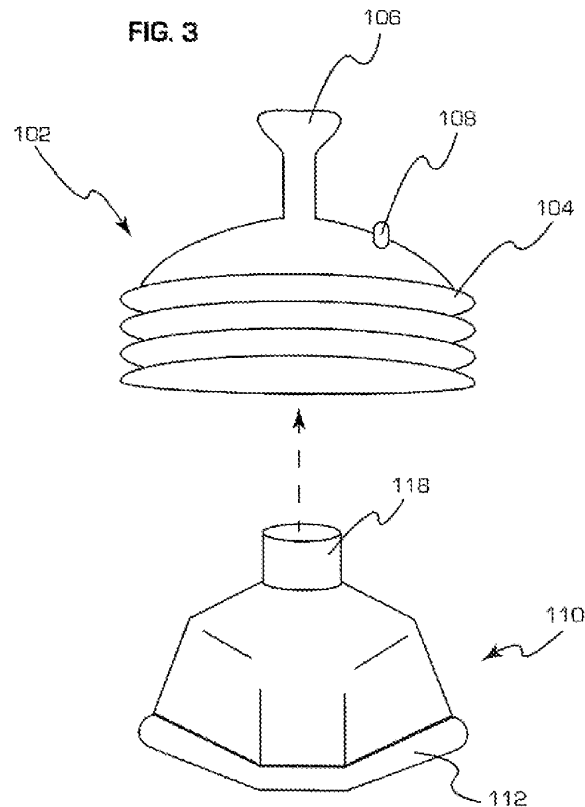
In response, Patent Owner argues that the cited references and the proposed combination fail to satisfy the recited “connector” with first and second check valves “arranged on the bottom plate.” *See* Prelim. Resp. 30. Patent Owner further argues that Petitioner failed to “explain how and why a POSA would modify the Lih cylindrical connector 118 in at least two respects: (1) modifying the shape of the alleged connector from a cylinder to ‘a bottom plate,’ and (2) situating both a first check valve and a second check valve onto the bottom plate.” *Id.* at 34 (emphasis omitted). Patent Owner also contends that including da Costa’s check valves 55, 56 into Lih would render Lih unsuitable for its intended purpose. *See id.* at 37–38.

Patent Owner’s arguments are persuasive.

The Petition fails to identify with sufficient particularity how Lih, Tarrats, and da Costa are being combined for satisfying the claim limitations. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 322(a)(3) (a post-grant review petition must identify “with particularity . . . the evidence that supports the grounds for the challenge to each claim”). Further, the Petition fails to cite to the specific portions of Lih, Tarrats, and da Costa and the relevance of these portions in

support of its challenge. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.204(b)(5) (a post-grant review petition must identify “the relevance of the evidence to the challenge raised, including identifying specific portions of the evidence that support the challenge”).

For example, claim 1 recites, “wherein the connector comprises a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate.” Ex. 1001, 10:14–16. Petitioner submits that Lih discloses a “connector,” citing reference numeral 118 from Fig. 3. Pet. 25 (referencing an Examiner’s Office Action dated March 2, 2022); *see also id.* at 29, 35 (“Lih teaches . . . a connector (118, fig. 3)”). We reproduce Figure 3 of Lih, below:



As shown above, and as described by Lih, “facemask 110 has a connector 118 . . . at an end opposite to the end seal 112, wherein the connector 118 is configured to allow the facemask 110 to removably connect to the bellows assembly 102.” Ex. 1004, 4:26–29. As can be seen in Figure 3, connector 118 is cylindrical in shape, and does not have a “bottom plate,” let alone first and second check valves arranged thereon.

Petitioner further relies on Tarrats for teaching “a connector [15] provided with a first check valve [25a],” referencing Tarrats’s Figure 1. *See* Pet. 26 (citing Ex. 1002, 142), 29. We reproduce Tarrats’s Figure 1, below:

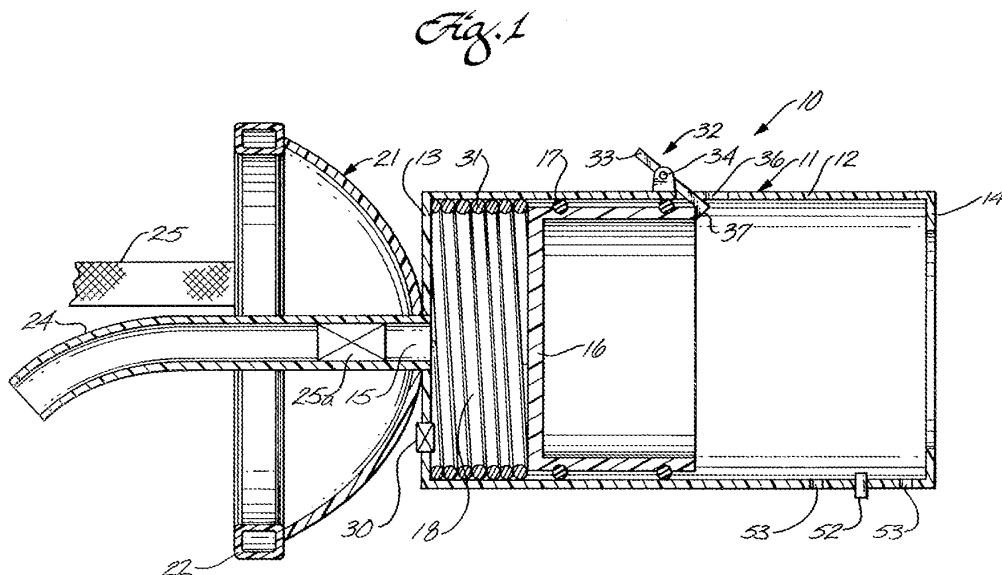


Figure 1, reproduced above, depicts one-way check valve 25a in aperture 15 (*see* Ex. 1006, 2:32, 3:36), yet it does not depict aperture 15, which Petitioner submits is the “connector,” as having a “bottom plate,” let alone a bottom plate with two check valves.

Indeed, these findings were confirmed by the Examiner. *See* Ex. 1002, 142 (“Lih and Tarrats fail to disclose a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate.”).

To address these shortcomings, Petitioner relies on da Costa, citing da Costa's Figure 6 and relief valves 55 and 56. Pet. 29 (citing Ex. 1005, 6:31–32). We reproduce da Costa's Figure 6, below:

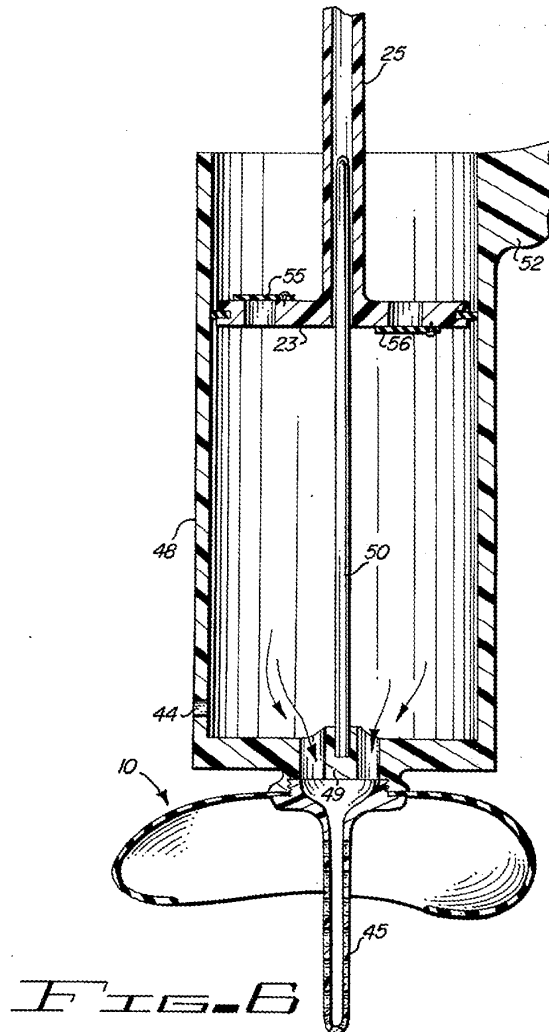


Figure 6, reproduced above, does not depict an embodiment for removing an obstruction from a person's throat, but instead depicts a *modified embodiment* “for alleviation of a heart failure by starting blood circulation.” Ex. 1005, 6:6–9. Piston 23 is provided with pressure relief valves 55, 56. *Id.* at 6:30–31. da Costa does not provide a detailed explanation of pressure

relief valves 55, 56, but we understand that by their definition, and based on their location and operation within da Costa's heart resuscitation device, which is relatively simple to understand, pressure relief valve 55 likely opens when the pressure in da Costa's cylinder exceeds a certain pressure, to prevent over-pressurizing the patient's lungs, and pressure relief valve 56 likely opens to allow air to enter into da Costa's cylinder to prevent under-pressurization, or a low-vacuum condition, within the patient's lungs. *See, e.g., id.* at Fig. 6, 6:30–31.

In citing da Costa, Petitioner explains that combining da Costa with Lih and Tarrats would “avoid pushing the obstruction farther into the user's airway while in use and to initiate blood circulation.” *See* Pet. 29 (citing Ex. 1005, 6:31–32).

Each of the Challenged Claims requires a connector with a “bottom plate,” yet Petitioner fails to explain how the combined references would yield a connector with such a plate. *See* Prelim. Resp. 30–33 (arguing the same); *see also* Ex. 1001, 10:14–17 (independent claim 1), 10:46 (independent claim 3), 11:63 (independent claim 9); 12:35–36 (independent claim 13). Neither of Lih's connector (element 118, Fig. 3) nor Tarrats's “connector” (element 15, Fig. 1) has a “plate,” and Petitioner fails to explain how the lower surface of da Costa's piston is being used to modify Lih's or Tarrats's connector to satisfy the claimed structure. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 322(a)(3); *see also* 37 C.F.R. § 42.204(b)(5); *see also* Pet. 28–29.

Further, Petitioner relies on da Costa's *heart resuscitating device*, rather than its *dechoking device*, in modifying Lih. *See* Pet. 29 (citing da Costa's Figure 6 and relief valves 55, 56). da Costa's heart resuscitation device, however, is used for *pumping air into a patient's lungs* for the purpose of initiating blood circulation in the event the patient's heart stopped

working. *See, e.g.*, Ex. 1005, 6:43–52. The pressure relief valves cited by Petitioner are presumably used to prevent over-pressurizing and under-pressurizing the patient’s lungs, which we understand would be dangerous for the patient. We do not see a skilled artisan as incorporating da Costa’s pressure relief valves into Lih’s choking intervention device, which is structured to *prevent* pumping air into a patient. *See, e.g.*, Ex. 1004, 4:3–5 (“bellows assembly 102 may include a relief valve 108 configured to allow air to escape . . . when the bellows 104 is being compressed”). Petitioner explains that the combination would “avoid pushing the obstruction farther into the user’s airway while in use and to initiate blood circulation” (*see* Pet. 29), yet Lih’s valve 108 already “avoid[s] pushing the obstruction farther into the user’s airway” and “initiat[ing] blood circulation” benefits a heart-resuscitation device, not Lih’s dechoking device.

Accordingly, we agree with Patent Owner that the proposed combination lacks sufficient reasoning. *See* Prelim. Resp. 33–37.

We further agree with Patent Owner that modifying Lih’s device so that it pumps air into a patient’s lungs for the purpose of “initiating blood circulation,” as reasoned by Petitioner (*see* Pet. 29), would render Lih’s device unsuitable as a dechoking device, which is its intended purpose. *See* Prelim. Resp. 37–38 (arguing the same). To reiterate, Lih’s dechoking device avoids introducing air into the patient’s lungs, which would further lodge an obstruction in the patient’s trachea. *See* Ex. 1004, 4:3–5.

For at least these reasons, the information presented in the Petition fails to demonstrate that it is more likely than not that at least 1 of the claims challenged is unpatentable over the combined teachings of Lih, Tarrats, and da Costa.

D. Anticipated by Lih

Petitioner submits in the alternative that Lih anticipates claims 1–17.
See Pet. 18.

Each of the Challenged Claims require, *inter alia*, a connector comprising a “bottom plate.” Ex. 1001, 10:14–17 (independent claim 1), 10:46 (independent claim 3), 11:63 (independent claim 9); 12:35–36 (independent claim 13).

As explained above, the Examiner found that “Lih . . . fail[s] to disclose a bottom plate.” Ex. 1002, 142.

Despite the Examiner’s findings, Petitioner submits that Lih discloses a connector, specifically, element 118 (Pet. 35), which “is provided with a bottom plate” (*id.* at 38). To address the “bottom plate,” Petitioner states, “a bellows having a base with an opening configured to provide an access to an interior volume of the bellows assembly and dimensioned to be attached to a facemask via a facemask connector.” *Id.* at 38. Further, to address the requirement that “the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate,” Petitioner states, “In various implementations, the relief valve 108 is positioned on [] a base 114 of the bellows 104.” *Id.* at 39.

Patent Owner responds that “the challenged claims have a very specific structural description of the claimed ‘connector’” (Prelim. Resp. 47) and that the Petition fails to account for the structural limitations of the claims (*see id.* at 46–47). Patent Owner argues, “Because Lih fails to disclose a connector comprising the claimed ‘bottom plate’ structure, Lih cannot anticipate the challenged claims.” *Id.* at 50. Patent Owner further argues that “Lih does not teach [the] first check valve, as claimed.” *Id.* at 48.

Patent Owner's arguments are persuasive. We agree with Patent Owner that Lih fails to disclose several of the claimed features.

As explained above, a post-grant review petition must identify “with particularity . . . the evidence that supports the grounds for the challenge to each claim.” 35 U.S.C. § 322(a)(3). Our Rules further require that the petition must identify “the relevance of the evidence to the challenge raised, including identifying specific portions of the evidence that support the challenge.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.204(b)(5). In the present case, the Petition falls short of these requirements.

For example, although we understand Petitioner to rely on Lih's connector 118 for satisfying the recited “connector” (*see* Pet. 35), Petitioner fails to sufficiently explain or even cite to the record for addressing the requirement that the “connector is provided with a bottom plate” (*see id.* at 38). Petitioner simply states, “a bellows having a base with an opening configured to provide an access to an interior volume of the bellows assembly and dimensioned to be attached to a facemask via a facemask connector.” *See id.* at 38. This statement is not clear to us. Petitioner does not cite to the record or otherwise explain how a relatively simple cylindrical connector (Lih's element 118, as shown in Lih's Figure 3), has a “bottom plate.” *See id.* Furthermore, claim 1 requires that the “connector” includes a first and second check valve (Ex. 1001, 10:14–16), and nothing in Lih's figures depicts a first or second check valve on “connector” 118. In addressing the recited “first check valve,” Petitioner simply explains, “[i]n one embodiment the relief valve 108 is positioned [] on a base 114 of the bellows 104 . . . [and in another] example, the relief valve is positioned on the connector 414.” Pet. 37. This explanation is also not clear to us. In addressing the “second check valve,” Petitioner explains, “at least one relief

valve configured to allow air to escape from inside the bellows assembly when the bellows is compressed and prevent air from entering the bellows assembly when the bellows is expanded.” *Id.* at 38. This explanation is equally unclear. Petitioner does not cite to the record or otherwise explain how Lih discloses two check valves arranged on the connector. *See id.* at 37–38. We further note that Petitioner does not explain how the Examiner erred in finding that “Lih . . . fail[s] to disclose a bottom plate” (*compare id.*, with Ex. 1002, 142); we agree with the Examiner (*see* Ex. 1002, 142) and Patent Owner (*see* Prelim. Resp. 49–50) that Lih does not anticipate the challenged claims for at least this reason.

Accordingly, the information presented in the Petition fails to demonstrate that it is more likely than not that at least 1 of the Challenged Claims is anticipated by Lih.

IV. CONCLUSION

After considering the arguments presented in the Petition, the Preliminary Response, and the evidence of record, we determine that Petitioner has failed to establish that it is more likely than not that at least 1 of the Challenged Claims is unpatentable.

V. ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this Petition for post-grant review is denied.

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Response to Affidavit

2. The declaration under 37 CFR 1.130 filed 5/19/22 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 7-17 based upon IDEAR prior art applied under 3 U.S.C. 102 (a)(1).

Response to Amendment

3. This office action is in response to the amendment filed 7/20/22. Claims 1, 3, and 9 have been amended, no claims have been cancelled, and no new claims have been added. Thus claims 1-17 are presently pending in this application.

Claims 1-17 are allowed based on the Examiner's Amendment below.

Examiner's Amendment

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Thomas Lee on 8/10/22.

5. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, lines 13-14 "a flexible annular pad attached to a face" is changed to --a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face--.

In claim 3, lines 14-15 “a flexible annular pad attached to a face” is changed to --a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face--.

In claim 3, line 20 “one ends,” is changed to --one end,--.

In claim 9, lines 13-14 “a flexible annular pad attached to a face” is changed to --a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face--.

In claim 17, lines 12-13 “a flexible annular pad attached to a face” is changed to --a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face--.

Reasons for Allowance

6. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose the specific structure and function recited in claims 1, 3, and 9 such that a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask wherein the connector comprises a bottom plate and a first check valve and a second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions.

The closest prior art of record Lih (2015/0190158) and Tarrats (4,971,053) do not specifically disclose the claimed apparatus as presented in claims 1, 3, and 9.

Lih discloses a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract (Abstract, lines 1-2), the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag (bellow; 102, fig 1) a connector (118, fig 3) and a face mask (110, fig 3) and a check valve (108, fig 3).

Tarrats teaches an apparatus to remove an obstruction (10, fig 1; Abstract lines 1-2) with a connector (15, fig 1) provided with a first check valve (25a, fig 1; see col. 3, lines 36- 38) a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity (see

location of the check valve in fig 1; also note the valve prevents air into the victims mouth therefore the valve inlet is on the face mask side and the outlet is on the bellow side).

However, Lih and Tarrats fail to disclose a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate.

Therefore, claims 1-17 have been found allowable since any conclusion of obviousness would be based upon improper hindsight reasoning, using knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
17/393,249	08/03/2021	Ligui HE	20942.0019US01	4173

TITLE OF INVENTION: REMOVAL DEVICE FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTION IN RESPIRATORY TRACT AND CONNECTOR

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

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	Examiner KELSEY E BALLER	Art Unit 3785	AIA (FITF) Status Yes

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 7/20/22 and interview on 8/10/22.
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on ____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
2. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____.	6. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material ____.	7. ☐ Other ____.
4. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____.	

/KELSEY E BALLER/ Examiner, Art Unit 3785	/JUSTINE R YU/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3785
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Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Response to Amendment

2. This office action is in response to the amendment filed 7/20/22. Claims 1, 3, and 9 have been amended, no claims have been cancelled, and no new claims have been added. Thus claims 1-17 are presently pending in this application.

Claims 1-17 are allowed based on the Examiner's Amendment below.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Thomas Lee on 8/10/22.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, lines 13-14 "a flexible annular pad attached to a face" is changed to --a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face--.

In claim 3, lines 14-15 "a flexible annular pad attached to a face" is changed to --a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face--.

In claim 3, line 20 "one ends," is changed to --one end,--.

In claim 9, lines 13-14 "a flexible annular pad attached to a face" is changed to --a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face--.

In claim 17, lines 12-13 “a flexible annular pad attached to a face” is changed to --a flexible annular pad configured to attach to a face--.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose the specific structure and function recited in claims 1, 3, and 9 such that a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask wherein the connector comprises a bottom plate and a first check valve and a second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions.

The closest prior art of record Lih (2015/0190158) and Tarrats (4,971,053) do not specifically disclose the claimed apparatus as presented in claims 1, 3, and 9.

Lih discloses a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract (Abstract, lines 1-2), the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag (bellow; 102, fig 1) a connector (118, fig 3) and a face mask (110, fig 3) and a check valve (108, fig 3).

Tarrats teaches an apparatus to remove an obstruction (10, fig 1; Abstract lines 1-2) with a connector (15, fig 1) provided with a first check valve (25a, fig 1; see col. 3, lines 36- 38) a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity (see location of the check valve in fig 1; also note the valve prevents air into the victims mouth therefore the valve inlet is on the face mask side and the outlet is on the bellow side).

However, Lih and Tarrats fail to disclose a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate.

Therefore, claims 1-17 have been found allowable since any conclusion of obviousness would be based upon improper hindsight reasoning, using knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KELSEY E BALLER whose telephone number is (571)272-8153. The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at <http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice>.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on 571-272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/KELSEY E BALLER/
Examiner, Art Unit 3785

/JUSTINE R YU/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3785

<i>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</i>	Application No. 17/393,249	Applicant(s) HE, Ligui		
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All Participants (applicant, applicants representative, PTO personnel)	Title	Type
KELSEY E BALLER	Examiner	Telephonic
THOMAS LEE	Attorney	

Date of Interview: 10 August 2022

Issues Discussed:

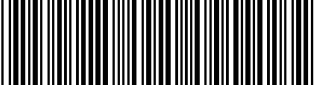
Proposed Amendment(s)

Examiner contacted applicant to propose amendments to claims 1, 3, 9, and 17 to overcome a 35 USC 101 rejection. Applicant agreed, see attached Examiner's Amendment.

/KELSEY E BALLER/ Examiner, Art Unit 3785	/JUSTINE R YU/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3785
Applicant is reminded that a complete written statement as to the substance of the interview must be made of record in the application file. It is the applicants responsibility to provide the written statement, unless the interview was initiated by the Examiner and the Examiner has indicated that a written summary will be provided. See MPEP 713.04 Please further see: MPEP 713.04 Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews, paragraph (b) 37 CFR § 1.2 Business to be transacted in writing	

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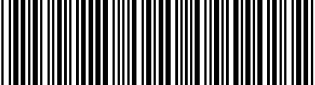
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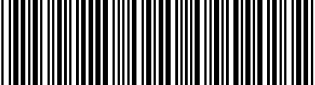
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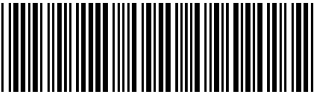
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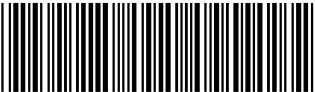
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action issued June 8, 2022, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

A fee for one additional independent claim accompanies this reply.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, ~~[[the]]~~ a top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and ~~[[the]]~~ a bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve~~[[;]]~~, a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face,

wherein the connector comprises a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions.

2. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 1,~~ A removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face,

wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure made from an elastic material, and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion; one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersect at the same point, and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion; the first base portion extends into the central cylinder, and an outer side of the first base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the central cylinder; a lower end of the central cylinder is hermetically connected to an upper side of the face mask; the deformation portion is exposed out of the central cylinder and extends into the gas storage cavity; when gas flows into the deformation portion through the first vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion gradually increases such that the deformation portion is deformed by expansion, so that the at least three first slits are opened, thereby allowing the gas on the side of the first vent hole to flow into the gas storage cavity; and when the gas flowing into the deformation portion through the first vent hole is reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the deformation portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the three first slits are closed, thereby preventing the gas in the gas storage cavity from flowing out of the first vent hole.

4. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein the upper side of the face mask is provided with a connecting cylinder which is vertically through in the middle, the connecting cylinder being inserted into the inner side of the lower end of the central cylinder from bottom to top, and an outer side of the connecting cylinder being hermetically connected to the inner side of the central cylinder.
5. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein an upper side of the bottom plate is provided with a first peripheral side wall encircling the central cylinder, an upper end of the first peripheral side wall shrinking inward to form a stop edge; the collapsible gasbag is provided with a second peripheral side wall made from an elastic material, the second peripheral side wall being provided with a plurality of layers of outwardly convex folds; and the first peripheral side wall covers the lowermost fold of the second peripheral side wall, and the stop edge covers an upper side of the lowermost fold.
6. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 5, wherein a plurality of reinforcement strips are arranged on the upper side of the bottom plate, two opposite ends of each reinforcement strip being separately connected to the inner side of the first peripheral side wall and the outer side of the central cylinder.
7. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein a top wall of the collapsible gasbag is connected to a handle for holding.
8. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein four first slits are provided, the four first slits being in the shape of a cross.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 1,~~ A removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract,

the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face,

wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a peripheral cylinder which is vertically through; the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; an outer side of the second base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the peripheral cylinder, and the second vent hole of the second base portion is in communication with the gas storage cavity; the duckbill portion extends into the peripheral cylinder, and a lower end of the peripheral cylinder is in communication with the outside; when gas flows into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the duckbill portion gradually increases such that the duckbill portion is deformed by expansion, so that the second slit is opened, thereby allowing gas in the gas storage cavity to be discharged to the outside; and when gas flowing into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the duckbill portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the second slit is closed, thereby preventing outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity through the second vent hole.

10. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.

11. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the face mask, the connector and the collapsible gasbag are integral.

12. (Previously Presented) The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the collapsible gasbag is not provided with a vent hole which is in direct communication with the outside.

13. (Original) A connector for a removal device, the connector comprising a bottom plate, and a first check valve and a second check valve which are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions; and the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.

14. (Original) The connector according to claim 13, wherein the connector is provided with one first check valve and a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve.

15. (Original) The connector according to claim 14, wherein the bottom plate is provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other, and a first gas outlet end and a second vent hole of the first check valve are provided in the deformed portion and the first base portion respectively; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion, one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersecting at the same point; and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion.

16. (Original) The connector according to claim 15, wherein the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, and a second gas outlet end and a second gas inlet end of the second check valve are provided in the duckbill portion and the second base portion respectively; the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; and the duckbill portion and the deformed portion separately face two opposite sides of the bottom plate.

17. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 15, wherein the removal device is configured to remove an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, the connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening; the first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to the first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 is amended. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in FIGS. 2-4 and page 10, lines 9-16; page 11, lines 1-26; and page 13, lines 29-31 of the Specification as filed.

Claims 3 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form including the features of base claim 1.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-17 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 7, and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Lih (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2015/0190158) (“Lih”) in view of Tarrats (U.S. Patent No. 4,971,053) (“Tarrats”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Without acquiescing to the merits of the rejection, but in order to advance prosecution, claim 1 has been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, at least in part, that the connector comprises a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions.

Neither Lih nor Tarrats, taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the same combination of features as recited in claim 1.

As admitted on page 3 of the Office Action, Lih “lacks a first check valve on the connector.” At most, Lih teaches a choking intervention device comprising a bellows assembly 102, in which the bellows assembly 102 may include a relief valve 108 configured to allow air to escape from the bellows assembly 102 when the bellows 104 is being compressed (see Lih, paragraphs [0030]-[0031]). As such, Lih merely teaches a relief valve, but fails to disclose or suggest the features recited in claim 1.

Tarrats fails to cure the deficiencies of Lih with respect to claim 1. Rather, Tarrats teaches a one-way check valve 25 that is provided in the airway 24 to prevent air from passing through the airway 24 from the chamber 18 and into a victim’s mouth (see Tarrats, col. 3, lines

36-38). Tarrats also teaches a second one-way check valve 30 that is provided at the forward end wall 13 of the cylinder 11 to allow air in chamber 18 to escape when the piston 16 is moved forwardly and reset in its forward position (see, col. 3, lines 43-46). As such, Tarrats merely teaches a check valve in the airway and a second check valve provided on the cylinder, but fails to disclose or suggest the features recited in claim 1.

That is, although it is suggested on page 3 of the Office Action that Tarrats teaches the previously presented features, Applicant respectfully disagrees and further submits that Tarrats fails to disclose or suggest the features recited in claim 1. For example, Tarrats teaches a specific configuration for the device for aiding choking victims that includes an airway having a one-way check valve and a second one-way check valve provided on the cylinder. Tarrats, however, does not teach or suggest a connector having a bottom plate and the first check valve and the second check valve being arranged on the bottom plate.

Therefore, since neither Lih nor Tarrats, taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the same combination of features as recited in claim 1, claim 1 is nonobvious over the cited references.

For at least the reasons discussed above, claim 1 is patentable over Lih and Tarrats. Claims 7 and 10-12 depend on claim 1. Thus, claims 7 and 10-12 are patentable over Lih and Tarrats for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection of the features in the claims not discussed herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Lih in view of Tarrats as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Rozinsky et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,351,245) (“Rozinsky”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 2 depends on claim 1. Thus, claim 2 is allowable over Lih and Tarrats for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Rozinsky fails to cure the deficiencies of Lih and Tarrats with respect to claim 1. Therefore, claim 2 is patentable over Lih, Tarrats, and Rozinsky. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection of the features in the claim not discussed herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

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Response to Office Action dated 6/8/2022

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-17 are allowed. Claims 3-6, 8, and 9 recite allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, claims 3 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance. If any questions arise regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative listed below. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

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1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Response to Amendment

2. This office action is in response to the preliminary amendment filed 8/3/21. Claim 17 has been amended, no new claims have been added, and no claims have been cancelled. Thus claims 1-17 are presently pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim(s) 1, 7, and 10-12 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Lih (2015/0190158) in view of Tarrats (4,971,053).

With respect to claim 1, Lih discloses a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract (Abstract, lines 1-2), the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag (bellow; 102, fig 1) a connector (118, fig 3) and a face mask (110, fig 3) which are sequentially connected (see the device is one piece when all together), wherein the collapsible gasbag is

internally provided with a gas storage cavity (inner space of bellow), the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed (bag is closed with no openings on top), and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity (116, fig 2); an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening (see [0034], lines 1-6), and a check valve (108, fig 3); a gas inlet end of the second check valve (side of the valve attached to the bellow) is in communication with the gas storage cavity and a gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside (see [0039], lines 3-6); and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad (seal; 112, fig 3) attached to a face (see [0033], lines 1-5), but lacks a first check valve on the connector.

However, Tarrats teaches an apparatus to remove an obstruction (10, fig 1; Abstract lines 1-2) with a connector (15, fig 1) provided with a first check valve (25a, fig 1; see col. 3, lines 36-38) a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity and an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve (see location of the check valve in fig 1; also note the valve prevents air into the victims mouth therefore the valve inlet is on the face mask side and the outlet is on the bellow side).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to have modified the connector of Lih to include a first check valve as taught by Tarrats so as to avoid pushing the obstruction farther into the user's airway during use.

Further, the second check valve is not located on the connector. However, Lih discloses "While the relief valve 108 is shown on a top surface of the bellows 404, the illustration is a non-limiting example. Thus, the relief valve 108 may be positioned at any suitable location on the

bellows assembly 102, such as the base 114 of the bellows assembly 102, top of the handle 106, etc.” [0041]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to have relocated the second check valve to be on the connector, since the valve would still perform the function of relieving the air in the bellows.

With respect to claim 7, the modified Lih shows a top wall of the collapsible gasbag (domed portion of 102 in fig 3) is connected to a handle (106, fig 3) for holding.

With respect to claim 10, the modified Lih shows the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material (collapsible bag making the device elastic).

With respect to claim 11, the modified Lih shows the face mask, the connector and the collapsible gasbag are integral (see all pieces together in figure).

With respect to claim 12, the modified Lih shows the collapsible gasbag is not provided with a vent hole which is in direct communication with the outside; note the relief valve (108, fig 3 of Lih) is the only communication the gasbag has with the outside.

6. Claim(s) 2 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Lih in view of Tarrats as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Rozinsky (7,351,245).

With respect to claim 2, the modified Lih shows the connector is provided with a second check valves (see claim 1 above), but lacks a plurality of second check valves.

However, Rozinsky teaches an apparatus for removing an obstruction (10, fig 1) with a plurality of check valves (36, fig 2; two exit valves 36 in fig 2).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to have modified the connector of the modified Lih to include multiple second check valves in an encircling manner as taught by Rozinsky so as to evenly remove air from the cavity when the bellow is depressed.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 13-17 allowed.
8. Claims 3-6 and 8-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments, see pg. 7, filed 5/19/22, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7-17 under 35 USC 102(a)(1) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of new art references under 35 USC 103.

Conclusion

10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KELSEY E BALLER whose telephone number is (571)272-8153. The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on 571-272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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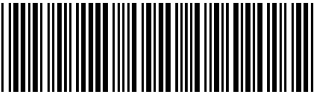
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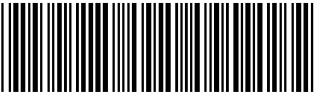
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action issued March 2, 2022, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face.

2. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]]~~ the obstruction in ~~[[a]]~~ the respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve.

3. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]]~~ the obstruction in ~~[[a]]~~ the respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure made from an elastic material, and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion; one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersect at the same point, and the first gas inlet end is a

first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion; the first base portion extends into the central cylinder, and an outer side of the first base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the central cylinder; a lower end of the central cylinder is hermetically connected to an upper side of the face mask; the deformation portion is exposed out of the central cylinder and extends into the gas storage cavity; when gas flows into the deformation portion through the first vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion gradually increases such that the deformation portion is deformed by expansion, so that the at least three first slits are opened, thereby allowing the gas on the side of the first vent hole to flow into the gas storage cavity; and when the gas flowing into the deformation portion through the first vent hole is reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the deformation portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the three first slits are closed, thereby preventing the gas in the gas storage cavity from flowing out of the first vent hole.

4. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein the upper side of the face mask is provided with a connecting cylinder which is vertically through in the middle, the connecting cylinder being inserted into the inner side of the lower end of the central cylinder from bottom to top, and an outer side of the connecting cylinder being hermetically connected to the inner side of the central cylinder.

5. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein an upper side of the bottom plate is provided with a first peripheral side wall encircling the central cylinder, an upper end of the first peripheral side wall shrinking inward to form a stop edge; the collapsible gasbag is provided with a second peripheral side wall made from an elastic material, the second peripheral side wall being provided with a plurality of layers of outwardly convex folds; and the first peripheral side wall covers the lowermost fold of the second peripheral side wall, and the stop edge covers an upper side of the lowermost fold.

6. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 5, wherein a plurality of reinforcement strips are arranged on

the upper side of the bottom plate, two opposite ends of each reinforcement strip being separately connected to the inner side of the first peripheral side wall and the outer side of the central cylinder.

7. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein a top wall of the collapsible gasbag is connected to a handle for holding.

8. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein four first slits are provided, the four first slits being in the shape of a cross.

9. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a peripheral cylinder which is vertically through; the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; an outer side of the second base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the peripheral cylinder, and the second vent hole of the second base portion is in communication with the gas storage cavity; the duckbill portion extends into the peripheral cylinder, and a lower end of the peripheral cylinder is in communication with the outside; when gas flows into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the duckbill portion gradually increases such that the duckbill portion is deformed by expansion, so that the second slit is opened, thereby allowing gas in the gas storage cavity to be discharged to the outside; and when gas flowing into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the duckbill portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the second slit is closed, thereby preventing outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity through the second vent hole.

10. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.

11. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the face mask, the connector and the collapsible gasbag are integral.

12. (Currently Amended) The removal device for removing ~~[[an]] the~~ obstruction in ~~[[a]] the~~ respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the collapsible gasbag is not provided with a vent hole which is in direct communication with the outside.

13. (Original) A connector for a removal device, the connector comprising a bottom plate, and a first check valve and a second check valve which are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions; and the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.

14. (Original) The connector according to claim 13, wherein the connector is provided with one first check valve and a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve.

15. (Original) The connector according to claim 14, wherein the bottom plate is provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other, and a first gas outlet end and a second vent hole of the first check valve are provided in the deformed portion and the first base portion respectively; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion, one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersecting at the same point; and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion.

16. (Original) The connector according to claim 15, wherein the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, and a second gas outlet end and a second gas inlet end of the second check valve are provided in the duckbill portion and the second base portion respectively; the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; and the duckbill portion and the deformed portion separately face two opposite sides of the bottom plate.

17. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 15, wherein the removal device is configured to remove an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, the connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening; the first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to the first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2-12 are amended to correct informalities.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-17 are pending.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 2-12 are objected to due to informalities. Applicant has revised the claims in accordance with the objection. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 5, and 7-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) based upon a public use or sale or other public availability of the invention. IDEAR anti-choke device, herein referred to as IDEAR. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Specifically, the rejection should be withdrawn since IDEAR is disqualified as prior art against the present application under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(1)(A), which provides that a disclosure which would otherwise qualify as prior art under AIA 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) is not prior art if the disclosure was made: (1) one year or less before the effective filing date of the claimed invention; and (2) by the inventor or a joint inventor, or by another who obtained the subject matter directly or indirectly from the inventor or joint inventor.

The present application was filed August 3, 2021. As such, the present application has an effective US filing date of August 3, 2021.

Applicant submits a declaration by Ligui He (“He Declaration”) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.130(a) that states that the common subject matter of IDEAR is attributable to the inventor of the present application, specifically, the removal device shown in the IDEAR publication. See He Declaration, para. 3. As such, since the subject matter of IDEAR originated from the inventor of the present application and was publicly disclosed less than one year before the effective filing date of the present application, IDEAR is disqualified as prior art.

Thus, anticipation of claims 1-3, 5, and 7-17 cannot be established in view of the cited art. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the reasoning of the rejections. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over IDEAR, as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Lih. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2015/0190158) (“Lih”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 4 depends on claim 1 and is allowable over IDEAR for at least the same reasons as claim 1, as discussed above. Lih fails to cure the deficiencies of IDEAR with respect to claim 1. Thus, claim 4 is allowable over IDEAR and Lih. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection of claim 4. Favorable consideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over IDEAR, as applied to claim 5 above, and further in view of Koledin (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2011/0197892) (“Koledin”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 6 depends on claim 1 and is allowable over IDEAR for at least the same reasons as claim 1, as discussed above. Koledin fails to cure the deficiencies of IDEAR with respect to claim 1. Thus, claim 6 is allowable over IDEAR and Koledin. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection of claim 6. Favorable consideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

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Response to Office Action dated 3/2/2022

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance. If any questions arise regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative listed below. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

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Serial No.: 17/393249 Group Art Unit: 3785
Filed: August 3, 2021 Docket No.: 20942.0019US01
Title: REMOVAL DEVICE FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTION IN RESPIRATORY
TRACT AND CONNECTOR

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.130

HON. COMMISSIONER OF U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

SIR:

I, Ligui He, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the above-identified application, which was filed August 3, 2021.
2. I have reviewed the Non-Final Office Action dated March 2, 2022 in the above-identified application and understand that the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated over IDEAR.
3. I note that the disclosure of the removal device of IDEAR is based on the subject matter of the present application and is not prior art. That is, IDEAR is based on the conception or development of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the present application which are attributable to me.
4. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statement made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statement were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements are punishable under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2021.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.

2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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Application Papers

10) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 August 2021 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some** c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

3) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)

Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

2) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b)

4) ☒ Other: NPL-IDEAR Amazon page.

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Response to Amendment

2. This office action is in response to the preliminary amendment filed 8/3/21. Claim 17 has been amended, no new claims have been added, and no claims have been cancelled. Thus claims 1-17 are presently pending in this application.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 2-12 are objected to because of the following informalities: In lines 1-2 of each claim 2-12 "The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according" should be --The removal device for removing the obstruction in the respiratory tract according--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

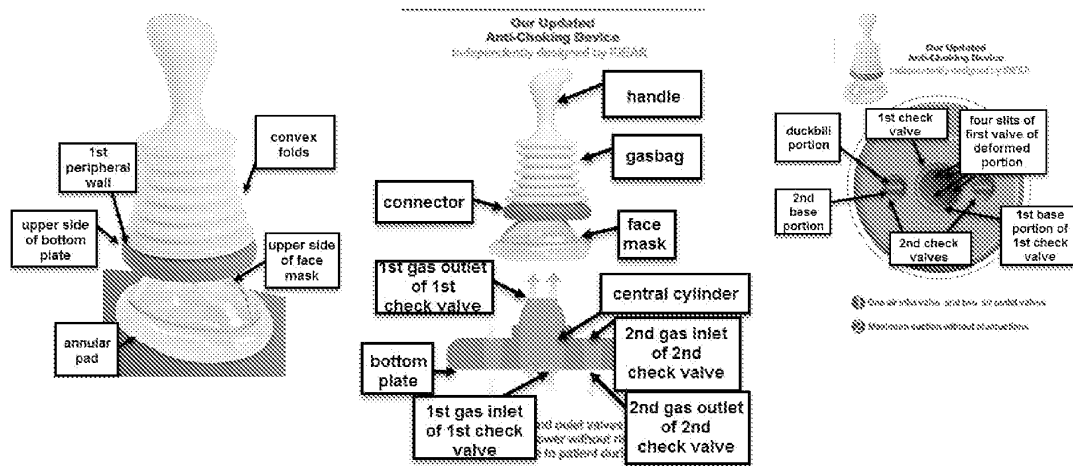
4. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a)(1) the claimed invention was patented, described in a printed publication, or in public use, on sale, or otherwise available to the public before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

6. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) based upon a public use or sale or other public availability of the invention. IDEAR anti-choke device has been listed on sale on Amazon since April 28, 2021, herein referred to as IDEAR.



Annotated figs of IDEAR anti-choke device.

With respect to claim 1, IDEAR discloses a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract (choking rescue device), the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag (see annotated fig of IDEAR device), a connector (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) and a face mask (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which are sequentially connected (see the device is one piece when all together), wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity (inner space of gas bag), the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed (bag is closed with no openings on top), and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity; an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve (air inlet valve) and a second check valve (air outlet valve); a first gas outlet end of the first check valve (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) is in communication with the gas storage cavity (see how the connector top is connected to the gasbag), a second gas inlet end of the second check

valve (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) is in communication with the gas storage cavity (see how the top of the connector is connected to the gasbag), and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) is in communication with the outside (see video of device at 19 seconds showing second check valves exposed to the outside); and an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve (see video of device at 20 seconds showing first check valve is connected to the face mask in the middle of the connector), and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) attached to a face (see annotated fig of IDEAR device).

With respect to claim 2, IDEAR discloses the connector is provided with a plurality of second check valves (see two air outlet valves), the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve (two air outlet valves are around the one inlet valve).

With respect to claim 3, IDEAR discloses the connector is provided with a bottom plate (see annotated fig of IDEAR device), the bottom plate being provided with a central cylinder (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which is vertically through (see arrows through air inlet); the first check valve is of a hollowed structure (see through hole of 1st check valve) made from an elastic material, and comprises a deformed portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) and a first base portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which are connected to each other (see the two structures connected on the connector); the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) provided at a top end of the deformed portion; one ends, extending toward the center of the at least three first slits intersect at the same point (valve slits connect to forma cross shape), and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion (see air inlet valve in the middle of the base

portion in device figure); the first base portion extends into the central cylinder, (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) and an outer side of the first base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the central cylinder; a lower end of the central cylinder is hermetically connected to an upper side of the face mask; the deformation portion is exposed out of the central cylinder and extends into the gas storage cavity; when gas flows into the deformation portion through the first vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion gradually increases such that the deformation portion is deformed by expansion, so that the at least three first slits are opened, thereby allowing the gas on the side of the first vent hole to flow into the gas storage cavity; and when the gas flowing into the deformation portion through the first vent hole is reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the deformation portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the three first slits are closed, thereby preventing the gas in the gas storage cavity from flowing out of the first vent hole (see direction of arrows of fig of IDEAR only move in one direction allowing air suction into the bag and not out due to the valve).

With respect to claim 5, IDEAR discloses an upper side of the bottom plate (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) is provided with a first peripheral side wall encircling the central cylinder (see annotated fig of IDEAR device), an upper end of the first peripheral side wall shrinking inward to form a stop edge (note the upper part of the bottom plate curves inward and folds under the gasbag); the collapsible gasbag is provided with a second peripheral side wall made from an elastic material (bag is collapsible elastic material), the second peripheral side wall being provided with a plurality of layers of outwardly convex folds (see annotated fig of IDEAR device); and the first peripheral side wall covers the lowermost fold of the second peripheral side wall, and the stop edge covers an upper side of the lowermost fold (see how the upper side of the

plate curves inward toward the bag and allows the bag to be inside the connector to stay connected to one another).

With respect to claim 7, IDEAR discloses a top wall of the collapsible gasbag (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) is connected to a handle (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) for holding (see use of device in video).

With respect to claim 8, IDEAR discloses four first slits (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) are provided, the four first slits being in the shape of a cross (four slits come together in the middle to form a cross).

With respect to claim 9, IDEAR discloses the connector is provided with a bottom plate (see annotated fig of IDEAR device), the bottom plate being provided with a peripheral cylinder (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which is vertically through (see arrows through the inlet valve opening); the second check valve is a duckbill valve (see duckbill shape in annotated fig of IDEAR), the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) and a second base portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which are connected to each other, the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device; the hole is in the middle of 2nd check valve's base), and the second gas outlet end is a second slit (slit of duckbill portion) provided in the duckbill portion; an outer side of the second base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the peripheral cylinder, and the second vent hole of the second base portion is in communication with the gas storage cavity (see bag connected to upper portion of connector and inlet area in annotated fig of IDEAR); the duckbill portion extends into the peripheral cylinder, and a lower end of the peripheral cylinder is in communication with the outside (see video of device at 19 seconds showing second check valves exposed to the outside); when gas flows into

the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the duckbill portion gradually increases such that the duckbill portion is deformed by expansion, so that the second slit is opened, thereby allowing gas in the gas storage cavity to be discharged to the outside; and when gas flowing into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the duckbill portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the second slit is closed, thereby preventing outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity through the second vent hole (see direction of arrows in fig of IDEAR, second check valves only allow air movement out of the bag to the outside).

With respect to claim 10, IDEAR discloses the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material (lightweight material formed of as one piece).

With respect to claim 11, IDEAR discloses the face mask, the connector and the collapsible gasbag are integral (see all pieces together in figure of IDEAR device).

With respect to claim 12, IDEAR discloses the collapsible gasbag is not provided with a vent hole which is in direct communication with the outside; note the air outlet valves are the only communication the gasbag has with the outside.

With respect to claim 13, IDEAR discloses a connector for a removal device (see annotated fig of IDEAR device), the connector comprising a bottom plate (see annotated fig of IDEAR device), and a first check valve (air inlet valve) and a second check valve (air outlet valve) which are arranged on the bottom plate (see annotated fig of IDEAR device), wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions (see opposite directions of air flow in fig of IDEAR device); and the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material (all the pieces are connected to one another).

With respect to claim 14, IDEAR discloses the connector is provided with a plurality of second check valves (see two air outlet valves), the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve (two air outlet valves are around the one inlet valve).

With respect to claim 15, IDEAR discloses the bottom plate being provided with a central cylinder (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which is vertically through (see arrows through air inlet); the first check valve is of a hollowed structure (see through hole of 1st check valve) made from an elastic material, and comprises a deformed portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) and a first base portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which are connected to each other (see the two structures connected on the connector); the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) provided at a top end of the deformed portion; one ends, extending toward the center of the at least three first slits intersect at the same point (valve slits connect to form a cross shape), and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion (see air inlet valve in the middle of the base portion in device figure).

With respect to claim 16, IDEAR discloses the second check valve is a duckbill valve (see duckbill shape in annotated fig of IDEAR), the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) and a second base portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which are connected to each other, a second gas outlet end (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) and a second gas inlet end of the second check valve (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) are provided in the duckbill portion and the second base portion (the inlet and outlet are provided on either side of the duckbill valve) respectively; and the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion (see annotated fig of IDEAR device; the hole is in the middle of 2nd check valve's base), and the second gas outlet end

is a second slit (slit of duckbill portion) provided in the duckbill portion and the duckbill portion and the deformed portion separately face two opposite sides of the bottom plate (the duckbill portion is on the outlet side where the deformed portion is on the inlet side).

With respect to claim 17, IDEAR discloses a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract (choking rescue device), the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag (see annotated fig of IDEAR device), the connector (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) and a face mask (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) which are sequentially connected (see the device is one piece when all together), wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity (inner space of gas bag), the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed (bag is closed with no openings on top), and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity (must be in communication to create the suction to remove obstruction, see video); an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve (air inlet valve) and a second check valve (air outlet valve); a first gas outlet end of the first check valve (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) is in communication with the gas storage cavity (see how the connector top is connected to the gasbag), a second gas inlet end of the second check valve (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) is in communication with the gas storage cavity (see how the top of the connector is connected to the gasbag), and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) is in communication with the outside (see video of device at 19 seconds showing second check valves exposed to the outside); and an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve (see video of device at 20 seconds showing first check valve is connected to the face mask in the middle of

the connector), and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad (see annotated fig of IDEAR device) attached to a face (see annotated fig of IDEAR device).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 4 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over IDEAR as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Lih (2015/0190158).

With respect to claim 4, IDEAR discloses the face mask but is silent regarding the mask having the upper side of the face mask is provided with a connecting cylinder which is vertically through in the middle.

However, Lih teaches a respiratory device (102, fig 1) with a mask (110, fig 1) having the connecting cylinder (118, fig 3) being inserted into the inner side of the lower end of the central cylinder from bottom to top, and an outer side of the connecting cylinder being hermetically connected to the inner side of the central cylinder (see [0034], lines 1-3).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to have modified the face mask of IDEAR to include a connecting cylinder as taught by Lih so as to provide an air tight seal with the

connector to ensure the parts stay together and properly create a suction for obstruction removal.

10. Claim 6 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over IDEAR as applied to claim 5 above, and further in view of Koledin (2011/0197892).

With respect to claim 6, IDEAR discloses all the elements as claimed above but lacks a plurality of reinforcement strips.

However, Koledin teaches a respiratory device (fig 2) with a plurality of reinforcement strips (see strips coming out of cylinder 38 in fig 1) are arranged on the upper side of a plate (see connection of strips on flat part in fig 1), ends of each reinforcement strip being separately connected to an outer side of a central cylinder (see connection to cylinder 38 in fig 1).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to have modified the central cylinder and first peripheral wall of IDEAR to include reinforcement strips as taught by Koledin so as to provide additional support to the central cylinder to avoid breakage or dislodgement.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Pool (6145135) is cited to show a manual collapsible plunder; Richards (3316903), Tarrats (4971053), Flynn (7219668), Winiarski (2009/0228018), Baek (2018/0099108), Carver (10675393), and Carver (2020/0306420) are cited to show additional manual resuscitation devices.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KELSEY E BALLER whose telephone number is (571)272-8153. The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM.

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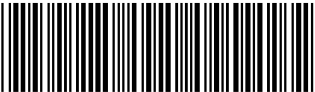
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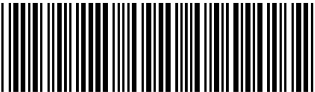
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Title:

REMOVAL DEVICE FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTION IN
RESPIRATORY TRACT AND CONNECTOR

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<i>Decision Granting Request for Prioritized Examination (Track I)</i>	Application No. 17/393,249	Applicant(s) HE, Liguì	
	Examiner DIANE C GOODWYN	Art Unit OPET	AIA (FITF) Status Yes
1. THE REQUEST FILED <u>03 August 2021</u> IS GRANTED . The above-identified application has met the requirements for prioritized examination A. ☒ for an original nonprovisional application (Track I). B. ☐ for an application undergoing continued examination (RCE). 2. The above-identified application will undergo prioritized examination. The application will be accorded special status throughout its entire course of prosecution until one of the following occurs: A. filing a <u>petition for extension of time</u> to extend the time period for filing a reply; B. filing an <u>amendment to amend the application to contain more than four independent claims, more than thirty total claims</u>, or a multiple dependent claim; C. filing a <u>request for continued examination</u> ; D. filing a notice of appeal; E. filing a request for suspension of action; F. mailing of a notice of allowance; G. mailing of a final Office action; H. completion of examination as defined in 37 CFR 41.102; or I. abandonment of the application. Telephone inquiries with regard to this decision should be directed to DIANE GOODWYN at (571) 272-6735. In his/her absence, calls may be directed to Petition Help Desk at (571) 272-3282.			
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Domestic Applications for which benefit is claimed - None.

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Title

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Preliminary Class

Statement under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78 for AIA (First Inventor to File) Transition Applications: No

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APPLICATION AS FILED - PART I							
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SPECIFICATION

REMOVAL DEVICE FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTION IN RESPIRATORY TRACT AND CONNECTOR

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TECHNICAL FIELD

10 The disclosure relates to the technical field of medical instruments, and in particular to a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract and a connector.

BACKGROUND

15 Asphyxiation caused by an obstruction in a respiratory tract will often cause the breathing to stop and is fatal, if first aid is not given within 4-6 minutes; and even if the life is saved, it will often cause irreversible damage due to lack of oxygen for an excessively long time. Therefore, in the rescue, it is necessary to race against the clock to remove the respiratory tract obstruction due to various causes, to make the airway unblocked, ensure that the wounded can be evacuated in a timely and safe manner, and provide the wounded with opportunities of further treatment.

20 At present, “Heimlich Maneuver” is usually used to give the first aid to the patient with the respiratory tract obstruction. However, the public may cannot implement the “Heimlich Maneuver” first aid method correctly without training, which leads to death of the patient with the respiratory tract obstruction caused by choking.

SUMMARY

30 The technical problem to be solved by the disclosure is to provide a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract which is simple in structure and operation and practically effective. The removal device is a backup device and a safety guarantee when the “Heimlich Maneuver” rescue method may not be implemented effectively or there is no others around for help. In addition, if your own

respiratory tract suffers obstruction and choking, the removal device may be utilized for self-rescue without the help of others around.

The other technical problem to be solved by the disclosure is to provide a connector used for the above removal device.

5 To solve the above technical problem, a technical solution used by the disclosure is to provide a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract. The removal device comprises a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected, wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the
10 collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity; an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication
15 with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face.

 When the removal device of the above technical solution is used, the flexible
20 annular pad of the face mask may encircle a mouth of a choked patient and be closely attached to a face, so as to be connected to a respiratory tract of the patient; and then, the face mask is held with one hand to keep a seal between the face mask and the face, and the collapsible gasbag is pressed downward and stretched with the other hand repeatedly, such that the obstruction in the respiratory tract of the patient may be
25 extracted out quickly. In the process of compressing the collapsible gasbag, gas in the gas storage cavity may be discharged to the outside through the second check valve, but may not enter the respiratory tract of the patient through the first check valve. In the process of stretching the collapsible gasbag, the volume of the gas storage cavity increases, and the second check valve may prevent the outside gas from flowing into
30 the gas storage cavity, so as to form negative pressure in the gas storage cavity, that is, gas pressure in the gas storage cavity is lower than gas pressure in the respiratory tract

of the patient, such that the gas pressure in the respiratory tract may push the obstruction outward, and thus discharge the obstruction out.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, the connector is provided with a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve. By arranging the plurality of second check valves, the discharge velocity of the gas in the gas storage cavity may be accelerated when the collapsible gasbag is compressed, which is conducive to improving the efficiency of downward pressing of the collapsible gasbag.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure made from an elastic material, and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion; one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersect at the same point, and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion; the first base portion extends into the central cylinder, and an outer side of the first base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the central cylinder; a lower end of the central cylinder is hermetically connected to an upper side of the face mask; the deformation portion is exposed out of the central cylinder and extends into the gas storage cavity; when gas flows into the deformation portion through the first vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion gradually increases such that the deformation portion is deformed by expansion, so that the at least three first slits are opened, thereby allowing the gas on the side of the first vent hole to flow into the gas storage cavity; and when the gas flowing into the deformation portion through the first vent hole is reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the deformation portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the three first slits are closed, thereby preventing the gas in the gas storage cavity from flowing out of the first vent hole.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, the upper side of the face mask is provided with a connecting cylinder which is vertically through in the middle, the connecting cylinder being inserted into the inner side of the lower end of the central cylinder from bottom to top, and an outer side of the connecting cylinder being hermetically connected to the inner side of the central cylinder.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, an upper side of the bottom plate is provided with a first peripheral side wall encircling the central cylinder, an upper end of the first peripheral side wall shrinking inward to form a stop edge; the collapsible gasbag is provided with a second peripheral side wall made from an elastic material, the second peripheral side wall being provided with a plurality of layers of outwardly convex folds; and the first peripheral side wall covers the lowermost fold of the second peripheral side wall, and the stop edge covers an upper side of the lowermost fold. Therefore, the connector and the collapsible gasbag are guaranteed to be connected stably, so as to prevent the connector from being separated from the collapsible gasbag.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, a plurality of reinforcement strips are arranged on the upper side of the bottom plate, two opposite ends of each reinforcement strip being separately connected to the inner side of the first peripheral side wall and the outer side of the central cylinder. The reinforcement strip plays a role in stabilizing the connector, increasing the hardness of the connector, and therefore avoiding the situation that the first check valve or the second check valve deforms or components are not connected stably due to excessive deformation of the connector.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, a top wall of the collapsible gasbag is connected to a handle for holding. In this way, the handle may be held to press or stretch the collapsible gasbag, facilitating application of force by a rescuer.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, four first slits are provided, the four first slits being in the shape of a cross.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a peripheral cylinder which is vertically through; the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; an outer side of the second base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the peripheral cylinder, and the second vent hole of the second base portion is in communication with the gas storage cavity; the duckbill portion extends into the peripheral cylinder, and a lower end of the peripheral cylinder is in communication with the outside; when gas flows into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the duckbill portion gradually increases such that the duckbill portion is deformed by expansion, so that the second slit is opened, thereby allowing gas in the gas storage cavity to be discharged to the outside; and when gas flowing into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole is reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the duckbill portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the second slit is closed, thereby preventing outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity through the second vent hole.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material. The connector may guarantee desirable gas impermeability of the connector itself as the integrally formed member, which is conducive to forming negative pressure in the gas storage cavity of the collapsible gasbag.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, the face mask, the connector and the collapsible gasbag are integral.

In the removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract provided by the disclosure, the collapsible gasbag is not provided with a vent hole which is in direct communication with the outside.

To solve the other technical problem, according to a technical solution used by the disclosure, a connector for a removal device is provided. The connector comprises a bottom plate, and a first check valve and a second check valve which are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions; and the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.

In the connector provided by the disclosure, the connector is provided with one first check valve and a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve.

In the connector provided by the disclosure, the bottom plate is provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other, and a first gas outlet end and a second vent hole of the first check valve are provided in the deformed portion and the first base portion respectively; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion, one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersecting at the same point; and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion.

In the connector provided by the disclosure, the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, a second gas outlet end and a second gas inlet end of the second check valve are provided in the duckbill portion and the second base portion respectively; the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion; the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; and the duckbill portion and the deformed portion separately face two opposite sides of the bottom plate.

In the connector provided by the disclosure, the removal device is the removal device mentioned above.

The removal device of the disclosure may at least achieve the following beneficial effects when implemented: the removal device comprises a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected, wherein the

collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity; an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face. When the removal device is used, the flexible annular pad of the face mask may encircle a mouth of a choked patient and be closely attached to a face, so as to be connected to a respiratory tract of the patient; and then, the face mask is held with one hand, so as to keep a seal between the face mask and the face, and the collapsible gasbag is quickly pressed downward and stretched with the other hand repeatedly, such that the obstruction in the respiratory tract of the patient may be extracted out. In this way, the removal device may be used as a backup device and a safety guarantee in the case of obstruction and choking rescue when the Heimlich Maneuver rescue method is ineffective or there is no others around for help.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In order to more clearly explain the embodiments of the disclosure or the technical solutions in the prior art, the drawings to be used in the description of the embodiments or the prior art will be briefly introduced below. Obviously, the drawings in the following description are only embodiments of the disclosure. For those of ordinary skill in the art, other drawings may be obtained according to the provided drawings without any creative work.

Fig. 1 is a three-dimensional combined schematic diagram of a removal device provided in this embodiment;

Fig. 2 is a three-dimensional exploded schematic diagram (I) of the removal device provided in this embodiment;

Fig. 3 is a three-dimensional exploded schematic diagram (II) of the removal device provided in this embodiment; and

5 Fig. 4 is a combined schematic diagram of a connector and a collapsible gasbag provided in this embodiment.

Description of reference numerals in specific implementations:

Face mask	1	Collapsible gasbag	3
Flexible annular pad	11	Handle	31
Connecting cylinder	12	Opening	32
Connector	2	Second peripheral side wall	33
First check valve	21	Second check valve	22
Bottom plate	23	First peripheral side wall	24
Peripheral cylinder	25	Central cylinder	26
Stop edge	241	Reinforcement strip	27
Deformed portion	212	First slit	2121
Duckbill portion	222	Second slit	2221
Second base portion	221	Fold	331

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

10 In order to facilitate understanding of the disclosure, the disclosure will be described more comprehensively below with reference to related drawings. Typical embodiments of the disclosure are given in the drawings. However, the disclosure may be implemented in many different forms, which are not limited to the embodiments described herein. On the contrary, the purpose of providing these
15 embodiments is to make the summary of the disclosure more thorough and comprehensive.

Unless otherwise defined, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by those skilled in the technical field of the

disclosure. The terms used in the specification of the disclosure herein is for the purpose of describing specific embodiments, and are not intended to limit the disclosure.

This embodiment provides a removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract. With reference to Fig. 1, Fig. 1 is a three-dimensional combined schematic diagram of a removal device provided in this embodiment. As shown in Fig. 1, the removal device comprises a collapsible gasbag 3, a connector 2 and a face mask 1 which are sequentially connected. With reference to Fig. 2, Fig. 2 is a three-dimensional exploded schematic diagram (I) of the removal device provided in this embodiment. As shown in Fig. 2, the collapsible gasbag 3 is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag 3 is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening 32 in communication with the gas storage cavity. In this embodiment, an upper side of the connector 2 is hermetically connected to the opening 32, with details shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a three-dimensional exploded schematic diagram (II) of the removal device provided in this embodiment. As shown in Fig. 3, the connector 2 is made from an elastic material, and is provided with a bottom plate 23, an upper side of the bottom plate 23 is provided with an annular first peripheral side wall 24, an upper end of the first peripheral side wall 24 shrinks inward to form a stop edge 241, the collapsible gasbag 3 is provided with a second peripheral side wall 33 made from an elastic material, and the second peripheral side wall 33 is provided with a plurality of layers of outwardly convex folds. The inner diameter of the stop edge 241 is smaller than the lowermost fold 331 of the collapsible gasbag 3. Since both the collapsible gasbag 3 and the connector 2 are made from the elastic material, the lowermost fold 331 of the collapsible gasbag 3 may be deformed to enter a bayonet defined by the stop edge 241. The collapsible gasbag 3 is not provided with a vent hole which is in direct communication with the outside. With reference to Fig. 4, Fig. 4 is a combined schematic diagram of the connector 2 and the collapsible gasbag 3 provided in this embodiment. As shown in Fig. 4, when the connector 2 and the collapsible gasbag 3 are connected and combined, the second peripheral side wall 33 is inserted into the first peripheral side wall 24, the first peripheral side wall 24 covers the lowermost

fold 331 of the second peripheral side wall 33, and the stop edge 241 covers an upper side of the lowermost fold 331. Therefore, the connector 2 and the collapsible gasbag 3 are guaranteed to be connected stably, so as to prevent the connector 2 from being separated from the collapsible gasbag 3. In addition, the outer side of the second peripheral side wall 33 is closely attached to the inner side of the first peripheral side wall 24, so as to guarantee desirable gas impermeability between the connector 2 and the collapsible gasbag 3. In this embodiment, the connector 2 is provided with a first check valve 21, and a first gas outlet end of the first check valve 21 is in communication with the gas storage cavity, with details shown in Fig. 3. The bottom plate 23 is provided with a central cylinder 26 which is vertically through and encircled by the first peripheral side wall 24; the first check valve 21 is of a hollowed structure made from an elastic material, and comprises a deformed portion 212 and a first base portion which are connected to each other; and the first gas outlet end is composed of four first slits 2121 provided at a top end of the deformed portion 212, the four first slits 2121 being in the shape of a cross, and one ends, extending toward the center, of the four first slits 2121 intersecting at the same point. Certainly, in some other embodiments, the number of the first slits 2121 on the first check valve 21 may be 3, 5 or 6, etc. The first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion. The first base portion extends into the central cylinder 26, and the outer side of the first base portion is hermetically connected to the inner side of the central cylinder 26; and a lower end of the central cylinder 26 is hermetically connected to an upper side of the face mask 1. The deformation portion is exposed out of the central cylinder 26 and extends into the gas storage cavity. It may be understood that when gas flows into the deformation portion through the first vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion gradually increases such that the deformation portion is deformed by expansion, so that the four first slits 2121 are opened, thereby allowing the gas on the side of the first vent hole to flow into the gas storage cavity; and when the gas flowing into the deformation portion through the first vent hole is reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the deformation portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the four first slits 2121 are closed, thereby preventing the gas in the gas

storage cavity from flowing out of the first vent hole. In this embodiment, the connector 2 is further provided with a second check valve 22, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve 22 is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside.

5 Still referring to Fig. 3 for details, the bottom plate 23 is provided with a peripheral cylinder 25 which is vertically through and encircled by the first peripheral side wall 24. The second check valve 22 is a duckbill valve, the second check valve 22 comprises a duckbill portion 222 and a second base portion 221 which are connected to each other, the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of

10 the second base portion 221, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit 2221 provided in the duckbill portion 222. The outer side of the second base portion 221 is hermetically connected to the inner side of the peripheral cylinder 25, and the second vent hole of the second base portion 221 is in communication with the gas storage cavity. With reference to Fig. 2, the duckbill portion 222 extends into the peripheral

15 cylinder 25, and a lower end of the peripheral cylinder 25 is in communication with the outside. It may be understood that when gas flows into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the duckbill portion 222 gradually increases such that the duckbill portion 222 is deformed by expansion, so that the second slit 2221 is opened, thereby allowing gas in the gas storage cavity to be discharged to the

20 outside. When gas flowing into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole is reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the duckbill portion 222 shrinks under its own elasticity such that the second slit 2221 is closed, thereby preventing outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity through the second vent hole. In this embodiment, an upper

25 side of the face mask 1 is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve 21. With reference to Fig. 3 for details, the upper side of the face mask 1 is provided with a connecting cylinder 12 which is vertically through in the middle. When the face mask 1 and the connector 2 are combined, the connecting cylinder 12 is inserted into the inner side of the lower end of the central cylinder 26 from bottom

30 to top, and the outer side of the connecting cylinder 12 is hermetically connected to

the inner side of the central cylinder 26. With reference to Fig. 2 and Fig. 3, a lower side of the face mask 1 is provided with a flexible annular pad 11 attached to a face.

When the removal device provided in this embodiment is used for rescuing a choked patient, the flexible annular pad 11 of the face mask 1 encircles a mouth of the choked patient and is closely attached to a face so as to be connected to a respiratory tract of the patient; and then, the face mask 1 is held with one hand to keep a seal between the face mask 1 and the face, and the collapsible gasbag 3 is pressed downward and stretched with the other hand repeatedly, such that the obstruction in the respiratory tract of the patient may be extracted out quickly. It should be explained that in the process of compressing the collapsible gasbag 3, gas flows from the inside of the collapsible gasbag 3 to the outside of the collapsible gasbag 3 at the second check valve 22, and the first check valve 21 is tightly closed, that is, gas in the gas storage cavity may be discharged to the outside through the second check valve 22, but may not enter the respiratory tract of the patient through the first check valve 21. In the process of stretching the collapsible gasbag 3, the volume of the gas storage cavity increases, the second slit 2221 of the second check valve 22 is tightly closed, so as to prevent the outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity, and thus form negative pressure in the gas storage cavity, that is, gas pressure in the gas storage cavity is lower than gas pressure in the respiratory tract of the patient, gas flows from the outside of the collapsible gasbag 3 to the inside of the collapsible gasbag 3 at the first check valve 21, such that the gas pressure in the respiratory tract may push the obstruction outward, and thus discharge the obstruction out of the first check valve 21 into the collapsible gasbag 3, and the closed collapsible gasbag 3 may collect some debris from an oral cavity and esophagus to avoid residual backflow in the collapsible gasbag 3.

To sum up, by using the removal device, the patient suffering from respiratory tract obstruction and choking may be rescued quickly and effectively only by repeating simple stretching operations. Therefore, under the condition that the “Heimlich Maneuver” rescue method may not be effectively implemented, we may utilize the removal device to quickly and effectively rescue the patient with the respiratory tract obstruction and choking. In addition, if your own respiratory tract

suffers obstruction and choking, the removal device may be utilized for effective self-rescue without the help of others around.

It should be pointed out that in the process of compressing the collapsible gasbag 3, the gas in the gas storage cavity of the collapsible gasbag 3 is compressed, gas pressure in the gas storage cavity increases, and the deformation portion of the first check valve 21 is pressed and compressed further, such that the first slit 2121 of the first check valve 21 is closed more tightly, and the gas in the gas storage cavity is better prevented from flowing into the respiratory tract of the patient through the first check valve 21. Similarly, in the process of stretching the collapsible gasbag 3, gas pressure in the gas storage cavity decreases, and the duckbill portion 222 of the second check valve 22 is further contracted under the action of the outside gas pressure, such that the second slit 2221 of the second check valve is closed more tightly, and outside gas is better prevented from flowing into the gas storage cavity, which is conducive to forming higher and more stable negative pressure in the gas storage cavity.

It is worth mentioning that the deformation portion of the gas outlet end of the first check valve 21 is provided with four first slits 2121 in communication with one another, which makes it easier to open the gas outlet end of the first check valve 21 (compared with a common duckbill valve), and is conducive to extracting out the obstruction in the respiratory tract of the patient.

It should be noted that when the removal device is used, the flexible annular pad 11 may encircle the mouth (or the mouth and nose) of the choked patient at the same time. In addition, the flexible annular pad 11 may be suitable for different face types, such that the face mask 1 may be closely attached to the faces of different patients, and desirable gas impermeability between the face mask 1 and the face of the patient is ensured. In addition, the flexible annular pad 11 may be used as a buffer during compression, so as to avoid injury to the face of the patient.

Further, the connector 2 is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material. That is, the bottom plate 23, the first peripheral side wall 24, the central cylinder 26, the peripheral cylinder 25, the first check valve 21 and the second check valve 22 are integrally formed. In this way, the gas impermeability of the connector 2

itself may be ensured, and therefore stable negative pressure may be formed in the gas storage cavity.

Further, the face mask 1, the connector 2 and the collapsible gasbag 3 are integral, and the face mask 1, the connector 2 and the collapsible gasbag 3 are non-detachable, which does not need assembly before use, and facilitates immediate use. In addition, the phenomenon that the face mask 1, the connector 2 and the collapsible gasbag 3 are separated from one another during use is prevented.

Further, with reference to Fig. 3, the connector 2 is provided with a plurality of second check valves 22, the plurality of second check valves 22 encircling the first check valve 21. Herein, by arranging the plurality of second check valves 22, the discharge velocity of the gas in the gas storage cavity may be accelerated when the collapsible gasbag 3 is compressed, which is conducive to improving the efficiency of downward pressing of the collapsible gasbag 3.

Further, with reference to Fig 3, a plurality of reinforcement strips 27 are arranged on the upper side of the bottom plate 23, two opposite ends of each reinforcement strip 27 being separately connected to the inner side of the first peripheral side wall 24 and the outer side of the central cylinder 26. Herein, the reinforcement strip 27 plays a role in stabilizing the connector 2, increasing the hardness of the connector 2, and therefore avoiding the situation that the first check valve 21 or the second check valve 22 deforms or components are not connected stably due to excessive deformation of the connector 2.

Further, a top wall of the collapsible gasbag 3 is connected to a handle 31 for holding. In this way, the handle 31 may be held to press or stretch the collapsible gasbag 3, facilitating application of force by a rescuer. Certainly, in some other embodiments, the handle 31 may also be replaced with a knob, which is also conducive to downward pressing and pulling operation on the collapsible gasbag 3 by the rescuer.

The embodiments of the disclosure have been described above with reference to the drawings, but the disclosure is not limited to the above detailed description. The above detailed description is only schematic, not limiting. Under the enlightenment of the disclosure, those of ordinary skill in the art can make many forms without

departing from the spirit of the disclosure and the scope of protection of the claims,
all of which fall within the protection of the disclosure.

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CLAIMS

1. A removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which
5 are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the
10 connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

15 an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face.

2. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract
20 according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve.

3. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the
25 bottom plate being provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure made from an elastic material, and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion; one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least
30 three first slits intersect at the same point, and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion; the first base portion extends into the

central cylinder, and an outer side of the first base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the central cylinder; a lower end of the central cylinder is hermetically connected to an upper side of the face mask; the deformation portion is exposed out of the central cylinder and extends into the gas storage cavity; when gas
5 flows into the deformation portion through the first vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion gradually increases such that the deformation portion is deformed by expansion, so that the at least three first slits are opened, thereby allowing the gas on the side of the first vent hole to flow into the gas storage cavity; and when the gas flowing into the deformation portion through the first vent hole is
10 reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the deformation portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the three first slits are closed, thereby preventing the gas in the gas storage cavity from flowing out of the first vent hole.

15 4. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein the upper side of the face mask is provided with a connecting cylinder which is vertically through in the middle, the connecting cylinder being inserted into the inner side of the lower end of the central cylinder from bottom to top, and an outer side of the connecting cylinder being hermetically connected to
20 the inner side of the central cylinder.

25 5. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein an upper side of the bottom plate is provided with a first peripheral side wall encircling the central cylinder, an upper end of the first peripheral side wall shrinking inward to form a stop edge; the collapsible gasbag is provided with a second peripheral side wall made from an elastic material, the second peripheral side wall being provided with a plurality of layers of outwardly convex folds; and the first peripheral side wall covers the lowermost fold of the second peripheral side wall, and the stop edge covers an upper side of the lowermost fold.

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6. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 5, wherein a plurality of reinforcement strips are arranged on the upper side of the bottom plate, two opposite ends of each reinforcement strip being separately connected to the inner side of the first peripheral side wall and the outer side of the central cylinder.

7. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein a top wall of the collapsible gasbag is connected to a handle for holding.

8. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein four first slits are provided, the four first slits being in the shape of a cross.

9. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a peripheral cylinder which is vertically through; the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; an outer side of the second base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the peripheral cylinder, and the second vent hole of the second base portion is in communication with the gas storage cavity; the duckbill portion extends into the peripheral cylinder, and a lower end of the peripheral cylinder is in communication with the outside; when gas flows into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the duckbill portion gradually increases such that the duckbill portion is deformed by expansion, so that the second slit is opened, thereby allowing gas in the gas storage cavity to be discharged to the outside; and when gas flowing into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the duckbill portion shrinks under its

own elasticity such that the second slit is closed, thereby preventing outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity through the second vent hole.

10. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract
5 according to claim 1, wherein the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.

11. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract
10 according to claim 1, wherein the face mask, the connector and the collapsible gasbag are integral.

12. The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract
according to claim 1, wherein the collapsible gasbag is not provided with a vent hole
which is in direct communication with the outside.

13. A connector for a removal device, the connector comprising a bottom plate,
and a first check valve and a second check valve which are arranged on the bottom
plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass
in opposite directions; and the connector is an integrally formed member made from
20 an elastic material.

14. The connector according to claim 13, wherein the connector is provided
with one first check valve and a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of
second check valves encircling the first check valve.

15. The connector according to claim 14, wherein the bottom plate is provided
with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a
hollowed structure and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which
are connected to each other, and a first gas outlet end and a second vent hole of the
first check valve are provided in the deformed portion and the first base portion
30 respectively; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided

at a top end of the deformed portion, one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersecting at the same point; and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion.

5 16. The connector according to claim 15, wherein the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, and a second gas outlet end and a second gas inlet end of the second check valve are provided in the duckbill portion and the second base portion respectively; the second gas inlet end is a second vent
10 hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; and the duckbill portion and the deformed portion separately face two opposite sides of the bottom plate.

15 17. The connector according to claim 15, wherein the removal device is the removal device of claim 1.

ABSTRACT

A removal device includes a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask, wherein the collapsible gasbag is provided with a gas storage cavity and an opening;
5 the connector is connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and the face
10 mask is connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad.

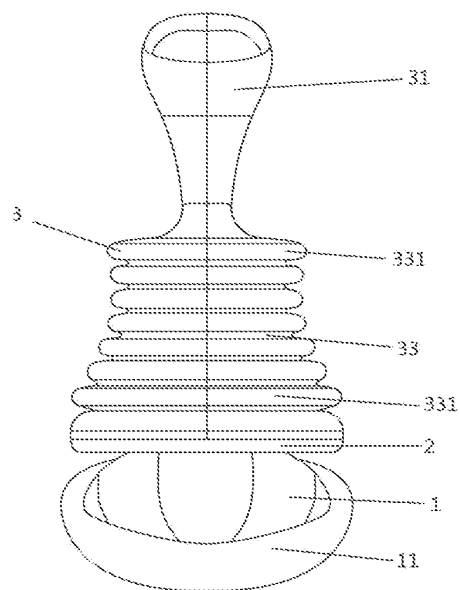


Fig. 1

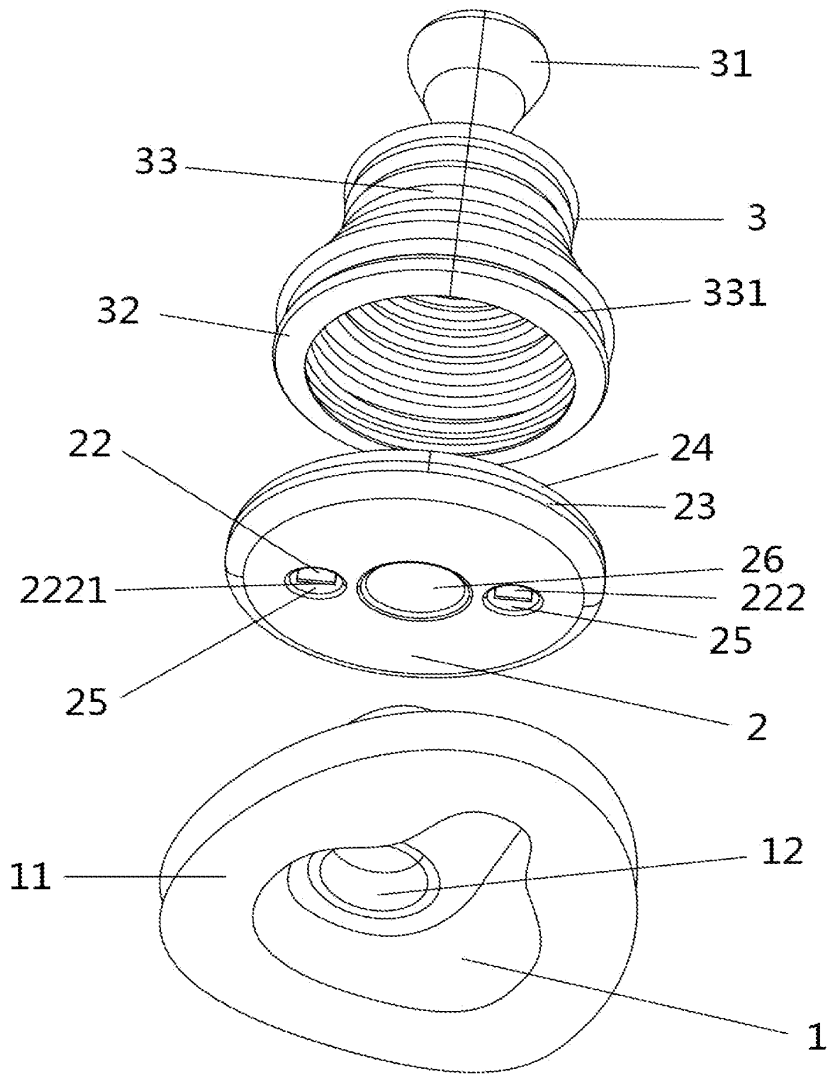


Fig. 2

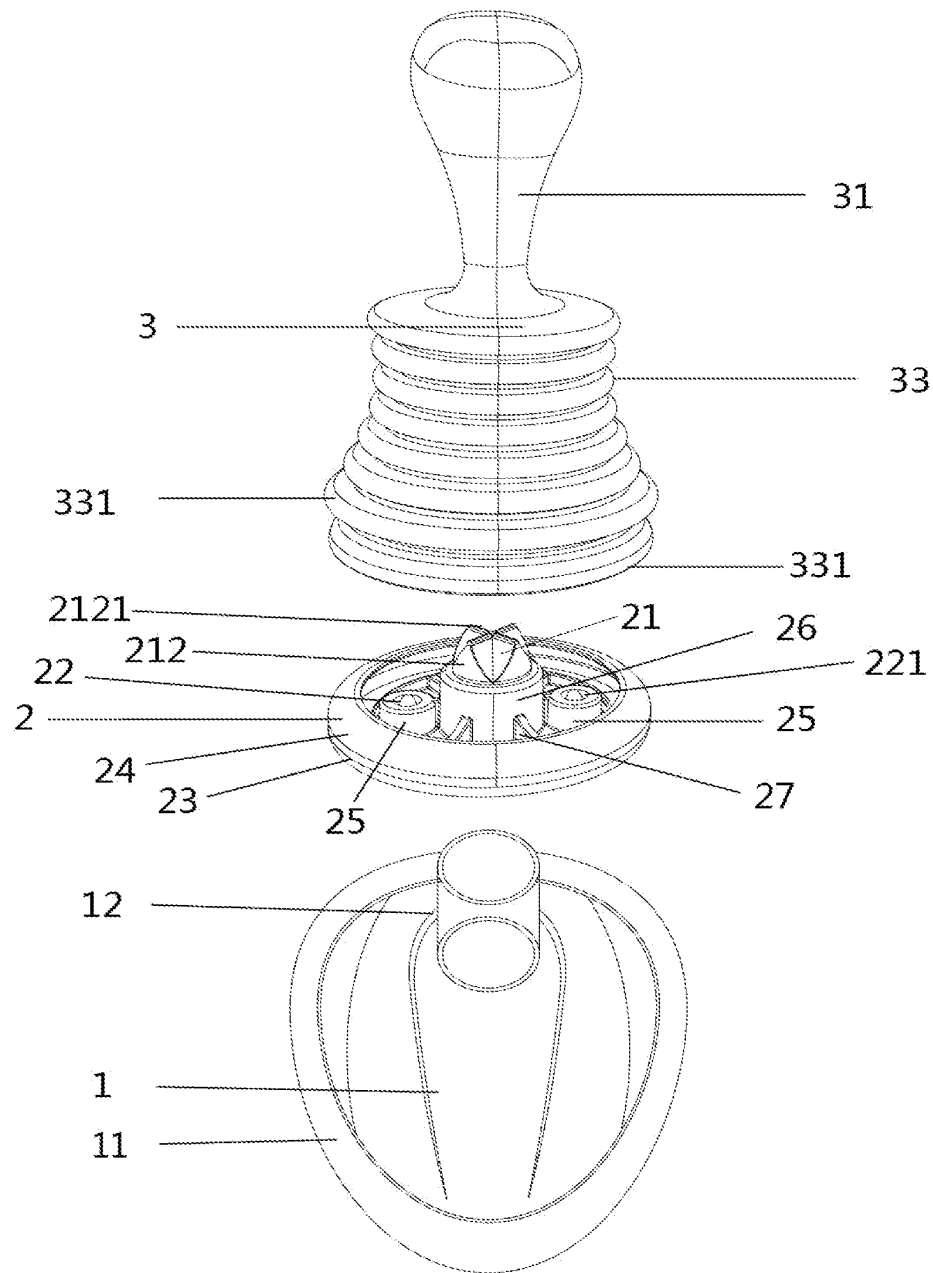


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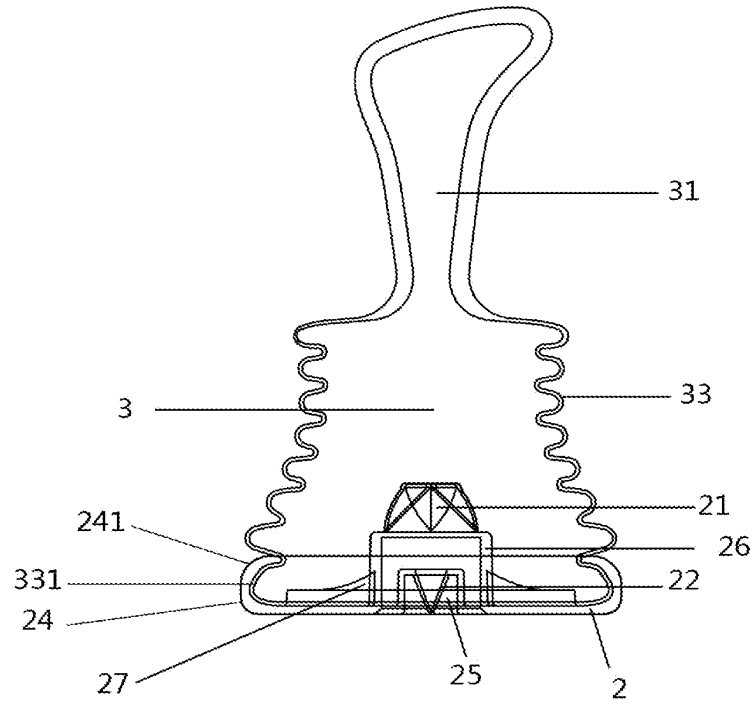


Fig. 4

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In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, a connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening, and the connector is provided with a first check valve and a second check valve; a first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and

an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to a first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face.

2. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve.

3. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure made from an elastic material, and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion; one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersect at the same point, and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion; the first base portion extends into the

central cylinder, and an outer side of the first base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the central cylinder; a lower end of the central cylinder is hermetically connected to an upper side of the face mask; the deformation portion is exposed out of the central cylinder and extends into the gas storage cavity; when gas flows into the deformation portion through the first vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion gradually increases such that the deformation portion is deformed by expansion, so that the at least three first slits are opened, thereby allowing the gas on the side of the first vent hole to flow into the gas storage cavity; and when the gas flowing into the deformation portion through the first vent hole is reduced or disappears, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the deformation portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the three first slits are closed, thereby preventing the gas in the gas storage cavity from flowing out of the first vent hole.

4. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein the upper side of the face mask is provided with a connecting cylinder which is vertically through in the middle, the connecting cylinder being inserted into the inner side of the lower end of the central cylinder from bottom to top, and an outer side of the connecting cylinder being hermetically connected to the inner side of the central cylinder.

5. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein an upper side of the bottom plate is provided with a first peripheral side wall encircling the central cylinder, an upper end of the first peripheral side wall shrinking inward to form a stop edge; the collapsible gasbag is provided with a second peripheral side wall made from an elastic material, the second peripheral side wall being provided with a plurality of layers of outwardly convex folds; and the first peripheral side wall covers the lowermost fold of the second peripheral side wall, and the stop edge covers an upper side of the lowermost fold.

6. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 5, wherein a plurality of reinforcement strips are arranged on the upper side of the bottom plate, two opposite ends of each reinforcement strip being separately connected to the inner side of the first peripheral side wall and the outer side of the central cylinder.

7. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein a top wall of the collapsible gasbag is connected to a handle for holding.
8. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 3, wherein four first slits are provided, the four first slits being in the shape of a cross.
9. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is provided with a bottom plate, the bottom plate being provided with a peripheral cylinder which is vertically through; the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; an outer side of the second base portion is hermetically connected to an inner side of the peripheral cylinder, and the second vent hole of the second base portion is in communication with the gas storage cavity; the duckbill portion extends into the peripheral cylinder, and a lower end of the peripheral cylinder is in communication with the outside; when gas flows into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the duckbill portion gradually increases such that the duckbill portion is deformed by expansion, so that the second slit is opened, thereby allowing gas in the gas storage cavity to be discharged to the outside; and when gas flowing into the duckbill portion through the second vent hole, pressure in the deformation portion is reduced and even reduced to zero, and the duckbill portion shrinks under its own elasticity such that the second slit is closed, thereby preventing outside gas from flowing into the gas storage cavity through the second vent hole.
10. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.
11. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the face mask, the connector and the collapsible gasbag are integral.

12. (Original) The removal device for removing an obstruction in a respiratory tract according to claim 1, wherein the collapsible gasbag is not provided with a vent hole which is in direct communication with the outside.

13. (Original) A connector for a removal device, the connector comprising a bottom plate, and a first check valve and a second check valve which are arranged on the bottom plate, wherein the first check valve and the second check valve allow gas flow to pass in opposite directions; and the connector is an integrally formed member made from an elastic material.

14. (Original) The connector according to claim 13, wherein the connector is provided with one first check valve and a plurality of second check valves, the plurality of second check valves encircling the first check valve.

15. (Original) The connector according to claim 14, wherein the bottom plate is provided with a central cylinder which is vertically through; the first check valve is of a hollowed structure and comprises a deformed portion and a first base portion which are connected to each other, and a first gas outlet end and a second vent hole of the first check valve are provided in the deformed portion and the first base portion respectively; the first gas outlet end is composed of at least three first slits provided at a top end of the deformed portion, one ends, extending toward the center, of the at least three first slits intersecting at the same point; and the first gas inlet end is a first vent hole provided in the middle of the first base portion.

16. (Original) The connector according to claim 15, wherein the second check valve is a duckbill valve, the second check valve comprises a duckbill portion and a second base portion which are connected to each other, and a second gas outlet end and a second gas inlet end of the second check valve are provided in the duckbill portion and the second base portion respectively; the second gas inlet end is a second vent hole provided in the middle of the second base portion, and the second gas outlet end is a second slit provided in the duckbill portion; and the duckbill portion and the deformed portion separately face two opposite sides of the bottom plate.

17. (Currently Amended) The connector according to claim 15, wherein the removal device is the removal device of claim 1 configured to remove an obstruction in a respiratory tract, the removal device comprising a collapsible gasbag, the connector and a face mask which are sequentially connected,

wherein the collapsible gasbag is internally provided with a gas storage cavity, the top of the collapsible gasbag is sealed, and the bottom of the collapsible gasbag is provided with an opening in communication with the gas storage cavity;

an upper side of the connector is hermetically connected to the opening; the first gas outlet end of the first check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, a second gas inlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the gas storage cavity, and a second gas outlet end of the second check valve is in communication with the outside; and
an upper side of the face mask is hermetically connected to the first gas inlet end of the first check valve, and a lower side of the face mask is provided with a flexible annular pad attached to a face.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claim 17. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

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Foreign Priority Information:

This section allows for the applicant to claim priority to a foreign application. Providing this information in the application data sheet constitutes the claim for priority as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b) and 37 CFR 1.55. When priority is claimed to a foreign application that is eligible for retrieval under the priority document exchange program (PDX)ⁱ the information will be used by the Office to automatically attempt retrieval pursuant to 37 CFR 1.55(i)(1) and (2). Under the PDX program, applicant bears the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that a copy of the foreign application is received by the Office from the participating foreign intellectual property office, or a certified copy of the foreign priority application is filed, within the time period specified in 37 CFR 1.55(g)(1).

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Statement under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78 for AIA (First Inventor to File) Transition Applications

☐ This application (1) claims priority to or the benefit of an application filed before March 16, 2013 and (2) also contains, or contained at any time, a claim to a claimed invention that has an effective filing date on or after March 16, 2013.

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When this Application Data Sheet is properly signed and filed with the application, applicant has provided written authority to permit a participating foreign intellectual property (IP) office access to the instant application-as-filed (see paragraph A in subsection 1 below) and the European Patent Office (EPO) access to any search results from the instant application (see paragraph B in subsection 1 below).

Should applicant choose not to provide an authorization identified in subsection 1 below, applicant **must opt-out** of the authorization by checking the corresponding box A or B or both in subsection 2 below.

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1. Authorization to Permit Access by a Foreign Intellectual Property Office(s)

A. Priority Document Exchange (PDX) - Unless box A in subsection 2 (opt-out of authorization) is checked, the undersigned hereby **grants the USPTO authority** to provide the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and any other foreign intellectual property office participating with the USPTO in a bilateral or multilateral priority document exchange agreement in which a foreign application claiming priority to the instant patent application is filed, access to: (1) the instant patent application-as-filed and its related bibliographic data, (2) any foreign or domestic application to which priority or benefit is claimed by the instant application and its related bibliographic data, and (3) the date of filing of this Authorization. See 37 CFR 1.14(h)(1).

B. Search Results from U.S. Application to EPO - Unless box B in subsection 2 (opt-out of authorization) is checked, the undersigned hereby **grants the USPTO authority** to provide the EPO access to the bibliographic data and search results from the instant patent application when a European patent application claiming priority to the instant patent application is filed. See 37 CFR 1.14(h)(2).

The applicant is reminded that the EPO's Rule 141(1) EPC (European Patent Convention) requires applicants to submit a copy of search results from the instant application without delay in a European patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

2. Opt-Out of Authorizations to Permit Access by a Foreign Intellectual Property Office(s)

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☐ B. Applicant **DOES NOT** authorize the USPTO to transmit to the EPO any search results from the instant patent application. If this box is checked, the USPTO will not be providing the EPO with search results from the instant application.

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Applicant	1		Remove
If the applicant is the inventor (or the remaining joint inventor or inventors under 37 CFR 1.45), this section should not be completed. The information to be provided in this section is the name and address of the legal representative who is the applicant under 37 CFR 1.43; or the name and address of the assignee, person to whom the inventor is under an obligation to assign the invention, or person who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest in the matter who is the applicant under 37 CFR 1.46. If the applicant is an applicant under 37 CFR 1.46 (assignee, person to whom the inventor is obligated to assign, or person who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest) together with one or more joint inventors, then the joint inventor or inventors who are also the applicant should be identified in this section.			
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☒ Assignee	Legal Representative under 35 U.S.C. 117		Joint Inventor
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Assignee	1			
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See 37 CFR 1.4(d) for the manner of making signatures and certifications.

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**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN
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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that: This declaration is directed to: ☒ The attached application, or ☐ United States application or PCT international application number _____ filed on _____ The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me. I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application. I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both. WARNING: Petitioner/applicant is cautioned to avoid submitting personal information in documents filed in a patent application that may contribute to identity theft. Personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, or credit card numbers (other than a check or credit card authorization form PTO-2038 submitted for payment purposes) is never required by the USPTO to support a petition or an application. If this type of personal information is included in documents submitted to the USPTO, petitioners/applicants should consider redacting such personal information from the documents before submitting them to the USPTO. Petitioner/applicant is advised that the record of a patent application is available to the public after publication of the application (unless a non-publication request in compliance with 37 CFR 1.213(a) is made in the application) or issuance of a patent. Furthermore, the record from an abandoned application may also be available to the public if the application is referenced in a published application or an issued patent (see 37 CFR 1.14). Checks and credit card authorization forms PTO-2038 submitted for payment purposes are not retained in the application file and therefore are not publicly available. LEGAL NAME OF INVENTOR Inventor: <u>Ligui HE</u> Date (Optional): <u>7.30.2021</u> Signature: <u>Ligui HE</u> Note: An application data sheet (PTO/SB/14 or equivalent), including naming the entire inventive entity, must accompany this form or must have been previously filed. Use an additional PTO/AIA/01 form for each additional inventor.	

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