

A SYMPTOMATIC CARRIER?

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2020 has been a bizarre year to say the least. The need to protect ourselves from the Coronavirus has produced some strange sights, such as the Social Distancing Laser Hat, which projects a two-metre circle around the wearer. All very futuristic you may think. So, imagine my surprise when I encountered this device, clearly inspired by the past.

In order to maximise capacity, many pubs and restaurants have introduced screens to divide areas or tables safely. This pub in Brighton aroused my curiosity as the management appeared to have installed giant slide carriers on the tables to separate groups of customers. The wooden frames were fitted with clear plastic. However, I was reliably informed that should patrons not like the look of their neighbours, the bar staff would be happy to provide replacement glass panels depicting Queen Victoria and Ally Sloper...



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