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[54] **LIPSTICK DISPENSER AND APPLICATOR**
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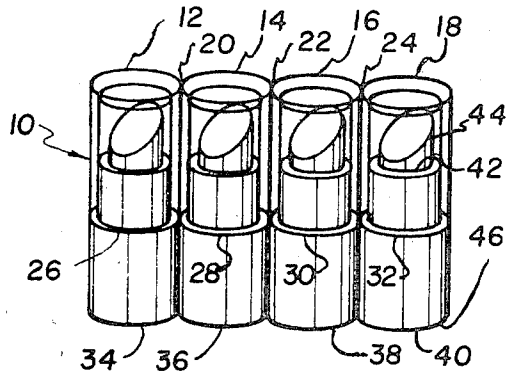
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ABSTRACT: A lipstick dispenser and applicator having a plurality of integral cylindrical transparent covers placed in juxtaposition for receiving singularly a plurality of unattached cylindrical hollow bases. Each base is open-ended, securing at one open end lipstick of a predetermined color or shade and at the other open end conveniently receiving the pinky finger as a means of supporting the lipstick holder base in its control and application of the lipstick. Furthermore, it includes a separate cover for use as a giveaway of one of the unattached lipstick holders and in addition, it includes a finger ring adapter that is inserted on the pinky finger for support of the lipstick holder.



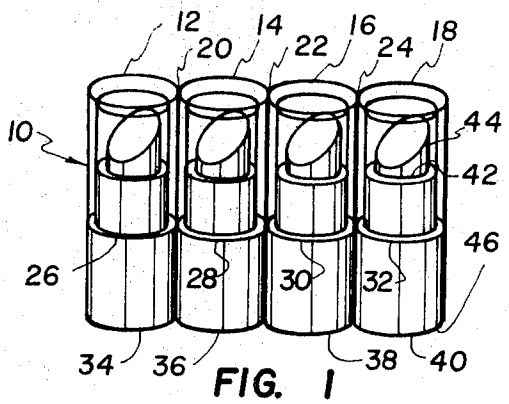


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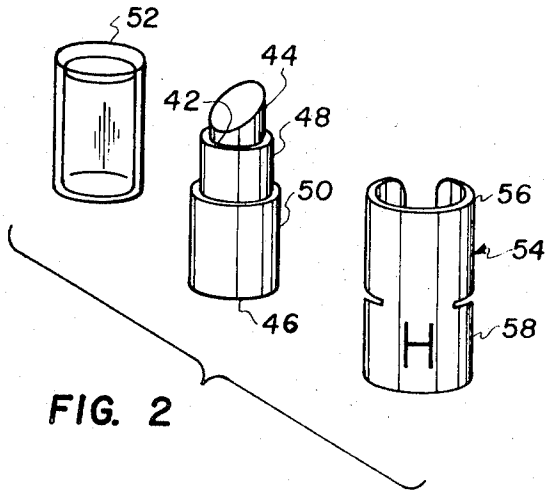


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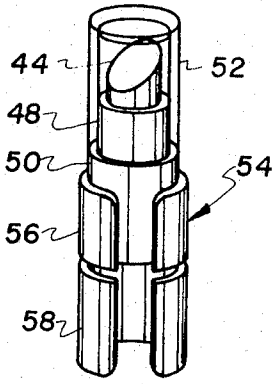


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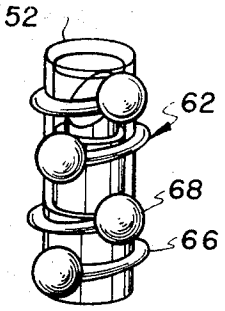


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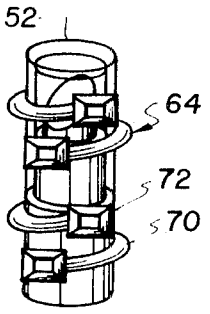


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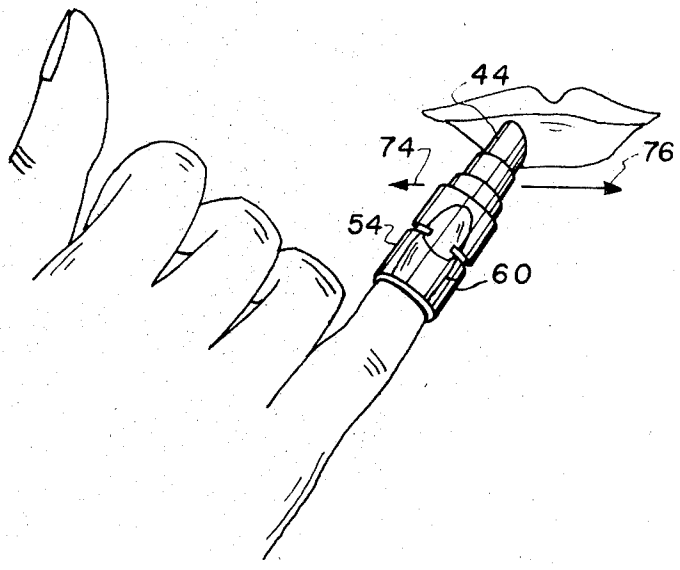


FIG. 6

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LIPSTICK DISPENSER AND APPLICATOR

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a cosmetic container and more particularly to a lipstick dispenser, holder and ornamental applicator.

Heretofore, when lipstick was applied in the conventional way, the user, as a rule applied lipstick onto the lips by holding it with three fingers and then using the pinky finger to improve its appearance or to remove the excess lipstick material. Further each lipstick color or shade was comprised of a separate unit necessitating the fumbling into the purse to obtain the desired color or shade. Multiple lipstick holders are also known but they are either very complex or do not have the convenience presented by this applicator.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention provides a lipstick device which can be primarily used as an applicator and as a storage for various colors and shades of lipstick.

Therefore, an object of this invention is to provide a lipstick dispenser and applicator which can be directly used by the pinky finger in its application to the lips.

Another object of this invention is to provide a lipstick dispenser and applicator which is used both as an applicator as well as a container dispenser.

Another object of this invention is to provide an improved lipstick dispenser and applicator having a finger ring adapter adjustable to fit substantially all sizes of pinky fingers in its application of lipstick.

An additional object of this invention is to provide a lipstick dispenser and applicator which can be readily packaged in one unit supporting a plurality of lipstick holders having lipstick of predetermined color or shades with a separate lipstick container cover which can be used to give away a desired lipstick color or shade.

A further object of this invention is to provide a lipstick dispenser and applicator having a finger ring adapter that serves both as an improved lipstick applicator and as an ornamental lipstick container of personal adornment.

Other objects and many additional advantages will be more readily understood by those skilled in the art after a detailed consideration of the following specification taken with the accompanying drawings.

DRAWING

FIG. 1 is a side view showing the dispenser and applicator as one unit;

FIG. 2 is an exploded view of a single giveaway container and applicator;

FIG. 3 shows the dispenser and applicator of FIG. 2 in an assembled position;

FIG. 4 shows the dispenser and applicator of FIG. 2 with a second aesthetic ring applicator;

FIG. 5 is a side view showing still another aesthetic applicator; and,

FIG. 6 is a perspective view showing a dispenser and applicator as is used.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In the drawing, typical applications of the present invention are shown. It is to be understood that the present invention has application to any cosmetic container and dispenser, wherein the dispenser is used both as a container and as an applicator.

Referring to FIG. 1, a lipstick dispenser and applicator **10** is shown having a plurality of transparent plastic cylindrical caps or covers **12, 14, 16** and **18** placed in juxtaposition and permanently connected by their outside diameters at lines **20, 22** and **24**. It should be understood that the plastic covers may be connected in any form as long as their openings **26, 28, 30** and **32** are positioned to receive individually unattached cylindrical hollow lipstick holders or bases, **34, 36, 38** and **40**.

As best shown in FIG. 2, each lipstick base **34, 36, 38** and **40** is open-ended, securing at one open end **42** a lipstick **44** which is of a predetermined color or shade and at the other open end **46** conveniently receiving the pinky finger in its control and application of the lipstick, as best shown in FIG. 6. Each base comprises a hollow cylinder **48** integral to an enlarged hollow cylinder **50**. In accordance with the present invention each lipstick holder may be individually removed for the application of lipstick. Each lipstick holder has the cylinder **48** of an inside diameter adapted to securely hold the lipstick **44** and an outside diameter so as to firmly receive the covers **12, 14, 16** and **18**.

In addition a separate cover **52** is supplied for use as a giveaway of any of the lipsticks. In this manner this device presents a more hygienic means of lending or giving away lipstick since the borrower need not return the lipstick. That is, the lipstick can be manufactured in a smaller inexpensive disposable size lipstick unit.

Furthermore, FIG. 2 shows a finger ring adapter **54**, that is inserted on the pinky finger for support of the lipstick holder, as shown in FIG. 6. The finger ring adapter **54** comprises an upper ring **56** which envelopes and holds the enlarged hollow cylinder **46** of one lipstick holder and a lower ring **58** in which the pinky finger is inserted. The finger ring adapter **52** may be decorated with the users initials such as the letter "H" as shown in FIG. 2 or may be decorated by a finger design **60** shown in FIG. 6.

The finger ring adapter **54** is shown assembled with one base and the individual cover **52**. The adapter **54** can be made of precious metal such as gold or silver. FIGS. 4 and 5 show finger ring adapters **62** and **64** decoratively ornamented by precious stones. Finger ring adapter **62** comprises a plurality of rings **66** supporting pearls **68**, and finger ring adapter **64** comprises a plurality of rings **70** supporting amethyst **72**. FIG. 6 shows the operation of this invention wherein a lipstick holder base with a desired color or shade is supported by the pinky finger with the aid of an adapter. The desired amount of lipstick is applied on the lips by the lateral motion of the unit as shown by arrows **74** and **76**. That is, a thinner layer of lipstick can be applied by the use of the pinky finger.

As can be understood from the herein described invention the construction of the lipstick dispenser and applicator with the aid of the finger ring adapter presents an adjustable device to fit all pinky sizes. Furthermore, as can be understood from the invention if the user is in a hurry this invention will safeguard the user from smearing or unevenly placing the lipstick upon the lips. The adaptability of the unit presents itself in that the invention includes a single giveaway lipstick unit of a desired shade or color. Further, the lipstick holder itself can be disposed since the unit can be made of a smaller size. The user also has the opportunity of buying a single package containing a plurality of disposable lipstick units or a single unit. In addition, since the cover is transparent the user may visually notice how many units are left in the package.

The foregoing is considered illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to as falls within the scope of the invention.

What I Claim:

1. A lipstick dispenser and applicator comprising a plurality of covers permanently secured in juxtaposition as one unit, (*a*) lipstick holders singularly received in each of said covers for storage, each of said holders (holder) having two opposed open ends, one open end supporting a lipstick of predetermined color or shade and the other open end operably receiving a pinky finger of a lipstick user whereby the pinky finger controls the application of the lipstick.

2. The structure of claim 1 wherein said covers are transparent for viewing the color of the lipsticks when said lipstick holders are inserted within said cover, and wherein each lipstick holder includes an enlarged cylinder having the one opening end for receiving the pinky finger.

3. The structure of claim 1 further comprising a finger ring adapter operable for enveloping and holding said lipstick holder and operable for receiving the pinky finger in the aid of applying lipstick.

4. The structure of claim 3 wherein said adapter is comprised of a plurality of rings for enveloping and holding said lipstick holder and for receiving the pinky finger in the aid of applying lipstick.

5. The structure of claim 4 wherein said adapter includes ornamental decorations.

6. The structure of claim 5 wherein said decorations are pearls.

7. The structure of claim 5 wherein said decorations are amethysts.