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Fig 1

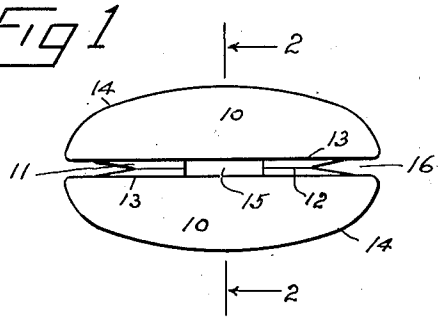
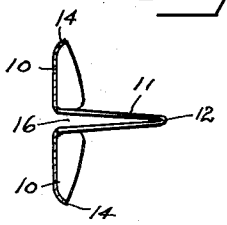


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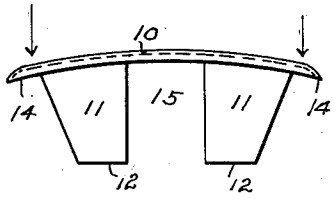


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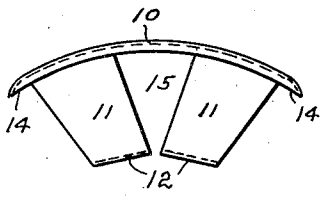


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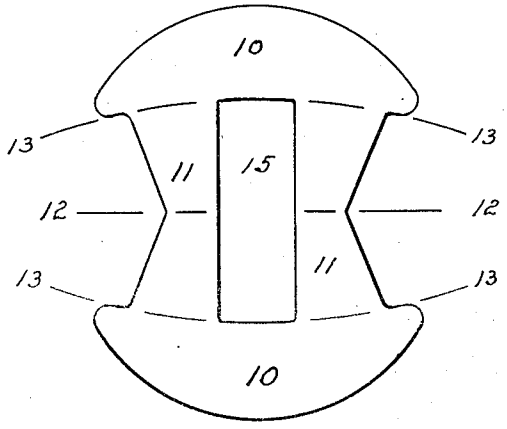


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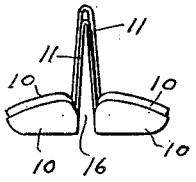


Fig 6

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This invention relates to a protector or shield which is held in the mouth and which prevents the lips of the user from coming in contact with a dress which is being put on.

It is well known in the women's dress-trade that a great many dresses, frocks, gowns and other articles of wearing apparel are soiled, while being tried on, by the cosmetics now commonly applied to the lips by many women. It may be less well known, but equally obvious, that contagious diseases may easily be transferred from one person, who has tried on a garment and whose lips have deposited germs thereon, to another person, who later tries on the same garment.

The main object of the present invention is to provide a simple device which will completely eliminate these unsanitary and dangerous conditions. Another object is to provide a device which will neither be cumbersome nor unpleasant to use. A further object is to provide a device of extremely simple and inexpensive construction which will fit the contour of any face and which, while protecting the user as well as the garment, will not disturb the cosmetic which the user may have on the lips.

These and other objects and advantages will be readily understood from the following description and from the accompanying drawing of a preferred embodiment of the invention in which, however, modifications may be made without departing from the scope of the appended claims. In the drawing

Fig. 1 is a front view of the preferred embodiment of the protector,

Fig. 2 a cross-sectional side view taken on line 2—2 in Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 a top view,

Fig. 4 another top view,

Fig. 5 a blank from which the preferred embodiment is made, and

Fig. 6 an end view showing how the protectors may be nested.

Referring now to all the views, simultaneously, I prefer to construct the protector of cardboard or similar sheet material, and from a blank stamped in the shape shown in Fig. 5. In the blank the lip guards are shown at 10 and the members by means of which the device is held in the mouth of the user at 11. The blank is folded as indicated by the lines 12 and 13 so that it will assume the shape shown in the other views. The outer edges of the lip guards are curved rearwardly, as plainly shown at 14. An aperture 15 is formed in the blank before it is folded, and the blank is preferably folded on the line 12 in such a manner that the lip guards will remain slightly separated, as shown at 16. Fig. 6 illustrates how the protectors may be nested in packing or in any suitable dispensing device.

The protector is used in the following manner whenever a dress, which has to be pulled over the head, is tried on. The members 11 are held between the teeth and the edges 14 abut against the face outside of the lips proper, or that part of each lip to which no cosmetic is applied.

After the members 11 are inserted between the teeth a slight pressure, in the direction indicated by the arrow in Fig. 3, is applied to the ends of the lip guards so that they will shape themselves to conform to the contour of the face. This bending of the lip guards is made possible by the aperture and is plainly illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4. The aperture 15 and the space 16 serve the additional purpose of allowing the user to talk and breathe freely while holding the device between the teeth, as the resiliency in the bend 12 causes the space 16 to open and close with the action of the teeth.

While for the sake of economy I prefer to construct the device in the manner illustrated and described, it is evident that it may be made from other materials and by many other methods.

From the foregoing it will be seen that this protector is of simple, sanitary, convenient and inexpensive construction and that it efficiently serves the purposes for which intended.

Having described my invention and its objects, what I claim as new and wish to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A protector of the class described, comprising a pair of individual lip guards, a pair of spaced members extending rearwardly from the inner edge of each lip guard, said pairs of spaced members connected at the rear ends and adapted to be held between the teeth of the user.

2. A protector of the class described, comprising a pair of individual lip guards, a pair of spaced members extending rearwardly from the inner edge of each lip guard, said pairs of spaced members connected at the rear ends and adapted to be held between the teeth of the user, and the parts of the lip guards between the said members having sufficient flexibility to enable them to be curved to conform to the contour of the face of the user.

3. A protector of the class described, comprising a pair of individual lip guards, a pair of spaced members extending rearwardly from the inner edge of each lip guard, said pairs of spaced members connected at the rear ends and

adapted to be held between the teeth of the user, and said pairs of spaced members having sufficient resiliency to cause them to separate or close the lip guards as the mouth of the user is opened or closed.

4. A protector of the class described, comprising a pair of individual lip guards, a pair of spaced members extending rearwardly from the inner edge of each lip guard, said pairs of spaced members connected at the rear ends and adapted to be held between the teeth of the user, the parts of the lip guards between said members having sufficient flexibility to enable them to be curved to conform to the contour of the face of the user, and said pairs of members having sufficient resiliency to cause them to separate or close the lip guards as the mouth of the user is opened or closed.

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