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Fig. 1

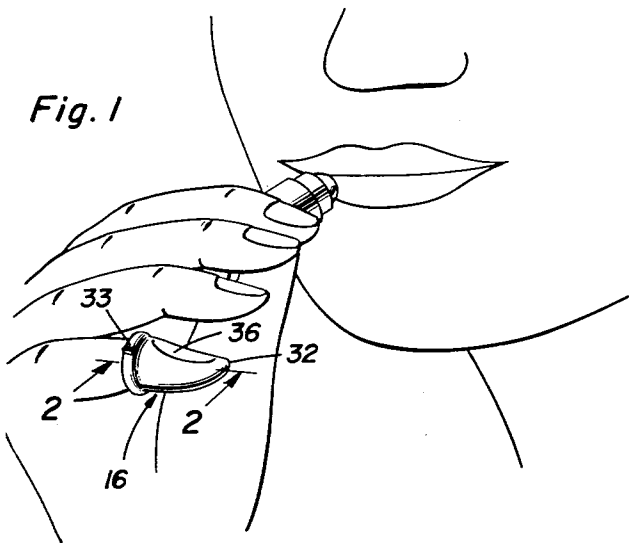


Fig. 2

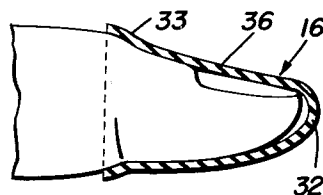


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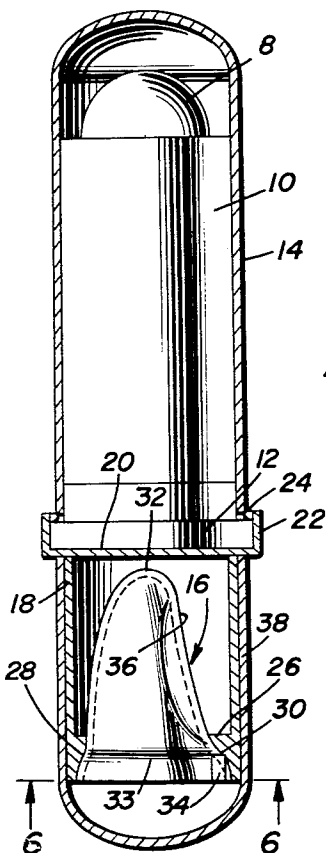


Fig. 3

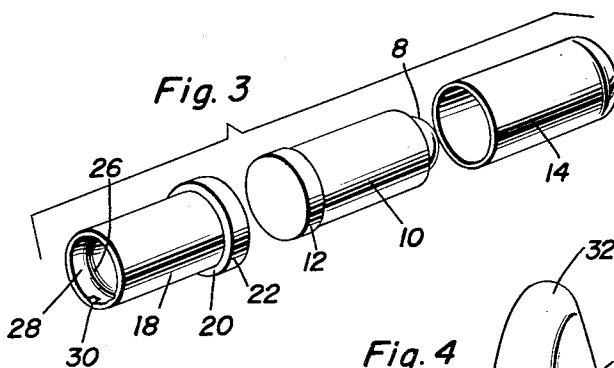


Fig. 4

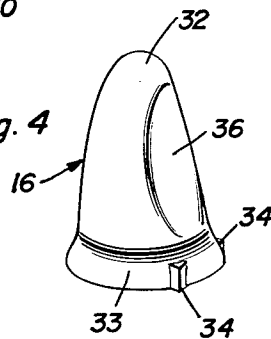
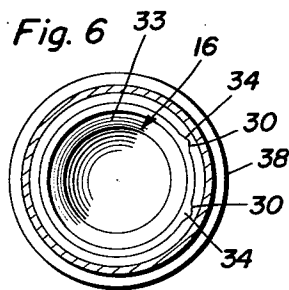


Fig. 6



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The present invention relates to an improved lipstick applicator and a holder or container therefor wherein the latter is preferably, although not necessarily, such in construction that it constitutes an attachment for the base end of a lipstick holder.

As the preceding general statement of the invention implies lipstick applicators are not new. That is to say, persons conversant with the art to which the invention relates are aware that flexibly resilient finger cots, stalls and so-called little finger shields, which serve to apply and spread lip rouge, are of many and varied styles and forms. Also, the art under advisement has been developed to the extent that finge-tip-type applicators of the types mentioned are made to be sold in conjunction with lipstick containers.

It is an object of the instant invention to structurally, functionally and otherwise improve upon similarly constructed and performing prior art applicators. To this end there is provided a rubber or an equivalent finger-tip-cot which is aptly and nicely suited to be attached to the tip of the user's little finger.

So that it will be effectually retained in place while in use the cot is not only shaped with requisite nicety to fit the finger tip, the open end thereof is provided with an encircling or surrounding flange possessed of requisite elastic properties that it insures effectual retention of the cot on the finger.

The invention also features the construction stated and wherein the top portion of the cot between the closed and open ends is molded or otherwise formed to provide a concavo-convex portion with the concave side projecting into the receiver portion of the cot so as to provide a yielding detent which insures more effective maintenance of the cot on the finger during the period of use thereof.

Further novelty is predicated on a simple storage container for the finger cot when it is not in use. This part is preferably constructed so that it will constitute an attachment, that is, an attachment which may be mounted on the base of a more or less conventional type lipstick casing or container.

The attachment is characterized by a cup-like member which may be coupled to the base of the lipstick container. A tubular cylindrical extension provides an effectual holder and this is enclosed by a readily applicable and removable cap. In addition the open bottom of the holder has an internal endless rib with an inner peripheral recess to accommodate the flange of the finger cot and this rib is provided with circumferentially spaced keeper pockets for circumferentially spaced rib-like detents on the flange of the cot so that the cot when it is in the holder is in a satisfactory position to facilitate correct mounting of the same on the tip of the user's little finger when the cot is to be used for spreading and smoothing the lipstick.

Other objects, features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing, wherein like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the views:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the improved finger tip applicator and illustrating how it is mounted on the user's little finger in readiness for practical use;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged lengthwise section taken approximately on the plane of line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Fig. 3 is an exploded perspective view showing one part of the attachment and the other component parts of a lipstick casing or holder and cover;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the finger cot by itself;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged view in section and elevation showing the complete assemblage with the applicator stored in its out-of-the-way but ready-for-use position, and

Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

With reference first to Figs. 3 and 5 the lipstick is denoted at 8 and is mounted in any suitable casing or holder 10 therefor. The usual base of the casing is denoted at 12. The readily applicable and removable cover is denoted at 14. As before stated it is within the purview of the invention to add the container and storage means for the finger tip shield or cot 16 to the lipstick holder. In carrying out this aspect of the concept I provide a cylindrical shell or sleeve 18 and join the top thereof (Fig. 5) to the bottom portion 20 of a cup-like adapter 22. The adapter fits over or receives the base 12 and is secured in place in any practical way as at 24. Thus the sleeve or shell becomes an extension of the lipstick holder. In addition it provides a hollow space to house and store the applicator 16 when it is not being used. To more satisfactorily accomplish this end the open bottom portion of the sleeve is provided interiorly with an endless rib 26 and the inner peripheral edge portion of the rib is recessed to provide a groove or channel 28 having circumferentially spaced keeper notches or pockets 30. These features 26, 28 and 30 serve to conformingly receive, seat and support the applicator in its stored position. The applicator is preferably constructed from an appropriate grade of rubber or commercial plastics having desirable exterior finish and also embodying the desired elastic properties. The rounded, blunt and closed end or nose is denoted at 32. At the open end I provide an encircling or circumscribing flange 33 which is also a reinforcing rim. This flange slightly and is shaped interiorly so that it conformingly fits the little finger in the snug and retentive manner illustrated in Fig. 2. This flange is provided at circumferentially spaced points with outstanding V-shaped ribs or detents 34 which are shaped and located to fit nicely into the keeper notches or pockets 30 in the manner shown. The flange or rim 33 flares outwardly and is shaped to fit nicely into the groove 28 of the rib 26. In addition and as already touched upon, the "top" or upper side in Figs. 1 and 2 is provided with a molded depression or indentation which is referred to here as concavo-convex and is denoted by the numeral 36. This feature provides the convex side on the interior or socket portion of the cot where it has a tendency to exert pressure atop the finger and fingernail in the manner illustrated to assist in keeping or retaining the cot in a reliable usable position. The tension and retaining properties of this detent 30 can be varied by the manufacturer with the thought in mind that the inherent elastic properties of the overall cot, plus the detent 36 and the snug fitting rim or flange 33 virtually insure that the cot will keep its position on the finger and will in addition adapt itself to little fingers of varying sizes. Naturally, in an article such as an applicator the surface properties, the elastic properties and the assurance of retentive fit all enter the picture in providing an applicator which because

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of its characteristics and design will be accepted by users without undue hesitation.

It is yet to be mentioned that the holder and container for the finger cot serves to accommodate a readily removable cap or equivalent cover 38.

Novelty is thought to reside in the cot-type lipstick applicator 16 with its special features 33, 34 and 36, in the container and holder means therefor said means to be construed by itself or as an attachment to as well as in combination with the conventional type lipstick holder. That is to say, it is within the purview of the inventive concept to make, use or sell the applicator alone, in combination with a storing container and holder therefor, and also where the holder is used as an attachment and complement to a lipstick holder.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, 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, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. In combination, a lipstick and holder therefor, an attachment for one end of said holder, said attachment

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embodying an axially projecting sleeve, said sleeve being open at an outer end and providing a storing container for a lipstick applicator, and a closing cap fitting telescopically and removably over said sleeve, the outer open end of said sleeve being provided interiorly with an annular rib serving as an abutment and support for an insertable and removable finger cot, said rib having its inner peripheral surface recessed to provide a groove and further provided with circumferentially spaced keeper notches.

2. The structure defined in claim 1, and in combination a readily insertable and removable finger cot fitting telescopically into the hollow portion of the sleeve and having a flange conformable with and fitting into the peripheral groove on said rib, and said flange having detents adapted to fit into said keeper notches.

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