

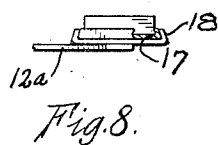
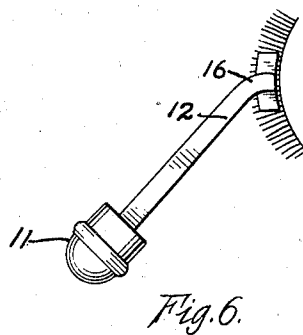
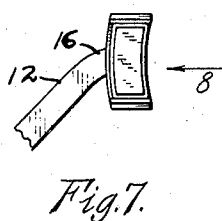
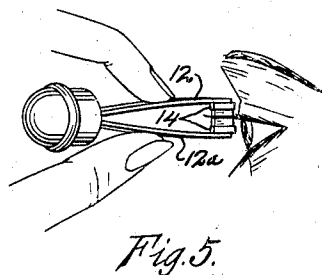
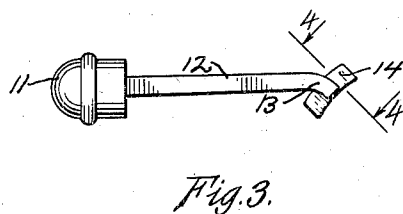
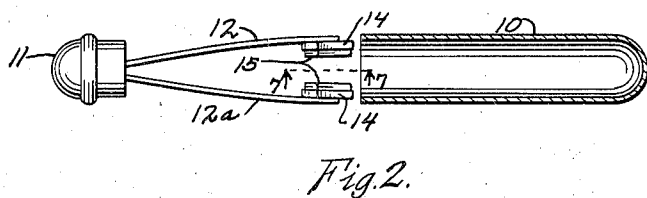
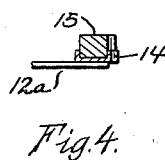
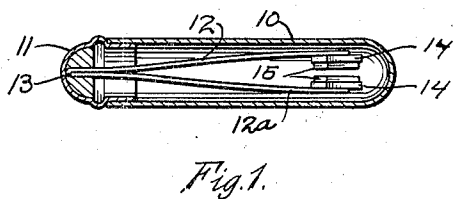
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This invention relates to a device for applying mascara or other blackening material to eyelashes.

In the treatment of eyelashes with mascara or a similar cosmetic, it is the usual practice to employ a small brush, which is first moistened and then rubbed on a block or stick of mascara, after which the eyelashes are brushed until the desired density of color is obtained. The treatment just described is inconvenient and requires great care if the application of mascara to the eyelids or face is to be prevented. The bristles of the brush frequently become stiff and coated with mascara.

In order to facilitate the application of mascara to the eyelashes, it has been suggested to produce a device that will hold two elongated mascara sticks in such a way that they will function in the manner of a pair of tweezers by means of which the eyelashes may be grasped between the ends of the mascara sticks and given the desired treatment.

It is the object of this invention to produce an improved device for applying mascara or other similar cosmetic, to the eyelashes in a convenient and cleanly manner.

Another object of the invention is to produce a mascara applicator of a simple construction that can be made at a small cost and which will have a pleasing appearance.

A still further object is to produce a device, of the type referred to, which employs pre-formed blocks of mascara held in elongated sockets in such a manner that they can be readily replaced when used up.

The above and other objects that may become apparent as the description proceeds are attained by means of a construction and an arrangement of parts that will now be described in detail and reference for this purpose will be had to the accompanying drawing in which the preferred form of the device has been shown and in which:

Figure 1 shows the device enclosed in a housing that has been shown in longitudinal section;

Figure 2 shows the device removed from the casing;

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the device;

Figure 4 is a section taken on line 4—4 Fig. 3;

Figure 5 is a side elevation showing the device in use;

Figure 6 is a top plan view showing the device in use;

Figure 7 is a bottom plan view showing one of the elongated sockets by means of which the mascara is attached to the device; and

Figure 8 is a side elevation, looking in the direc-

tion of arrow 8 in Fig. 7, a portion of the socket member being broken away to better show the construction.

In the drawing, reference numeral 10 designates a housing, which has been shown as a cylindrical tube closed at one end. Reference numeral 11 designates a closure cap for the tubular housing, which cap also forms a handle for the applicator device.

The applicator device consists of two elongated members, 12 and 12a, of resilient material such as steel, spring brass or other suitable material. In the drawing the two members have been shown integral and bent double at 13 and the members diverge outwardly in the manner shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 5. The ends of members 12 and 12a are preferably curved to one side of their common longitudinal axial plane, in the manner shown in Figs. 3, 6 and 7, and designated by numeral 16. It is to be understood, however, that the curved ends can be dispensed with and the members made straight.

Secured to adjacent surfaces of the free ends of the resilient members are elongated box-like socket members 14 that serve to support blocks 15 of mascara of similar size and shape. The sockets 14 are preferably slightly curved as shown in Fig. 3, and the concave side is towards the outside. If mascara is used, it is first moistened, after which the operator grasps the applicator in the manner shown in Fig. 5 and presses the mascara blocks against the eyelash and then pulls the applicator away from the eye, thereby applying the mascara to the eyelash; this operation is repeated until the desired amount of mascara has been applied.

In Figs. 7 and 8, a modification has been shown in which the socket members are removable and are held in place by a dove tail connection comprising a plate 17 having parallel inwardly inclined ends 18. The ends of the socket members are inclined to conform to ends 17 and can therefore be removed and replaced by a transverse sliding movement. The removable feature is a convenience in replacing the worn out mascara blocks with new blocks and it also makes it practical to sell renewals comprising socket members having mascara blocks secured to them.

When the device is not in use, the applicator may be inserted in the casing 10 in the manner shown in Fig. 1.

From the above, it will be apparent that I have produced a very simple mascara applicator that is of simple construction and which can be made neat and ornamental.

When mascara is mentioned, it is merely as an example and is not intended to limit the device in any way to this cosmetic.

Having described the invention what is claimed as new is

1. A cosmetic appliance comprising in combination, two elongated resilient members, attached together at one end and normally divergent, an elongated box-like socket attached to the free end of each resilient member, the open sides facing each other, the sockets being arranged in opposed parallel relation.

2. A cosmetic appliance comprising in combination, two elongated resilient members attached at one end and normally divergent, an elongated box-like socket attached to the free end of each resilient member, the open sides facing each other, the longitudinal axes of the sockets being inclined with respect to the longitudinal axes of the resilient members, and arranged in parallel relation.

3. A cosmetic appliance comprising in combination two elongated resilient members attached at one end and normally divergent, the free ends of the members being laterally curved

towards the same side of their common axial plane, an elongated box-like socket attached to each of the curved ends, the open sides facing each other, the sockets being inclined with respect to the longitudinal axes of the resilient members and arranged in parallel relation.

4. A cosmetic appliance comprising in combination, two elongated resilient members, attached together at one end and normally divergent, an elongated box-like socket for the end of each resilient member and means comprising dove-tail connections for removably attaching the sockets to the resilient members, the sockets being arranged in opposed parallel relation.

5. A cosmetic appliance comprising in combination, two elongated resilient members, attached together at one end and surrounded by a handle portion adapted to form a closure for a housing, the resilient members being normally divergent, an elongated box-like socket for each resilient member, and means for removably attaching the sockets to the members, the sockets being arranged in opposed parallel relation.

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