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RECEPTACLE FOR LIPSTICKS

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FIG. 1

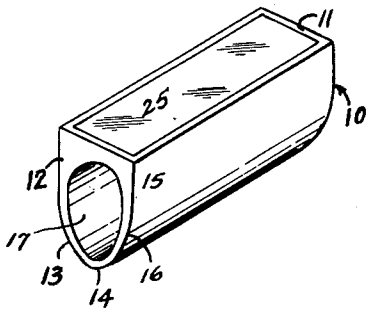


FIG. 2

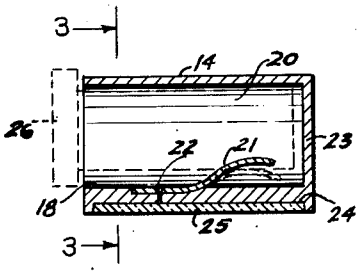


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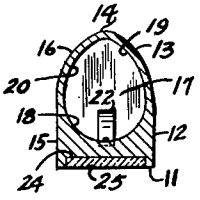


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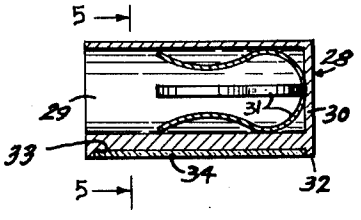
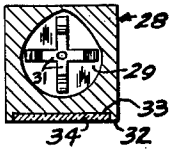


FIG. 5



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This invention relates to improvements in receptacles for lip sticks, and has for a principal object the provision of a receptacle adapted to accommodate a large number of different sizes of lip sticks, and carrying on at least one side thereof a miniature mirror which the owner may use to aid in applying the lip stick, pomade, or salve to her lips.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a body having a well formed therein and including spring means adapted to retain a lip stick therein.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a receptacle for lip sticks, or the like, including a socket adapted to receive the lip stick, spring means within said socket for engaging and retaining the lip stick therein, and mirror means on at least one exterior surface of said receptacle adapted to be employed by the user as a guide in the application of said lip stick to the lips.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art upon a study of the following specification and the accompanying drawings.

Referring to the drawings, which are merely given by way of example:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of our new and improved receptacle;

Figure 2 is a sectional elevation showing in dotted lines, a lip stick positioned therein;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken along the lines 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a sectional view of a modification of the receptacle shown in Figure 1; and

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken along the lines 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring first to Figures 1 to 3 inclusive, the receptacle generally designated by the numeral 10 includes a flat side 11 which is joined by a flat side 12 which is at right angles thereto and which has a converging portion 13 which terminates at a peak 14. Also joining the flat side 11 is a flat side 15 at right angles thereto which has a converging portion 16 which terminates in the peak 14.

Within the body 1 is formed a socket or well 17 which has, preferably, a curved wall 18 within the rectangular boundaries and thin walls 19 and 20 paralleling the converging walls 13 and 16. Mounted within the socket 17 in contact with the surface 18 is a spring 21 which is secured therein in any suitable manner, for example, by means of a rivet 22. The socket 17 may terminate near the bottom thereof leaving a bottom wall 23. The outer wall 11 has a rectangular

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depression 24 formed therein and mounted in this depression is a mirror 25.

When a lip stick, such as the lip stick 26 shown in dotted lines in Figure 2 is inserted into the socket 17, it being assumed that the size of the socket is slightly larger than the diameter of the lip stick, the spring 21 urges the lip stick into contact with the walls 19 and 20, thereby leaving a space 27 between the lip stick and the curved inner wall 18 of the socket 17.

In using the lip stick the receptacle 10 is held in the left hand (for example) and with the right hand the user grasps the lip stick 26 and removes it from the socket 17; she may then, with the left hand, hold the receptacle so that she can see her lips in the mirror 25 and can be thereby guided in applying the lip stick to her lips. Due to the fact that our receptacle is small, neat, and inconspicuous, a woman may apply lip stick to her lips in public without making a spectacle of herself. It is also a fact, according to statistics, that a woman uses her lip stick many times between each time she powders her nose, in other words, she uses the lip stick oftener than the powder.

In the modification shown in Figures 4 and 5, the outside of the receptacle 28 is shown as rectangular, although we may make it of any desired shape, and within this rectangular body is formed a socket 29 the interior of which may preferably have the same general form as that shown in detail in Figure 3, and therefore a detailed description of the several walls of the interior of this socket is not deemed necessary. The socket 29 extends downwardly into the body 28, as may be seen in Figure 4, to a point near the bottom thereof leaving a solid end wall 30.

Positioned within the socket 29 and preferably secured to the bottom wall 30 in any suitable manner is a multiprong spring 31. Although we show this spring as having four upwardly extending prongs, it is obvious that it may contain a greater or less number of prongs and still serve the same function, namely, of contacting and retaining different sizes of lip sticks within the socket 29.

The side wall 32 of the receptacle 28 has a depression 33 formed therein and secured in this depression is a mirror 34.

In using the device shown in Figures 4 and 5, the same steps may be followed as those outlined above in connection with Figures 1 to 3 inclusive.

As pointed out above, our improved receptacle for lip stick holders and the like enables a woman

to be able to apply make-up to her lips without the conspicuous use of her compact or her mirror, and since our receptacle is devised to accommodate all of the popular lip sticks on the market, she may purchase any lip stick she desires and may discard or abandon the original case in which the lip stick came and may utilize our receptacle as a permanent case for her lip stick, and may utilize the miniature mirror in the side of our receptacle as a guide in applying the make-up to her lips. It saves time in this age of efficiency. It is believed that most women and most men despise the conspicuous procedure of a woman in public places using her mirror from her purse or in using the mirror in a compact (and some of them are really giants) in repairing her make-up. Our new and improved receptacle makes it possible, as pointed out above, to do the important part of the make-up—lip stick—in a most inconspicuous manner.

Most women do not adhere to a single brand or color of lip stick; she uses one brand for evenings, another for daytime; she uses different colors and shades in accordance with the costume she is wearing and with our new and improved receptacle she does not have to worry about variations in sizes of the lip sticks because of the "all fitting" feature incorporated in our device.

Although we have herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention and a modification thereof to illustrate the invention, it is understood that many changes may be made in the arrangements herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

In a lipstick receptacle, an elongated body, a socket extending into said body from one end thereof, the inner wall of said socket being circular in cross-section over the greater portion of its circumference, the remaining portion of its circumference converging to form a peak, and a single leaf spring secured within said socket opposite said peak, adapted to engage and retain a lipstick when the latter is inserted therein.

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