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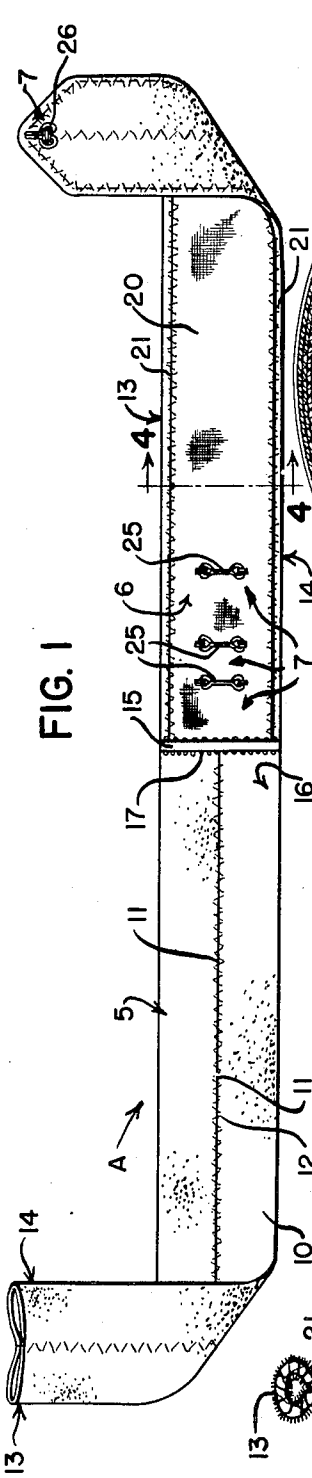


FIG. 1

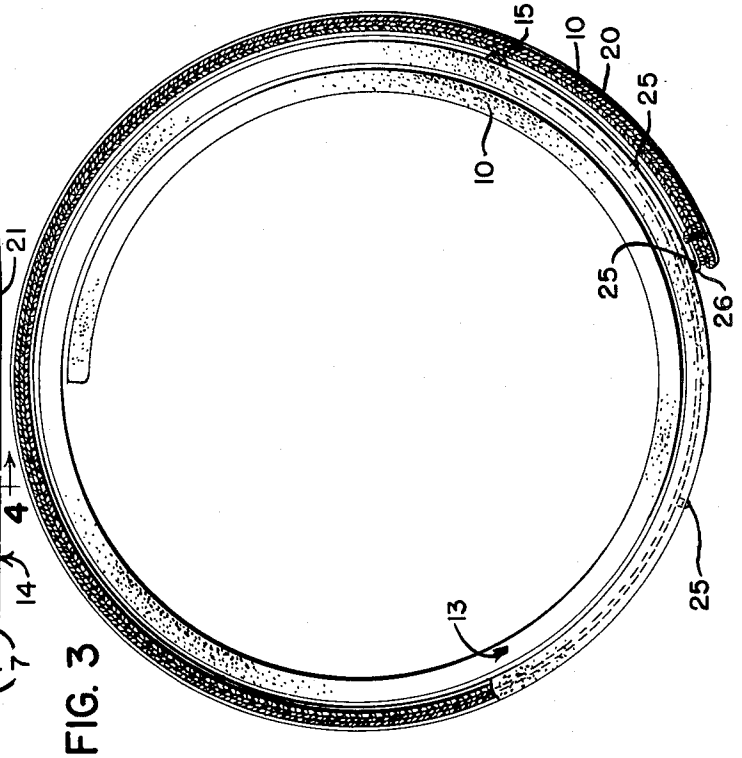


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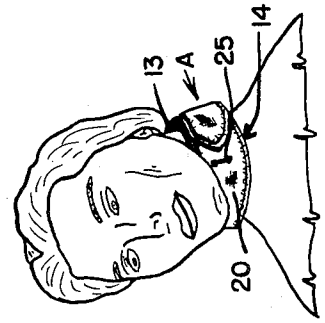


FIG. 2

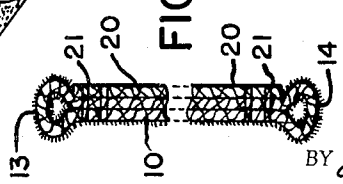


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to neck-worn moisture applicators such as may be worn to reduce wrinkles or lines in the skin of the human neck or prevent the formation of such wrinkles or lines.

An important object of the invention is to provide such applicators which may be worn at night, while the wearer is asleep, and will apply a desired volume of moisture to the neck during the sleeping hours but will retard the escape of the moisture exteriorly of the outer surfaces of the applicators, whereby pillows, bed coverings and night garments will not tend to become dampened by the moisture.

Another important object is to provide such applicators which are comfortable when worn, since they fit the necks of the wearers, have edges which are rounded and the means which retards the escape of moisture also functions to lessen any tendency of the applicator to wrinkle.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following detailed description of the invention, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, forming a portion of this disclosure, and in which drawing

Fig. 1 is a plan of the new applicator laid out with the end portions thereof turned over in order to reveal the construction beneath.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the applicator in use.

Fig. 3 is a view partly in horizontal section and partly in edge plan of the wound-up applicator.

Fig. 4 is a transverse section, on a slightly larger scale, along the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

In the drawing, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of the invention and wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the applicator A comprises moisture-carrying and applying means **5**, moisture spread-retarding and body-reinforcing means **6**, and fastener means **7**.

The moisture-carrying and applying means **5** comprises preferably a double thickness of a length or sheet of suitable soft, pliable and compressible, moisture-carrying or moisture-absorbent and moisture-applying material, such as so-called terry cloth. The double thickness of the material is provided by overlapping or folding over the side portions of an elongated length or sheet of cloth **10** along its longitudinal or side edges **11** until these edges **11** meet intermediate the width of the folded over cloth for the entire length of the sheet and then suitable securing the edges to the intermediate portion of the cloth, as by stitching means **12** (which are preferably whip stitches). This arrangement provides a double fold of the cloth having upper and lower rounded longitudinal edges **13** and **14**. Being folded and stitched as described the thus formed narrow length of material, which provides the means **5**, cannot roll laterally, as would a tubular length, and the rounded edges **13** and **14** are more comfortable than would be two lengths of material, each with two longitudinal hems, and both lengths stitched together at the hems.

Intermediate its ends, the length of cloth **10** is provided with a transverse rib **15** extending from the face **16** of the length and this may be formed by overlapping the length to provide a fold and stitching a row of transversely-extending stitches **17** close to the fold. This rib **15** divides the length into two portions of which one portion is adapted to be dipped into the liquid intended to provide the moisture and then wringing or squeezing out the surplus liquid from this portion. The rib **15** provides a fingerhold when dipping and a guide means as to how much of the length is to be dipped. Moreover, it provides additional stiffening means to prevent undesired longitudinal folding of the body of the length of cloth.

The moisture spread-retarding and body-reinforcing means **6** comprises a length of suitable pliable material which is resistant to the passage of moisture therethrough, since it absorbs very little moisture and is somewhat stiffer or less pliable than the material of the length of cloth **10**. This material may be of rayon or nylon types and I prefer to employ a single length of this cloth **20** slightly less in length than one-half the overall length of the applicator A and slightly less in width than the width of the latter (by "slightly less in width" I mean falling short, by ⅛ to ¼ inch, the edges **13** and **14**). It is tightly stitched as by securing means **21** to the face **16** of the length of cloth **10** from which the rib **15** extends and its edges do not extend to the edges **13** and **14** of the length of cloth **10**. It will be noted, particularly in Figs. 3 and 4 how the tight stitching **21** (by "tight stitching" I mean the stitching material, such as thread is slightly sunken into the material of the length **10**) in conjunction with the stiffer material of the cloth **20** cause a slight bulge or mushrooming of the material of the cloth **10** to form cushions at the edges **13** and **14** to protect the chin and shoulders of the wearer and, with the overlapping side portion of the sheet **10**, providing a recess or space as shown in Fig. 4, for recessing the cloth **20** therein.

Fastener means **7** to releasably retain the applicator wound about the neck of a wearer may comprise suitably placed eyes **25** and a hook **26**. Preferably the spaced-apart eyes **25** are sewn to the length of cloth **20** adjacent the rib **15** and the hook **26** sewn to the free end of that portion of the length of cloth **10** carrying the length of cloth **20** but sewn to the length of cloth **10**.

In use, the wearer may bunch into a hand that portion of the applicator A containing the length of cloth **20** up to the rib **15** and using the rib as a guide (thus permitting the operation to be done in the dark if desired and depending upon feel to determine the position of the rib **15**), the other portion of the applicator is dipped into a suitable liquid (which may be water or an aqueous solution of a medicant, as an astringent). It is then withdrawn, wrung out and this portion containing the liquid first wrapped or wound about the neck with the rib **15** again serving as a guide means since it should face outwardly away from the neck if the applicator is properly applied. When the applicator is fully wrapped or wound about the neck, the hook **26** is hooked into a convenient eye **25** to retain the applicator in a fully wrapped or wound position. It is recommended the applicator be worn all night and removed in the morning. Being substantially all cloth, the applicator may be readily washed.

Various changes may be made to the form of the invention herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of the invention or scope of the claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A moisture applicator for wearing about the human neck, including a substantially rectangular sheet of pliable, soft and compressible moisture-absorbent material with the side portions thereof turned over longitudinally and with the side edges thereof meeting throughout the length of said sheet whereby turned over longitudinal edges and

two opposite faces are provided, means securing said side edges to the intermediate portion of said sheet, a length of material less pliable than the first-named material and being resistant to the passage of moisture therethrough, extending over one of said faces and falling slightly short of the adjacent of said turned over longitudinal edges, securing means tightly stitching said length of material to said sheet with said means extending through said sheet, and means to releasably retain said applicator wound about the neck of a wearer, whereby said length of material reinforces said sheet against wrinkling and doubling over transversely, each of said turned over longitudinal edges being bulged into a mushroom shape in transverse section outwardly of the longitudinal edges of said length of material.

2. A moisture applicator according to claim 1 characterized in that each of said turned over bulging longitudinal edges defined a free space enclosed by said turned over bulging longitudinal edges.

3. A moisture applicator according to claim 1 characterized in that said sheet of material is terry cloth.

4. A moisture applicator according to claim 1 characterized in that each of said turned over bulging longitudinal edges define a space enclosed by said turned over bulging longitudinal edges and said length of material is disposed within said space.

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