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POWDER PUFF RETAINER.

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FIG. 1

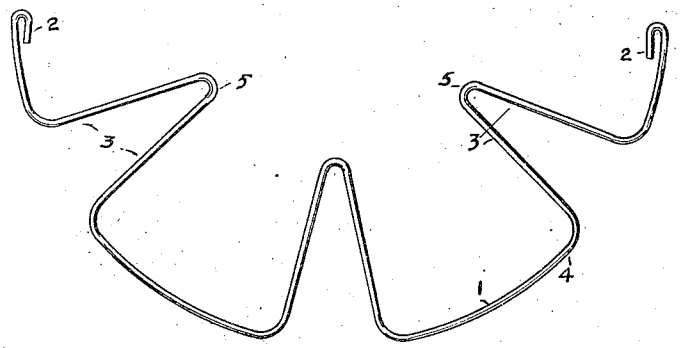


FIG. 2

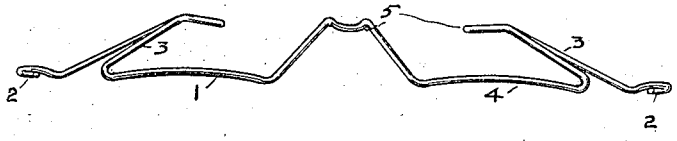
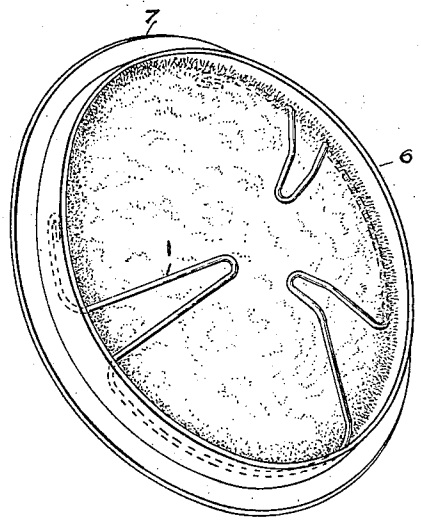


FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADELAIDE M. CLAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Powder-Puff Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

Face powder is applied either by powder puffs or by means of small pieces of cotton cloth, to which a small quantity of the powder is applied and which is then rubbed upon the face. At present women keep this powder puff or cloth either in the drawer of their dressing table or the like, or loose in the top of the powder box. In the former case the whole of the inner surface and contents of the drawer becomes gradually covered with powder. In the latter case the powder puff or cloth is covered all over with powder, so that, upon taking it out of the powder box, the powder is distributed over the surrounding objects, and it is necessary to carry the powder puff or cloth to a suitable place where most of the powder can be shaken off before applying the same.

The object of the present invention is to provide a device by which the powder puff or cloth can be kept out of contact with objects extraneous to the powder box, and also out of contact with the powder in the powder box when in use. Thereby only so much of the powder as is desired can be taken up by the powder puff or cloth and applied to the person of the user.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention; Fig. 2 is an edge view thereof; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the underside of a powder box to which my invention is contained.

Referring to the drawing, 1 indicates a piece of spring wire which is bent into shape to form my improved device. In its expended form, and when not in use, as shown in Fig. 1, it is, roughly speaking, of a semi-circular shape, its diametrically opposite ends being bent back on themselves, as shown at 2, to avoid projecting sharp ends. At equal intervals in its length it is formed with portions 3 bent radially inward and extending out of the plane of the semi-circular peripheral portion 4 of the device. Terminal parts 5 of said inwardly bent portions are, however, bent into planes approximately parallel with the plane of said peripheral portion 4.

In use, the device is contracted into a portion of a circle of smaller diameter than in its expanded form, and is inserted into the circular space within a flange 6 of the top 7 of a powder box. When so inserted, and released from the pressure of the hand, the wire expands by its resilient force and presses strongly against the inner surface of the flange, thereby holding the device in position. When in position the terminal portions 2 are spaced from each other angularly to a sufficient extent to permit a powder puff or cloth to be easily pushed therebetween, and, when so pushed into position, it is held therein by the inwardly and downwardly bent portions 3 of the spring wire. The number of said inwardly bent portions 3 will vary with the size of the box. I have herein shown three such portions only, but when used with a larger box it may be desirable to provide four, or even more, such portions.

It will be observed that my improved device holds the powder puff out of contact with the powder in the box so that no more powder is taken up thereby than is desired, and it also possesses the advantages of being very cheap and simple in construction, being made of a single piece of wire bent into shape, and, further, being easily adjustable to powder boxes of all sizes.

I claim:

1. A powder puff retainer comprising spring material of which an outer portion is of a general circular form and inner portions extend inwardly from the outer circular portion.

2. A powder puff retainer comprising spring material of which an outer portion is of a general circular form, and inner portions extend inwardly from, and out of the plane of, the outer circular portion.

3. A powder puff retainer comprising a single piece of material of which a portion is in the form of a portion of a circle, and other portions extend inwardly at intervals from the circular portion.

4. A powder puff retainer comprising a single piece of spring material of which a portion is in the form of a portion of a circle, and other portions extend inwardly at intervals from the circular portion.

5. A powder puff retainer comprising a single piece of material of which a portion is in the form of a portion of a circle and other portions extend inwardly at intervals from the circular portion and out of the plane of the circle and wholly to one side thereof.

6. A powder puff retainer comprising a single piece of spring material of which a portion is in the form of a portion of a circle and other portions extend inwardly at intervals from the circular portion and out of the plane of the circle and wholly to one side thereof.

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