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(54) **COSMETIC CORRECTION TOOL**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

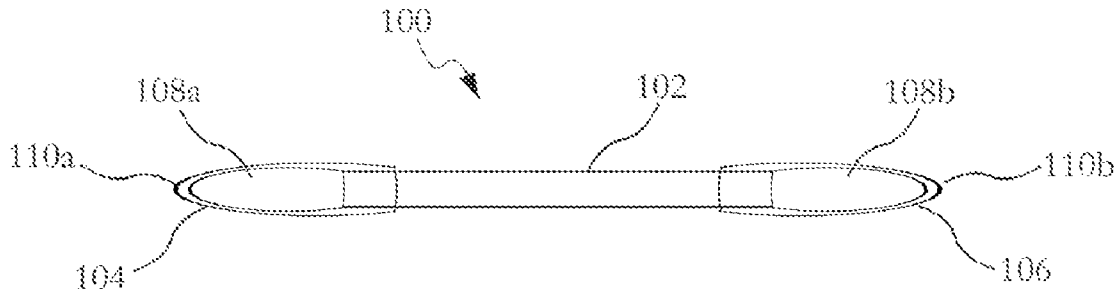
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A cosmetic correction tool comprising a stick, where the stick extends between a first end and a second end; an absorbent swab positioned at the first end, where the absorbent swab absorbs a liquid; and a wiping layer covering the absorbent swab, where the wiping layer applies the liquid against a user's skin and where the wiping layer ensures that the absorbent swab remains in position during use. The liquid is a makeup remover to allow the user to spot treat smudges on the user's face after applying makeup. The absorbent swab and the wiping layer may be on the second end to provide the user with a double-sided tool.

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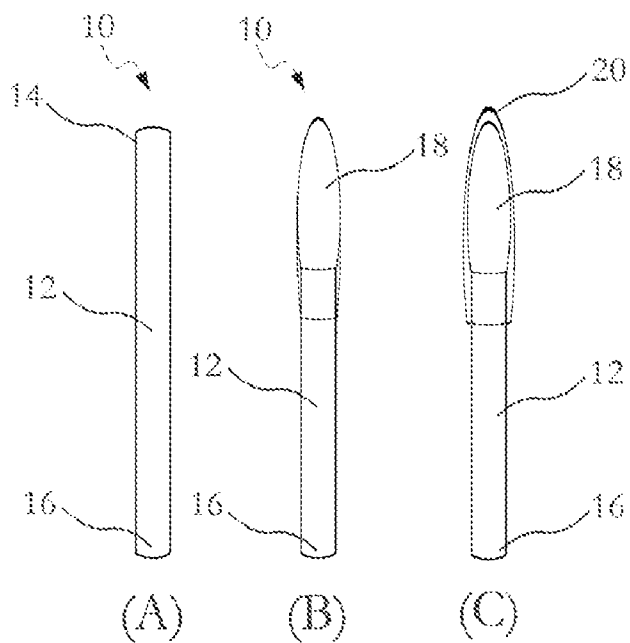


FIG. 1

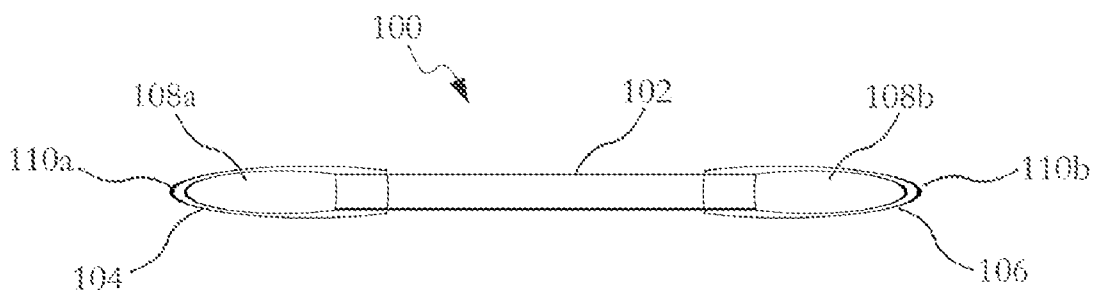


FIG. 2

COSMETIC CORRECTION TOOL

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] 1. Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention relates to a makeup removal device to precisely target the area of makeup removal without disturbing nearby satisfactorily applied areas.

[0003] 2. Description of Related Art

[0004] A common daily routine for many women, and some men, is to apply makeup before they leave for work, run errands or are seen by others. The amount of makeup varies from user to user depending on their experience, desire for coverage and overall look that they are trying to accomplish. For example, a stay-at-home mom may apply minimal makeup before beginning their day with kids, while a stage performer may spend a great deal of time perfecting their look before they step into the spotlight. Either way smudges or imperfections are bothersome regardless of the amount of makeup work. If a mistake occurs, the user must then determine whether they can cover the smudge or if they must completely remove the makeup and start again. Typically a person may use their finger to wipe away a spot or quickly grab a piece of tissue or a cotton swab for corrections. Many times after trying to correct the mistakes the smudge simply becomes worse and the user is forced to clear all makeup and begin again.

[0005] Recently, some devices have been developed to assist a user when correcting their makeup. For example, U.S. Pat. No. 5,509,742 by Grace M. Balzarini discloses a mascara applicator and mascara removal device wherein at an opposing end of a mascara applicator is a receiver and applicator for makeup removal. The receiver holds a reservoir of makeup remover where the applicator spot treats blemished makeup areas after the mascara applicator is used. Alternatively, U.S. Pat. No. 5,996,780 by Vivien K. Gurrera discloses a cosmetic apparatus wherein individually wrapped cotton swabs are saturated with an anti-aging cream and a makeup remover. The swabs allow the user to remove makeup from specific areas. A common problem when using cotton swabs is that they shift, unravel or distort during use, thereby making the swab difficult for small spot treatments.

[0006] Therefore, it would be desirable in the art to provide a makeup removal tool that is utilizes the convenience of a cotton swab but without distorting upon use. It would also be beneficial in the art to provide a makeup removal tool that is portable and easy to user for the users on the go.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] In view of the foregoing disadvantages inherent in the prior art, the general purpose of the present invention is to provide a cosmetic correction tool, configured to include all of the advantages of the prior art, and to overcome the drawbacks inherent therein.

[0008] Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to provide a cosmetic correction tool that utilizes a cotton swab like device with an added cloth outer layer to easily and effectively apply makeup remover to a user's skin.

[0009] Another object of the present invention is to provide a double-sided cosmetic correction tool to two ends of use.

[0010] Another object of the present invention is to provide a cosmetic correction tool individually wrapped for portability.

[0011] To achieve the above objects, in an aspect of the present invention, a cosmetic correction tool is disclosed comprising a stick, where the stick extends between a first end and a second end; an absorbent swab positioned at the first end, where the absorbent swab absorbs a liquid; and a wiping layer covering the absorbent swab, where the wiping layer applies the liquid against a user's skin and where the wiping layer ensures that the absorbent swab remains in position during use. The liquid is a makeup remover to allow the user to spot treat smudges on the user's face after applying makeup. The absorbent swab and the wiping layer may be on the second end to provide the user with a double-sided tool.

[0012] These together with other aspects of the present invention, along with the various features of novelty that characterize the present invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed hereto and form a part of this present invention. For a better understanding of the present invention, its operating advantages, and the specific objects attained by its uses, reference should be made to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which there are illustrated exemplary embodiments of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0013] The advantages and features of the present invention will become better understood with reference to the following detailed description and claims taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein like elements are identified with like symbols, and in which:

[0014] FIG. 1 (A) depicts a perspective view of a stick in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0015] FIG. 1 (B) depicts a perspective view of a stick with a swab in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0016] FIG. 1 (C) depicts a perspective view of a cosmetic correction tool in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention; and

[0017] FIG. 2 depicts a perspective view of a double sided cosmetic correction tool in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the present invention.

[0018] Like reference numerals refer to like parts throughout the description of several views of the drawings.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0019] The present invention relates to a makeup removal device to precisely target the area of makeup removal without disturbing nearby satisfactorily applied areas. The present invention provides a cosmetic correction tool to spot treat makeup removal liquids to leave remaining areas intact. The cosmetic correction tool includes a flexible stick with an absorbent swab wrapped with a wiping cloth at one or both ends of the stick. The swab and cloth are impregnated with makeup remover to effectively wipe away the smudges. The cosmetic correction tool may be individually packaged to for portable, easy to use, and effective makeup removal.

[0020] Turning now descriptively to the drawings, referring to FIG. 1 (A), a perspective view of a cosmetic correction tool (10) featuring a stick (12) is shown in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. The stick (12) includes a first end (14) and a second end (16). The stick (12) may be an elongated, flexible rod or handle to provide a comfortable gripping portion for a user. The length of the stick (12) may range from approximately 2 inches to 7 inches,

where the preferred length is 3 inches. The stick (12) may be made from a material like, paper, rubber, plastic or the like so that the cosmetic correction tool (10) is cost effective and easy to make. During use, the stick (12) may bend or curve if the user presses too hard with the stick (12) against the user's skin to prevent scratching or discomfort.

[0021] Referring to FIG. 1 (B), a perspective view of the cosmetic correction tool (10) featuring the stick (12) with an absorbent swab (18) is shown in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. At the first end (14) of the stick (12) is an absorbent swab (18) that covers and cushions the end (14). The absorbent swab (18) may be made from a cotton or polyester material wrapped around the end (14) to absorb and hold a liquid. The liquid absorbed may be water, makeup remover, facial toner, nail polish remover or any other cosmetic type liquids desired to be applied on a small space or surface. Preferably the liquid is makeup remover to enable the user to easily spot treat any makeup flaws or smudges on the user's face.

[0022] Referring to FIG. 1 (C) a perspective view of the cosmetic correction tool (10) is shown in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. The cosmetic correction tool (10) is illustrated with the absorbent swab (18) covered with a wiping layer (20). The wiping layer (20) may cover the entire absorbent swab (18) and extend along the stick (12) towards the second end (16). The wiping layer (20) may be made from a soft, cloth-like material for a soft, nonabrasive feel against the user's skin. Also, the wiping layer (20) may better hold the shape of the absorbent swab (18) to prevent the absorbent swab (18) from unraveling or distorting during use.

[0023] The wiping layer (20) may be impregnated with the same liquid as used with the absorbent layer (18). The cosmetic correction tool (10) may be dipped into the liquid during use or it may be available with the liquid already impregnated within the absorbent swab (18) and the wiping layer (20). The absorbent swab (18) may hold a reservoir of liquid for the wiping layer (20) so that the wiping layer (20) does not dry out immediately upon use.

[0024] Accordingly, the cosmetic correction tool (10) may be packaged with multiple tools available in a package at once. Alternatively, the cosmetic correction tool (10) may be individually wrapped in an airtight envelope or sleeve for on-the-go use and to ensure that the absorbent swab (18) and the wiping layer (20) remain moist before use.

[0025] Now turning to FIG. 2, a perspective view of a double sided cosmetic correction tool (100) is shown in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the present invention. The double sided cosmetic correction tool (100) includes a stick (102) which encompasses a first end (104) and a second end (106). Both the first end (104) and the second end (106) may include an absorbent swab (108a, 108b) covered with a wiping layer (110a, 110b). The absorbent swabs (108a, 108b) and the wiping layers (110a, 110b) are at each end of the stick (102) and impregnated with the

liquid to provide the user with a dual-sided tool for more efficient use. Alternatively, the absorbent swab (108a) and the wiping layer (110a) on the first end (104) may be impregnated with the liquid, while the absorbent swab (108b) and the wiping layer (110b) at the second end (106) are dry to wipe away and excess makeup or liquid accumulated after the first end (104) is used.

[0026] The foregoing descriptions of specific embodiments of the present invention have been presented for purposes of illustration and description. They are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise forms disclosed, and obviously many modifications and variations are possible in light of the above teaching. The exemplary embodiment was chosen and described in order to best explain the principles of the invention and its practical application, to thereby enable others skilled in the art to best utilize the invention and various embodiments with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated.

What is claimed is:

1. A cosmetic correction tool comprising:
 - a stick, where the stick includes a first end and a second end;
 - an absorbent swab positioned at the first end, where the absorbent swab absorbs a liquid; and
 - a wiping layer covering the absorbent swab, where the wiping layer applies the liquid against a user's skin and where the wiping layer ensures that the absorbent swab remains in position during use.
2. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 1, wherein the absorbent swab is made from cotton.
3. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 1, wherein the wiping layer is made from a cloth-like material.
4. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 1, wherein the liquid is makeup remover to enable the user to spot treat makeup imperfections on their face.
5. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 1, wherein the liquid is one of at least water, nail polish remover and facial toner.
6. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 1, wherein a second absorbent swab and a second wiping layer are included on the second end.
7. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 6, wherein the second absorbent swab and the second wiping layer on the second end are dry to remove any excess liquid after using the absorbent swab and the wiping layer on the first end.
8. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 1, wherein the cosmetic correction tool is individually packaged for use.
9. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 1, wherein the stick is flexible.
10. The cosmetic correction tool according to claim 1, wherein the absorbent swab serves as a reservoir of liquid for the wiping layer.

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