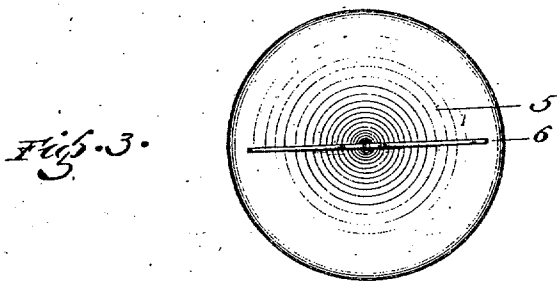
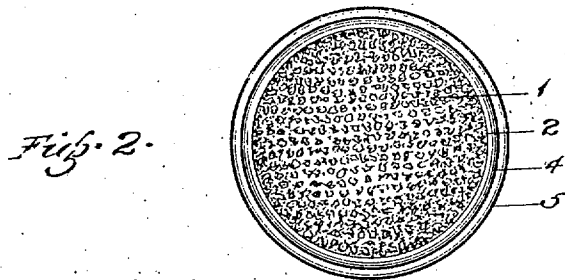
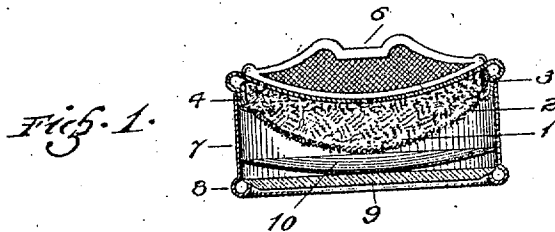


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVE VALE, a citizen of the United States, and residing at 1505 Santa Clara avenue, in the city of Alameda, county of Alameda, and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toilet Accessories; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it most nearly appertains to make, use, and practice the same.

This invention relates to improvements in toilet accessories and consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the parts as hereinafter described.

The objects of this invention are, to provide a compact and cleanly means for applying a capillary imprint on the cheeks in imitation of the texture of the natural tint or bloom; and to inclose the imprinting member within an ornamental box adapted to arrest evaporation, and having a mirror mounted therein as an accessory in the use of the article.

Broadly the invention consists of an absorbent pad having a cellular or capillary surface and fixed within a convenient holder, adapted to serve also as the cover for an annular box having its exposed bottom composed of a mirror.

In the drawings: Figure —1— is a vertical cross section of a device constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. —2— is a plan view of the imprinting pad mounted in its holder. Fig. —3— is a similar view of the handle side of the same.

In detail the construction consists of the absorbent imprinting pad 1, having the capillary surface 2, preferably composed of sponge, or a suitable manufactured textile such as Turkish toweling or the like which presents a cellular capillary surface. The pad is composed of a single piece of sponge or a composite textile pad suitably stuffed and held in position by the expansive hoop 3, adapted to expand within the circumference of the inturned flange 4, and securely retain the pad within the cuplike holder 5. The top of the holder is concave or depressed to give the proper rotundity to the imprinting pad, and afford a sufficient finger hold on the handle 6, within the minimum of space. The handle 6, is riveted to the holder, and knurled to afford a suitable grip.

It is essential that the imprinting pad be secured within the holder by some such mechanical means as shown as it is essential that no decomposing or disintegrating cement or adhesive likely to give off even a slight odor be used.

The imprinting pad secured within its holder is the prime factor in this invention. It is essential to convenience however that the pad be protected against evaporation after saturation. The holder with the inturned flange 4, adapted to snugly fit the open end of the cylindrical box 7, acts as a hermetic cover therefor. The inturned lower edge 8, of the box acts as a bezel for the mirror 9, which is held in position by the disk 10, sprung into the box behind the mirror and protects it from moisture emanating from the imprint pad.

In the operation of this device the pad is saturated with a suitable harmless liquid of proper tint and the surplus is squeezed out so that the lightest touch will leave a faint imprint. By the convenient handle the imprint pad is lightly touched to the skin at the desired place. This light touch leaves a capillary imprint composed of fine hairlike lines resembling the capillary blood vessels present in the skin when suffused by a natural flush. After application of the imprint the skin should be gently rubbed with a soft cloth or the finger tips, this blends the tiny capillary imprinted lines with the skin in a manner to defy detection. The depth of the color tint is regulated by the amount of pressure given the imprint, or the number of applications preferably the latter.

The mirror in the bottom of the box is provided as an accessory convenience. The concave cover and the compactness of the assembled device (illustrations are enlarged about one-third) renders it easily secreted or carried. The box and holder may be made of a variety of noncorrosive metals and ornamented as taste dictates. If properly sealed against evaporation when not in use one saturation suffices for several months.

Having thus described this invention what is claimed and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:—

1. An article of manufacture comprising a box provided with a cover having an annular flange forming a central chamber, an absorbent pad located in said chamber and provided with a capillary imprinting sur-

face, and an expansive hoop engaging the edge of said pad and clamping the latter against said flange.

2. An article of manufacture comprising
 5 a box provided with a cover having a concave portion, said cover being provided with an annular flange, an annular flange forming a central chamber, an absorbent pad located in said chamber and provided with a
 10 capillary imprinting surface, an expansive hoop engaging the edge of said pad and clamping the latter against said flange, and a handle extending diametrically across said cover.

3. An article of manufacture comprising 15 a box having its lower edge rolled, a mirror having its edge engaging the rolled edge of the box, a spring disk bearing against the back of said mirror, and a cover for said box provided with an absorbent pad removably 20 secured therein.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of February 1909.

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