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COSMETIC LIP BLOTTER
RELATED APPLICATION


FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to a cosmetic blotter bound with a powder medium to seal a cosmetic on the lip, such as lipstick, lip gloss, and the like.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Makeup artists for years have used the trick of blotting lipstick by first applying a tissue, followed by applying a sealing layer of lipstick sealers, such as a clear topcoat or powder, in order to achieve the longest wearability of lipstick. Thus, two separate steps and components are required to seal the lipstick. Therefore, there is need for combining blotting functions and components for convenience, simplicity and portability of sealing cosmetic material on the lip.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] Accordingly, the present invention provides a cosmetic lip blotter that includes a blotting material and a powder medium bound to at least a portion of the blotting material. The powder medium is configured to seal a cosmetic material on the lip. In a preferred embodiment, the present invention imparts on the lip such things as shine, flavor, fragrance, or a cosmetic ingredient. The blotting material may be an absorbent tissue or paper.

[0005] The present invention also provides a cosmetic lip blotter that includes a blotting material that is impregnated with an ingestible flavor and a powder medium bound to the blotting material that is configured to seal a cosmetic material on the lip.

[0006] The present invention may also provide a dispenser for a cosmetic lip blotter that includes a container with a base and a cover, and plurality of absorbent sheets of blotting material are held in the base of the container. The blotting material has a powder medium bound thereto that is configured to seal a cosmetic material on the lip.

[0007] The present invention further provides a method of using a cosmetic blotter including the steps of providing a cosmetic lip blotter that comprises a blotting material and a powder medium bound to at least a portion of the blotting material and the powder medium is configured to seal a cosmetic material on the lip; applying lip product to the lip; and blotting the cosmetic lip blotter against the lip after applying the lip product to the lip, thereby sealing the lip product to the lip.

[0008] Other objects, advantages and salient features of the invention will become apparent from the following detailed description, which, taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, discloses a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009] A more complete appreciation of the invention and many of the attendant advantages thereof will be readily obtained by reference to the following detailed description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawing figures.

[0010] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a cosmetic lip blotter according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0011] FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a cosmetic lip blotter according to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0012] FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a dispenser for the cosmetic lip blotter illustrated in either FIG. 1 or FIG. 2;

[0013] FIG. 4 is a perspective view of an alternative dispenser for the cosmetic lip blotter in accordance with the exemplary embodiments of the present invention; and

[0014] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of yet another alternative dispenser in accordance with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0015] Referring to FIGS. 1-5, the present invention generally relates to a cosmetic blotter 10 that generally comprises of a blotting material 12 bound with a powder or powder like medium 14 to seal a cosmetic material, such as lipstick, lip gloss, lipstain, and the like, on the lip. The powder medium 14 is preferably provided on the entirety of the surface of the blotting material 12, but may be provided on only a section thereof. The blotter 10 may be used to remove excess lipstick or lip product while imparting cosmetic ingredients, such as powder, flavor, fragrance and/or cosmetic coloration for longer durability, comfortability, wearability, and enhanced appearance of varied lip products.

[0016] The blotting material 12 may be an absorbent tissue, paper, kraft pulp, bibulous paper, hemp paper, flax paper, cellulose, rice paper or similar blotting material bound or impregnated with the powder medium 14. The blotting material 12 may also be impregnated with an ingestible flavor, flavored food grade tuc, flavored sweetener, flavored oils.

[0017] The powder medium 14 may be a powder, mica, a cosmetic powder and/or an ingestible food grade material, such as the outer coating on chewing gum. Additives may also be added to the powder medium 14, such as flavor, coloration and/or fragrance additives such as food grade oils, botanical extracts. The sheet of the blotting material 12 may have any shape, such as rectangular, or circular. In accordance with an alternative embodiment, the blotting material 12 may also be provided with wings 18 on one or more edges of the sheet of blotting material, as seen in FIG. 2.

[0018] The blotter 10 may be applied to the lip to remove, and/or blot, excess lipstick and impart a sealing, blotting material, a lipstick enhancing material, and/or a flavoring to improve the durability and wearability of lip colorations and lipsticks. The powder medium 14 may also be modified to impart sheen, matte, sparkle, and/or add flavor to the lip area. The powder medium 14 may also be designed with an extreme pigment and saturation for extreme effect.

[0019] The sealing materials of the powder medium 14 may be various powders that can add shine or matte. Exemplary sealing materials may include fine mica, any ground cosmetic material that gives the appearance of shine, sparkle or color, talc, diatomaceous earth, magnesium stearate, rice powder, silica, and the like. Exemplary finishing materials of the powder medium 14 may include mica, bismuth oxychloride, and the like. Exemplary lipstick enhancing materials of the powder medium 14 may include mica, muscovite, iron oxides, sericite mica, bismuth oxychloride, and the like.

[0020] To impart sheen, a shinier powder material may be selected (or a modified powder with a shine producing additive) for the powder medium 14. To impart matte, a powder or
material with flat or matte properties can be selected for the powder medium. To impart sparkle or shine, a choice in powder and an additive, such as mica, can be selected for the powder medium.

As seen in FIG. 3, a dispenser 20 may be provided for holding and dispensing the cosmetic blotters 10. The dispenser 20 preferably includes a container 22 that has a base 23 and a cover 24. The blotters 10 may be packaged as a plurality of sheets in the base 23 such that each sheet may be dispensed when the cover 24 of the container 22 is opened, as shown in FIG. 3. The sheets of the blotting material 12 may be either separate or attached by perforations. The base 23 preferably includes a dispensing slot area 25 through which the cosmetic blotters 10 can be removed from the container 22. A free end 30 of the blotter 10 may extend through the slot area 25 such that it can be easily grasped when the user opens the cover 24. The cover 24 may be coupled at one end to the base 23. Its opposite free end may include a closing member, such as a tongue 26, that is configured to engage a corresponding closure member, such as a slot 28 on the base 23. The tongue 26 is received in a slot 28 when the container 22 is closed. Any known closure members may be used to open and close the cover 24 with respect to the base 23. The container 22 may be formed of any material, such as plastic, paper board, and the like.

Other types of dispensers may be used to dispense the blotters, such as a tissue box or the like. For example, FIG. 4 illustrates an alternative dispenser 20′ in accordance with the present invention that is similar to the dispenser 20 of the first embodiment, except that the container 22′ has an elongated substantially rectangular shape. Like in the first embodiment, the sheets of the blotting material may be dispensed through a slot area 25′ of the base 23. The base 23′ and the cover 24′ may also include cooperating closure members 26′ and 28′.

FIG. 5 illustrated yet another alternative dispenser 20″ in accordance with the present invention. Dispenser 20″ is similar to the dispensers 20 and 20′ and further shows that sheets of the blotting material 10 may be supported in the base 23″ in a book type arrangement and attached to one another by perforations 50. The cover 24″ may be opened with respect to the base 23″ in a book-like fashion and individual sheets of the blotting material 10 turn out, via perforations 50, as desired.

While particular embodiments have been chosen to illustrate the invention, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes and modifications can be made therein without departing from the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A cosmetic lip blottter, comprising:
   a blotting material; and
   a powder medium bound to at least a portion of said blottting material, said powder medium configured to seal a cosmetic material on the lip.

2. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 1, wherein
   said blottting material is an absorbent sheet that is one of a tissue, paper, hemp paper, ribulose paper, rice paper, newpaper, cellulose or kraft pulp.

3. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 2, wherein
   said powder medium includes an ingestible food grade material.

4. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 3, wherein
   said powder medium includes additives that add flavor, coloration, or fragrance.

5. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 3, wherein
   said powder medium has a sealing material that includes fine mica, ground cosmetic material, talc, diatomaceous earth, magnesium stearate, rice powder, or silica.

6. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 3, wherein
   said powder medium includes finish materials that are mica or bismuth oxychloride.

7. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 3, wherein
   said powder medium includes a lipstick enhancing material that is mica, iron oxides, sericite mica, or bismuth oxychloride.

8. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 1, wherein said blottting material is configured to remove excess lipstick or lip product.

9. A cosmetic lip blottter, comprising:
   a blotting material, said blottting material being impregnated with an ingestible flavor; and
   a powder medium bound to said blottting material, said powder medium configured to seal a cosmetic material on the lip.

10. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 9, wherein
    said blottting material is an absorbent sheet that is one of a tissue, paper, hemp paper, ribulose paper, rice paper, newpaper, cellulose or kraft pulp.

11. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 10, wherein
    said powder medium includes a flavor additive.

12. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 11, wherein
    said powder medium has a sealing material that includes fine mica, ground cosmetic material, talc, diatomaceous earth, magnesium stearate, rice powder, or silica.

13. A cosmetic lip blottter according to claim 12, wherein
    said powder medium includes a lipstick enhancing material that is mica, iron oxides, sericite mica, or bismuth oxychloride.

14. A dispenser for a cosmetic lip blottter, comprising:
    a container including a base and a cover; and
    a plurality of absorbent sheets of blotting material held in said base of said container, said blotting material having a powder medium bound thereto, said powder medium being configured to seal a cosmetic material on the lip.

15. A dispenser for a cosmetic lip blottter of claim 14, wherein
    said base includes a dispensing slot area through which a free end of at least one of said plurality of absorbent sheets of blotting material extends.

16. A dispenser for a cosmetic lip blottter of claim 14, wherein
    said base and cover include cooperating closure members.

17. A dispenser for a cosmetic lip blottter of claim 14, wherein
    said container has an elongated substantially rectangular shape.

18. A dispenser for a cosmetic lip blottter of claim 14, wherein
    said plurality of absorbent sheets of blotting material are attached to one another by perforations.

19. A method of using a cosmetic lip blottter, comprising:
    providing a cosmetic lip blottter, the cosmetic lip blottter comprising a blotting material and a powder medium...
bound to at least a portion of the blotting material, the powder medium configured to seal a cosmetic material on the lip;
applying lip product to the lip; and
blotting the cosmetic lip blotter against the lip after applying the lip product to the lip, thereby sealing the lip product to the lip.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the blotting material is an absorbent sheet that is one of a tissue, paper, hemp paper, hibulous paper, rice paper, flax paper, cellulose or kraft pulp.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the powder medium includes an ingestible food grade material.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein the powder medium includes additives that add flavor, coloration, or fragrance.

23. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of removing individual sheets of the blotting material from a dispenser prior to blotting the cosmetic lip blotter against the lip.

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