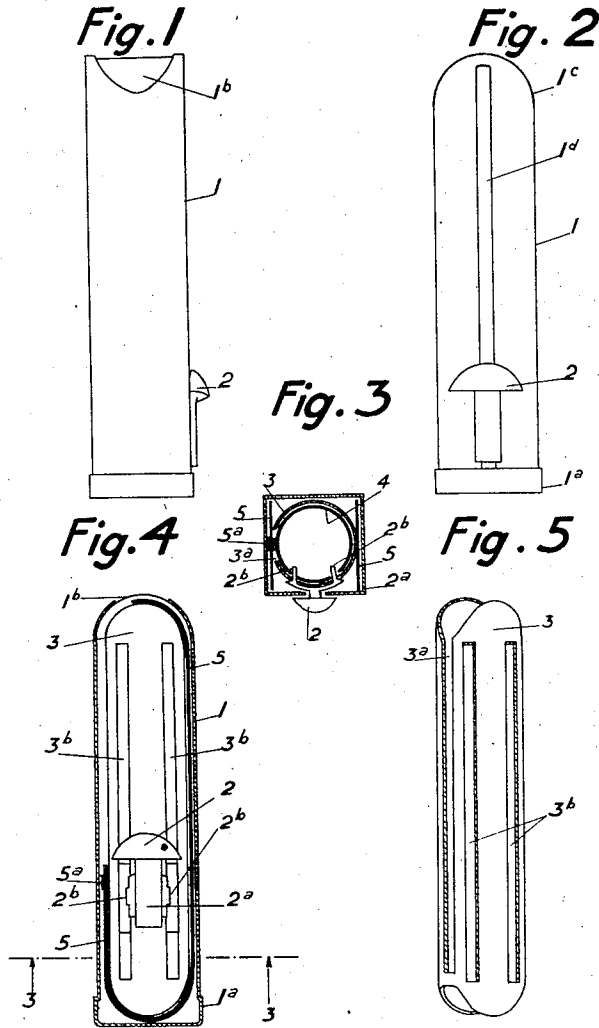


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This invention relates to toilet accessories and has more particular reference to such devices which are carried by ladies and are commonly used to carry make-up material such as rouge or perfume in the form of sticks or crayons.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a sheath holder for a rouge stick or crayon of extremely simple and yet rugged construction and easy, practical and attractive manipulation whereby the user may hold it in one hand while causing the stick or crayon to project or retract by means of one finger only of said hand, the user thus keeping her other hand free, for instance for holding a mirror, a powder puff or the like in view of rapid and handy making-up purposes.

A further object of the invention is to provide a sheath holder for a rouge stick or crayon wherein the closure is performed exclusively by a flexible strip or ribbon entirely located and guided inside the body of the holder and so arranged that its opening or closing motion is entirely automatic and concomitant with the longitudinal displacement of a finger piece and with the ejection or retraction of the rouge stick or crayon.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a sheath holder for a rouge stick or crayon wherein the closure can never come in contact with the stick or crayon and can not therefore be stained or clogged thereby or spoil said stick while efficiently protecting same when in closed position.

Still a further object of the invention is to provide a sheath holder for a rouge stick or crayon wherein the make-up operation never implies any contact between the stick and the user's hand.

With these and such other objects in view as will incidentally appear hereafter, the invention comprises the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts that will now be described with reference to the accompanying diagrammatic drawing forming a part of the present disclosure.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevational view showing the sheath holder for a rouge stick in its entirety, assuming the ribbon closure to be shut, for example in the position which the holder occupies when carried in a lady's hand bag or kit.

Figure 2 is a similar elevational view taken at right angles to Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 4.

Figure 4 is a longitudinal sectional view showing the novel arrangement of the internal parts of the sheath holder.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the inner sleeve member housed in the sheath body or outer casing of the sheath holder for a rouge stick, this view clearly illustrating the longitudinal gap and cuts in this sleeve member.

Like reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views.

In the specific embodiment of the invention shown in said drawing, the numeral 1 designates the sheath body or outer tubular casing of the sheath holder. This sheath body 1 is stopped by a slightly enlarged base 1^a and formed at the top with a cross opening 1^b delineated by edges incurved from the arcuate end edges of two symmetrical sides 1^c of said body. One of these sides is formed on the greater part of its length with a longitudinal slot 1^d through which is permanently engaged the stem 2^a of an outwardly projecting T-shaped finger piece 2, said stem 2^a being internally bifurcated into two spaced lugs 2^b. Within the sheath body 1 and at a slight distance from its inner wall is housed a sleeve 3, advantageously of rounded cross-sectional shape, formed with a longitudinal gap 3^a and with a pair of longitudinal cuts 3^b spaced to the extent of the lugs 2^b for giving access thereto, these gap and cuts extending over the greater part of the length of said sleeve.

Inside the sleeve 3 is snugly mounted a slide 4 in the form of a cup or bushing adapted to receive the bottom end of the rouge stick, said slide being notched at two places coincident with the cuts 3^b in the sleeve 3 for the engagement of the internal lugs 2^b of the finger piece 2.

Intermediate the sheath body 1 and sleeve 3 is located a flexible ribbon 5 made for example of a highly flexible steel strip or a strong and pliable fabric or gauze so sized and arranged as to be capable of entirely closing the top opening 1^b of the casing 1 when this is required. To that effect, one end of the ribbon 5 is free to move across said opening 1^b whereas its opposite end is securely fixed, for example riveted at 5^a, to the slide 4 through the longitudinal gap 3^a in the sleeve 3.

The length of the flexible ribbon 5 is so reckoned that (as shown in Figure 4) when the finger piece 2 is at the bottom of its stroke in the slot 1^d the free end of the ribbon 5 closes

the top opening 1^b of the sheath body or casing 1 whilst its opposite end portion fixed at 5^a to the slide 4 encompasses the bottom end of the sleeve 3 which thus acts as a guide for the ribbon.

5 The operation of the sheath holder for a rouge stick or crayon will be readily understood from the foregoing: Assuming the finger piece 2 to occupy its lowermost position as illustrated in
10 Figures 1 and 2 which corresponds to closure of the top opening 1^b by the free end of the ribbon 5, if by means of one finger said finger piece 2 is lifted, its lugs 2^b lift the rouge stick-carrying slide 4 whereby the side of the ribbon
15 5 secured to said slide is also lifted automatically to a corresponding extent. The ribbon 5 is thus shifted longitudinally through the clearance between the sheath body 1 and sleeve 3, so that its free end unmasks the entrance of
20 the body 1 and permits ejection of the tip of the rouge stick which is simultaneously lifted by the slide 4. By a reverse motion of the finger piece 2, the rouge stick may be retracted or pulled home and the opening 1^b closed by the ribbon 5.
25 Minor constructional details of the sheath holder might be varied without departing from

the spirit of the invention, such for example as the structure of the ribbon or the connections between the slide and ribbon and between the finger piece and slide, all such variations being involved in the scope of the subjoined claim. 80

What we claim is:

A sheath holder for rouge sticks and the like comprising a body of quadrangular section open at one end, said body being formed with a longitudinally ranging slot, a sleeve of circular section 85 in the body and spaced therefrom, said sleeve being formed with a slot offset at right angles to the slot in the body, said sleeve being further formed with spaced parallel longitudinal slots, a rouge stick receiving slide movable within the 90 sleeve, a finger piece extending through the slot in the body and the parallel slots in the sleeve and directly connected to the slide, and a flexible ribbon slidable between the sleeve and body and connected to the slide through the offset slot 95 in the sleeve, the free end of the ribbon opening and closing the end of the body following the direct movement of the slide responsive to finger piece movement.

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