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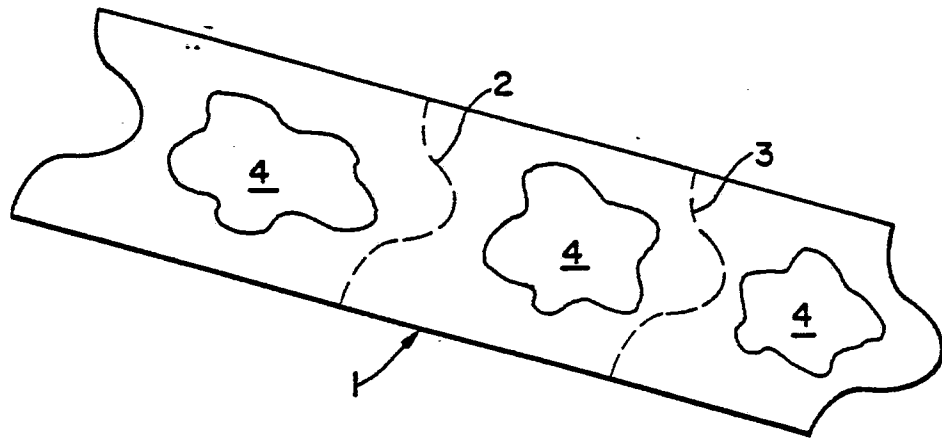
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54 **Cosmetic sample strip dispenser and strips adapted to be dispensed therefrom.**

EP 0 273 455 A3 57 A plurality of samples (4, 8, 54) of a cosmetic product, such as nail enamel, lipstick, powder or cream makeup, fragrance and the like, each comprising a quantity suitable for one sample dose, are provided on a sheet or continuous strip (1, 7, 10) of material. The strip (1, 7, 10) is provided with perforations (2, 3, 20) between adjacent dose units to permit a prospective customer to tear off one or several samples at a time from the strip (1, 7, 10). The sheet or strip (1, 7, 10) can be provided on a reel (11, 80) for convenient and compact disposition at the point of purchase. In one embodiment the sample strip (10) is divided into a plurality of individ-

ual pieces (22,...30) arranged seriatim and connected in end-to-end fashion. The individual pieces (22,...30) are separated from each other as the strip (10) is incrementally fed through a dispensing tip (68) of a cartridge (58) which controls the dispensing operation to insure that the samples are dispensed one at a time in a hygienic manner. The cartridge (58) can be mounted in a display unit (112) along with a plurality of similar cartridges (58).

FIG. 1





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1. claims: 1-5 Strip
2. claims: 6-28 Strip for use in a dispenser and dispenser



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