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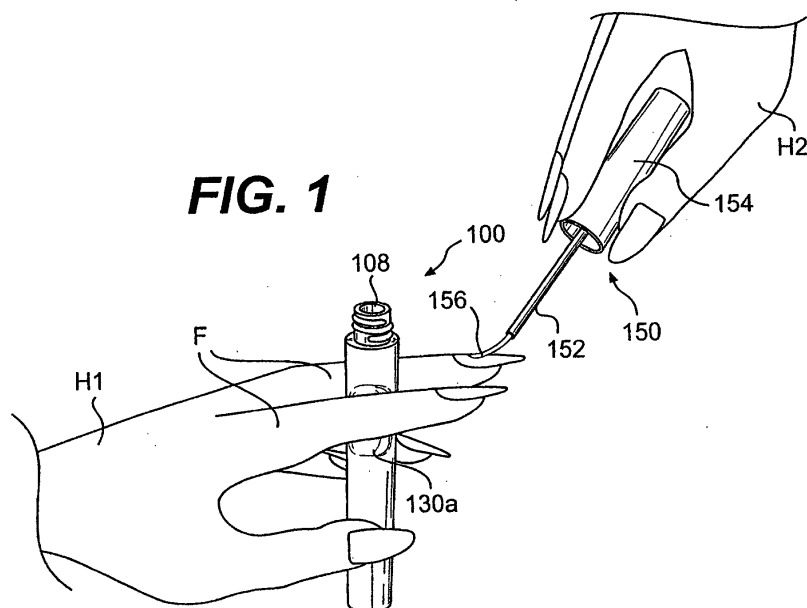
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(54) **Device including recessed container and method of cosmetic product application**

(57) A device (10) includes a container (100) configured to be placed between a pair of adjacent fingers (F) of a user. The outer surface (110) of the container may include a first recess portion (130a) for receiving one of the user's fingers (F), the first recess portion (130a) facing in a first direction and including a first recess upper part (132a) and a first recess lower part (134a). The outer surface (110) may also include a second recess portion (130b) for receiving another of the

user's fingers (F), the second recess portion (130b) facing in a second direction substantially opposite to the first direction and including a second recess upper part (132b) and a second recess lower part (134b). At least one of the first recess upper part (132a) and the second recess upper part (132b) may be configured to at least partially overlie a user's finger (F). Additionally, at least one of the first recess lower part (134a) and the second recess lower part (134b) may be configured to at least partially underlie a user's finger (F).





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