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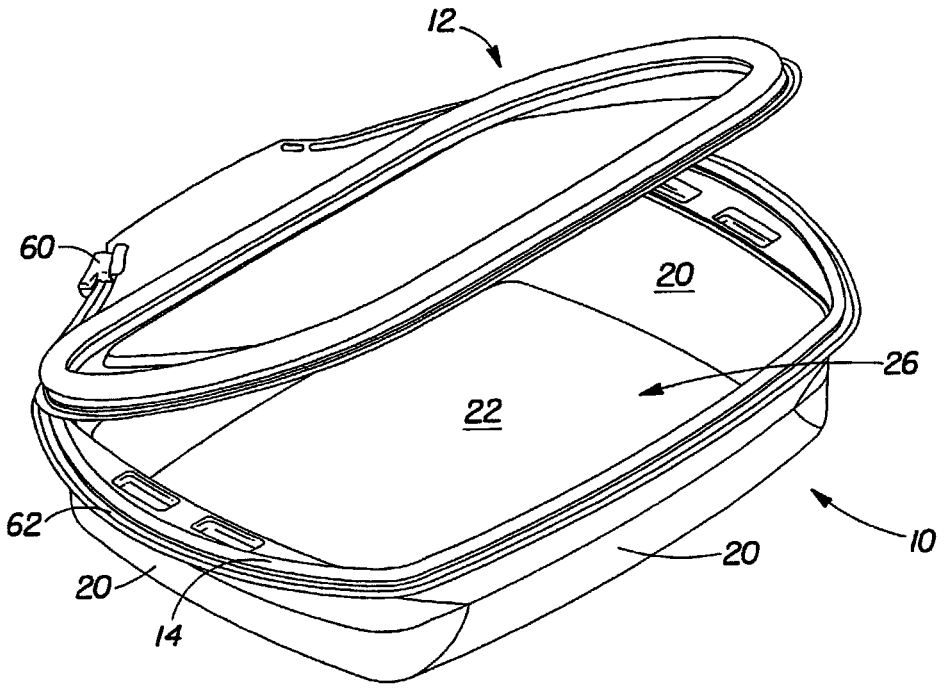

(57) Abstract: A container having an aperture (26) through which the contents of the container may be accessed. The aperture (26) is closable with a cover (12). The cover (12) is sealable around a first sector (70) of the aperture. Preferably, the first sector (70) of the aperture subtends 360 degrees. The cover (12) may be sealed by manipulating a second sector (72) of the perimeter of the aperture. The second sector (72) is less than the first sector.

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