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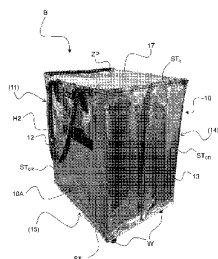


Fig. 1A

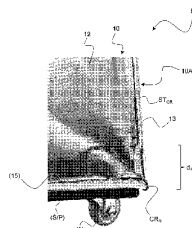


Fig. 2C

(57) **Abstract:** There is described a tote bag (B) comprising a collapsible container body (10) made of a foldable assembly of fabric panels that are joined together to form a bottom side (15) and a sidewall (11-14) including four lateral sides (11, 12, 13, 14) that jointly define an inner storage volume when the collapsible container body (10) takes an expanded state. The sidewall (11-14) is formed of at least one side panel (10A) joined at extremities along at least one vertical connection line (STA). The four lateral sides (11, 12, 13, 14) are defined by pinching the at least one side panel (10A) to form four vertical ridges that shape the sidewall (11-14) into the four lateral sides (11, 12, 13, 14), each vertical ridge being formed by pinching of the at least one side panel (10A) along a pinching line (STCR) that does not extend fully to the bottom side (15) and stops at a first distance (dB) from the bottom side (15). Furthermore, each vertical connection line (STA) is positioned along the sidewall (11-14) at a location that does not coincide with any one of the vertical ridges.

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