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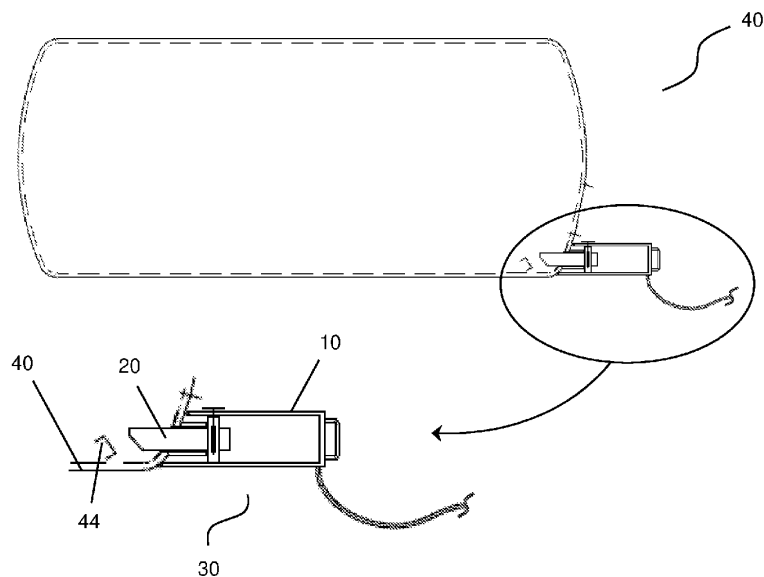


Figure 5

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for realizing an aseptic connection between a valve unit and a tank container comprising an inliner, wherein a disinfection unit comprising the valve unit is positioned around the spout of the tank container. The valve unit is then disinfected by exposing it to a disinfection fluid and/or to electromagnetic radiation while the valve of the valve unit is in an open position. After having closed the valve, an end portion of the valve unit is pressed against a closure element that blocks the spout of the inliner, to thereby effect that the inner environment of the inliner and the interior of the valve unit are in fluid communication. The disinfection unit is then removed and the valve unit is fastened to the tank container to ensure an aseptic connection between the valve unit and the tank container.

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