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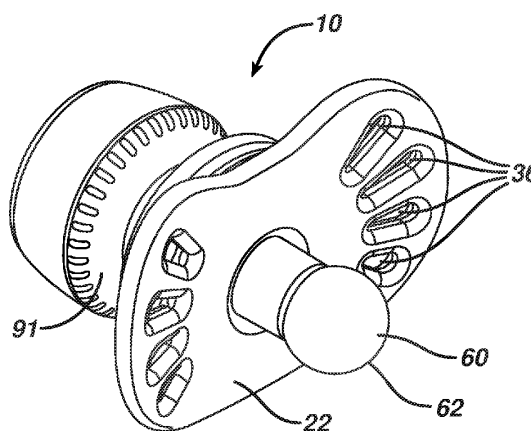


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** An oral fluids sample collection method and apparatus includes a shield having a first face and a second face; an elastomeric nipple having an outer surface and defining a nipple interior extending from the first face of the shield; and a reservoir component extending from the second face of the shield comprising a reservoir having a reservoir interior. These elements are interconnected by a plurality of fluid conduit/valve combinations, including a first combination permitting flow from the nipple interior to an atmospheric vent port disposed on an exterior surface of the oral fluids collection device; a second combination permitting flow from the reservoir interior to the nipple interior; and a third combination permitting flow from a collection port disposed on the outer surface of the nipple to an exit port in the reservoir interior.

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