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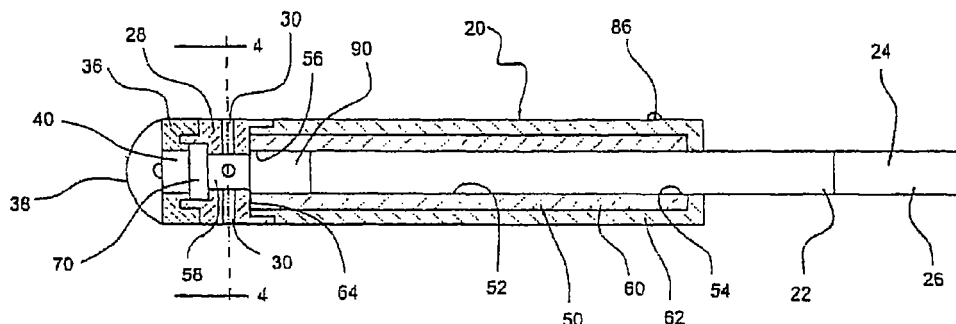
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(57) Abstract: A smokeless lighter (20) includes a heater (50) sized to accommodate a smokable article such as a cigarette (22) such that a portion of the cigarette protrudes from the lighter. The heater maintains the temperature in an internal chamber (52) in the range of 160°C to 200°C so as to be below the ignition temperature for tobacco. An insulating jacket (62) surrounds the heater to protect the smoker from burn injury. Circuitry may be activated manually or by insertion of a cigarette into the heater and limits operation of the heater preferably to a period of 10 to 12 minutes. Optionally, a light (40) may be used to indicate when air is drawn through the smokeless lighter.



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