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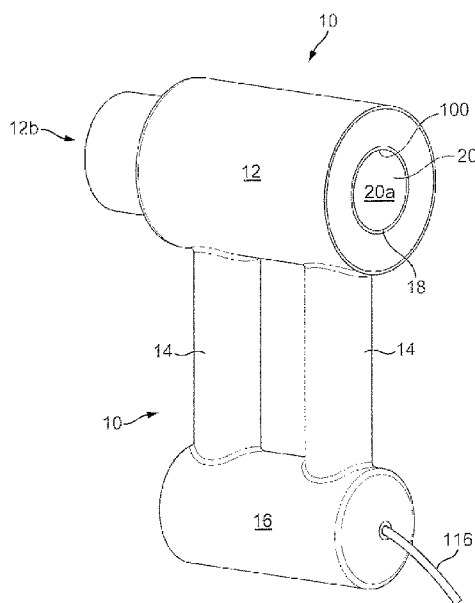


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Disclosed is a hand held appliance comprising a body, a fluid flow path extending through the body from a first fluid inlet through which a first fluid flow enters the appliance to a first fluid outlet for emitting the first fluid flow from the appliance, a primary fluid flow path extending from a second fluid inlet through which a primary fluid flow enters the appliance to a second fluid outlet, a fan unit located in the primary fluid flow path for drawing fluid through the second fluid inlet, and a filter located in the primary fluid flow path, and wherein fluid is drawn through the fluid flow path by fluid emitted from the second fluid outlet. The filter may be located upstream of the fan unit which may comprise a motor. A heater may be provided and the filter is located upstream of the heater. The filter may be located at, or adjacent, the second fluid inlet which may be located in the body. The second fluid inlet may extend at least partially about the first fluid inlet. The second fluid inlet and the filter may be annular in shape. The body may comprise an inner wall and an outer wall extending about the inner wall, the inner wall defining a bore through which the fluid flow path extends, and wherein the inner wall defines an outer perimeter of the first fluid inlet and an inner perimeter of the second fluid inlet. Also disclosed is a hairdryer.