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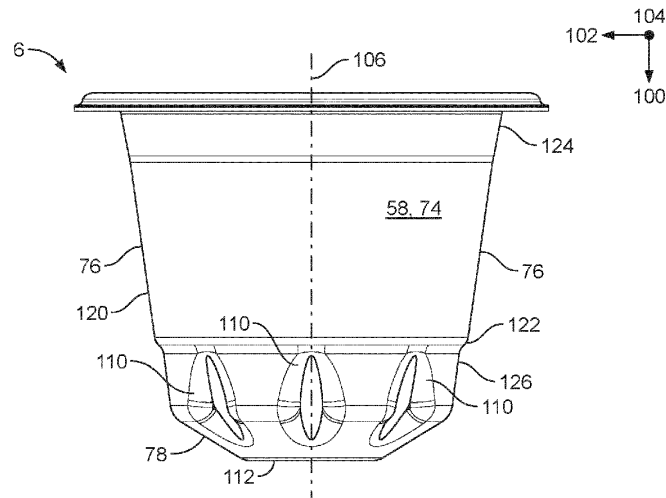


FIG. 8

(57) Abstract: A container for use with a machine for preparing a beverage and/or foodstuff or a precursor thereof, the container including: a storage portion comprising a cavity with sidewall, a flange portion and a base for containing a precursor material, and a closing member to close the storage portion. At least the storage portion, is formed of wood pulp-based material, and the storage portion comprises two or more of: - a perforation region, arranged at the base of the storage portion, which is treated to facilitate comparatively easier perforation by a penetrator of the machine than a portion that is not treated; - stiffener portions, arranged to extend along the base from a periphery to contiguous the perforation region to stiffen the base to resist displacement when the base is perforated by a penetrator of the machine; and - a shoulder that extends outwardly from the flange portion to a rim of the sidewall proximal the base, to define a void defining region of the sidewall that is arranged between the shoulder and the base to increase the rigidity of the base.

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