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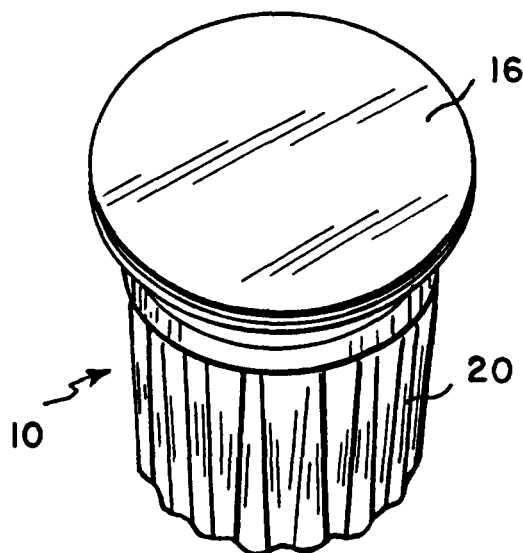
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(57) Abstract: A beverage filter cartridge (10) includes a cup-shaped outer container (12) with a bottom (18) and a side wall (20) extending upwardly from the bottom wall (18) to a circular rim (22) surrounding an upper opening (24). The side wall (20) has an upper section (20a) extending downwardly from the rim (22) to an intermediate section, and a tapered lower section (20c) configured to provide a plurality of circumferentially spaced flutes (20e) extending downwardly from the intermediate section to the bottom wall (18). A filter element (14) subdivides the interior of the container (12) into first (A) and second (B) chambers. A beverage medium is stored in the first chamber (A). A cover (16) is joined to the side wall (20) at the rim (22) to close the upper opening (24). The cover (16) is yieldably piercable to accommodate an injection of liquid into the first chamber (A) for combination with the beverage medium to produce a beverage. The filter element (14) is permeable to accommodate a flow of the beverage from the first chamber (A) into the second chamber (B), and the bottom wall (18) is yieldably piercable to accommodate an outflow of the beverage from the second chamber (B) to the exterior of the cartridge.