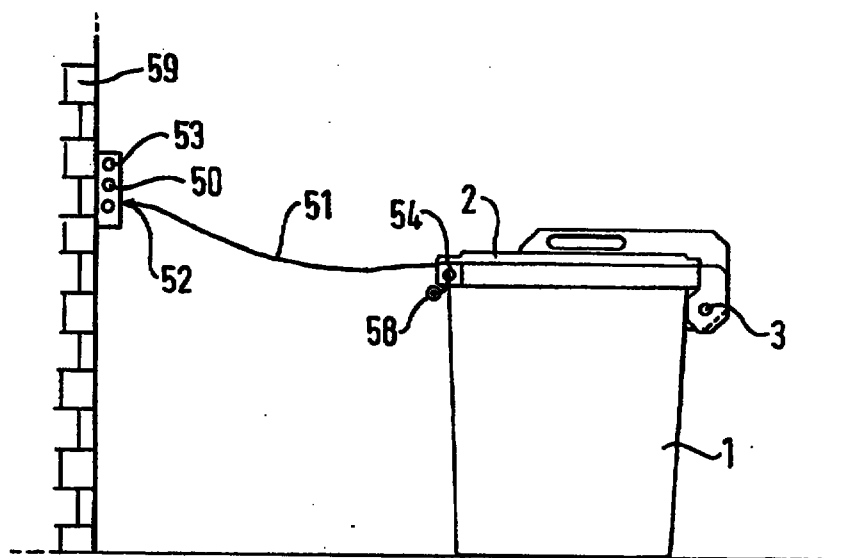




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A home delivery system for use by retail outlets such as supermarkets which comprises a container (1) with a lid (2) attached thereto by means of a hinge (3). The lid (2) has co-operating parts (54) with a hole therethrough through which chain or cable (51) extends. The cable (51) has an enlarged head (58) at one end which cannot pass through the aligned holes in the co-operating parts (54) of the lid (2) thereby anchoring the cable (51) to the lid at all times. A locking member (52) is secured to the other end of the cable (51) which is received in docking port (53) in lock assembly (50) secured to wall (59) at the delivery site. Once the locking member (52) has engaged in the docking port (53), it can be released using a key or by selecting the correct combination depending on the type of lock used. As an alternative, the lock can be operated by a "swipe" or "chip card".