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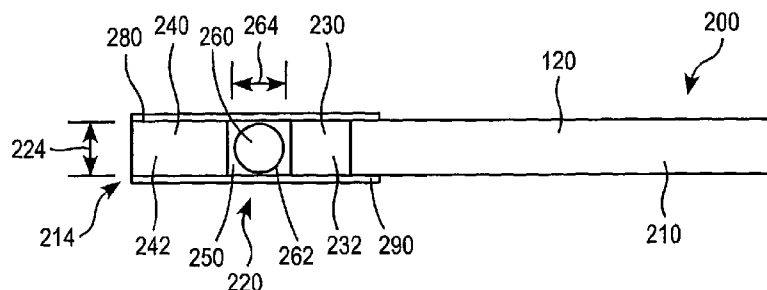


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: A filter component (220) for a smoking article (200) includes an upstream segment (230) of filter material; a downstream segment (240) of filter material in a spaced apart relation to the upstream segment (230) of filter material so as to define a cavity (250) therebetween, and a single flavor bead (260) disposed in the cavity (250). The flavor bead comprises tobacco particles and water and has (260) an outer diameter, which is at least 75% of the spaced apart relation of the upstream segment (230) of filter material and the downstream segment (240) of filter material. The outer diameter of the flavor bead (260) does not exceed an outer diameter of either the upstream or downstream segments (230, 240) of filter material.