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- (54) Title:** FLEXIBLE PINCH FITTING FOR CONTAINERS

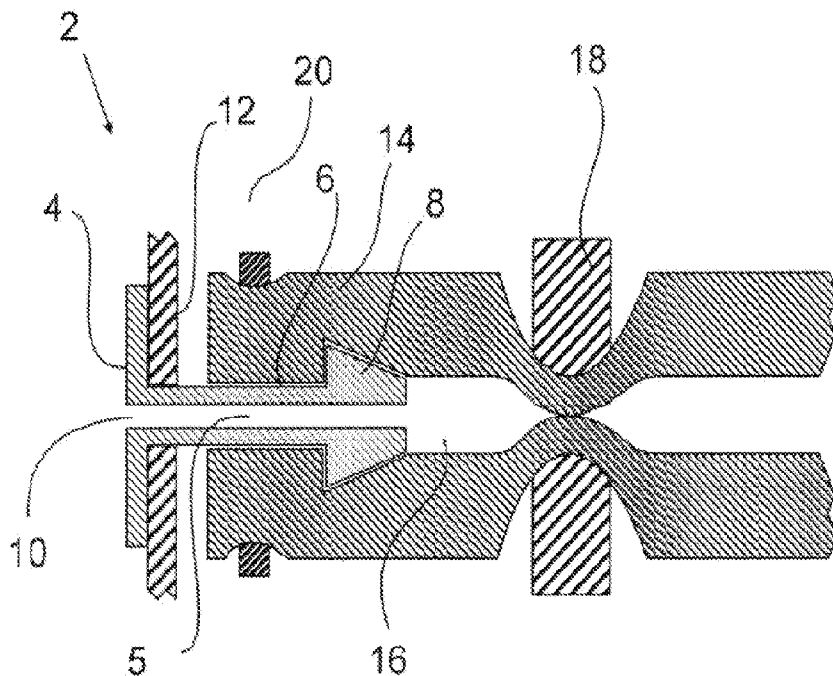


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A device for reducing or eliminating the dead space in a fitting (30) and tubing used on a disposable container by using a flexible elastic fitting that can accommodate a pinch valve (18) or a clamp or the like closer to the flange portion (4) of the fitting. The fitting is formed of a flange and a neck portion (6) with a bore running through them. The neck may terminate in either a tubular section or a hose barb. The neck end section especially when in the form of a hose barb can be reinforced to provide a platform for attaching a tubing to it.

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