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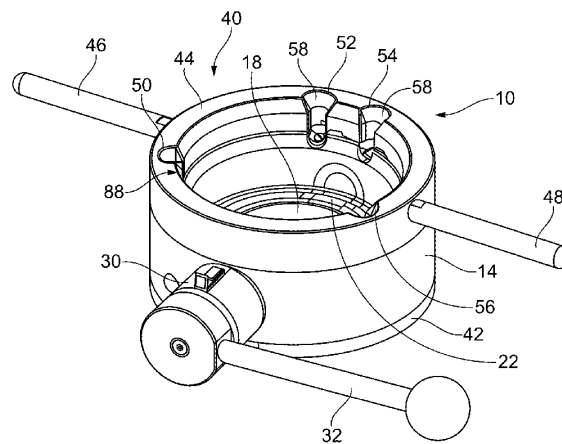


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** A valve having an active (10) and passive (12) valve portion that are complementarily shaped such that the passive (12) valve portion can be received by and mated with the active (12) valve portion. Each valve portion has a generally cylindrical valve body (14, 16) complementarily shaped with respect to one another such that the passive 12 valve portion may be received by the active (10) valve portion. Each valve portion has a valve closure member (18, 20) in the form of a circular planar disc rotatably mounted in the housing via means of one or more spindles, (22, 24) and (22', 24'). The valve portions have a number of configurations whereby they can be partially engaged such that the valve portions may be separated to form a channel or chamber between valve closure members or fully engaged such that chamber or channel is closed such that the valve closure members are proximally disposed to one another and the valve may be opened or closed to permit the passage of material therethrough.

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