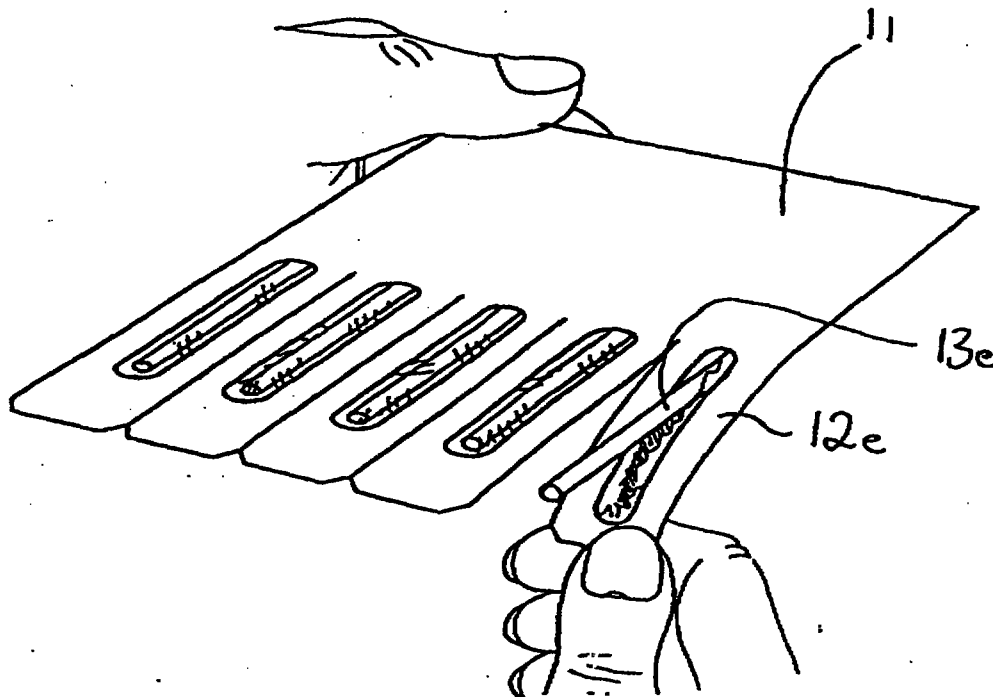


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A dispenser (10) for toothpicks, gum masses and the like can be carried in a pocket, wallet or purse and has a flat body portion (11) housing the tips of individually sealed toothpicks (13) and a plurality of finger portions (12) housing the base of each toothpick (13) the finger portions (12) being individually openable to allow individual removal of a toothpick without contamination of the other toothpicks.