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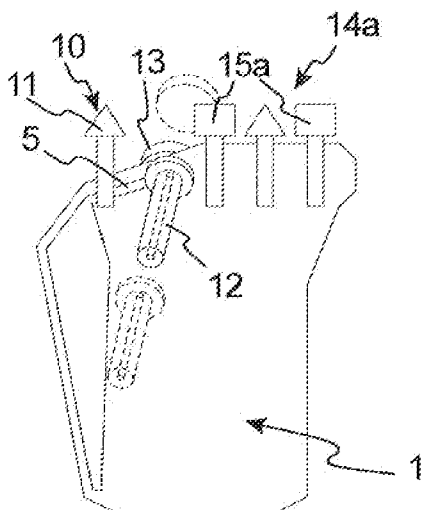


Fig 3b

(57) Abstract: A method for gas filling a handle portion (4) of a container (1) of a collapsible type, the handle portion (4) being defined by two opposite side walls (2) of the container (1) and communicating, via a duct (5) defined by said side walls (2), with an opening (6) formed in one of the side walls (2). The method comprises the steps of supplying, at a gas filling station (8), a gas to the handle portion (4) via said opening (6) and said duct (5), blocking the duct (5) by means of a squeezing action to retain the gas supplied to the handle portion (4), transporting the container (1) to a sealing station (9) while maintaining the squeezing action and, at said sealing station (9), sealing the duct (5) while maintaining the squeezing action, so as to permanently enclose the gas in said handle portion (4). The invention further concerns a container of a collapsible type.