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| (54) Title: <b>ARTICLE CARRIER</b> ✓<br><br><div data-bbox="359 1240 1380 1881"> </div><br>(57) Abstract ✓<br><p>A top-gripping article carrier which can accommodate different sized articles such as bottles (B) has side panels (12, 16, 18) and a base panel (14) foldably adjoining one another which are formed into a keel (K) formed by a plurality of aligned tubular sections. The side panels (12, 16, 18) each have groups of apertures (50, 52, 60, 62, 64, 66) that correspond to and are disposed in registry with one another in the erected carton. Portions of the side panels are connected together in face to face relationship so that each of the aligned tubular sections are sized to accommodate a respective one of said articles.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                             |