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(57) Abstract The moulding tool comprises a plurality of components which are connected to one another and form a flexible string. The tool incorporates actuating means which pulls the components into an abutting relationship in which the tool has the form of a rigid string. The actuating means can comprise electromagnets. When power is supplied the electromagnets pull the components together. Alternatively a passageway through the tool, constituted by a passage in each component, can be connected to a source of suction. As the passageway is evacuated, the components are drawn together. The tool is used in a preform mould. Once the preform has been moulded, it and the tool embedded in the preform, are removed to a blow mould and the preform blown. The tool is then returned to its flexible string form. It can then be withdrawn from the bottle through its neck.		