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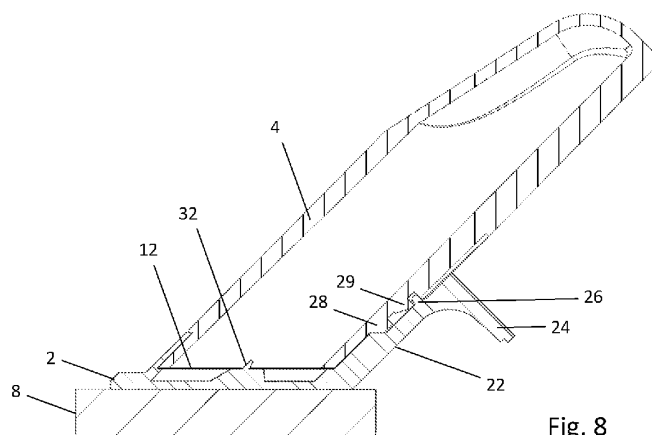


Fig. 8

(57) Abstract: The invention provides an applicator suitable for applying a fluid, such as an antiseptic fluid, to the skin of a subject. The applicator comprises a handle (4) that can be used more than once and a head (2) that is removable from the handle (4) for safe disposal after each use of the applicator. The head (2) can move along the handle (4) from a first position, in which it is releasably secured to the handle (4) and is isolated from a source of fluid, to a second position, in which it is releasably secured to the handle (4) and is in communication with the source of fluid. After use, the head (2) can be moved to a third position, in which it is released from the handle (4). The head (2) may engage the handle (4) via a track (14) that extends along only said one side of the handle (4) to minimize the quantity of material that is required in the disposable head (2).

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