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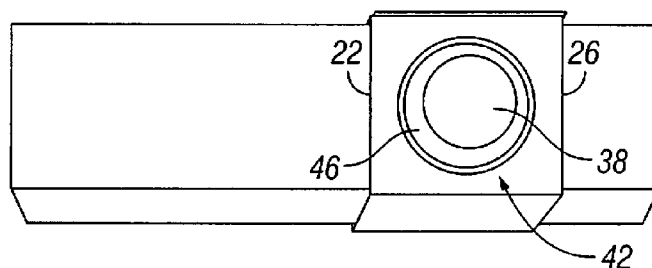


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: Apparatus and methods for providing samples (e.g., cosmetic samples) primary product packages (e.g., cosmetic product packages) exterior to the primary pr package.

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PCT/US2012/041278**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER*****A45D 40/00(2006.01)i, A45D 40/24(2006.01)i***

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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eKOMPASS(KIPO internal) & Keywords: cosmetic, package, sample, container, external

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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