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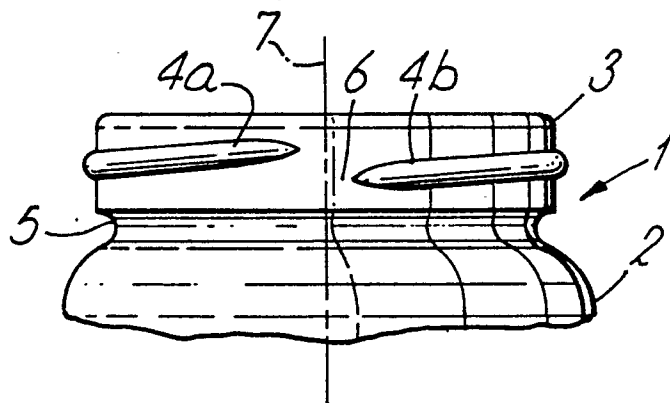
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54 **Threaded container and closure therefor.**

57 A threaded container has non-overlapping thread portions $4a$ and $4b$ of a multi-start thread such that at the parting line 7 of the external mould parts for the moulded container there is a zone in which the generatrices of the container rim do not intersect any of the thread portions of the multi-start container external thread. This facilitates parting of the external mould parts of the container.

Preferably the container rim is closed by a closure having an internal multi-start thread comprising thread portions which are overlapping such that in every position of the generatrix of the closure skirt the generatrix intersects a thread portion of the skirt.

Fig.1.





CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- All claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
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- No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions.

namely:

1. Claims 1-3,5-7: Threaded container and combination of a container with a closure
2. Claims 4,8-10: Moulding a container

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