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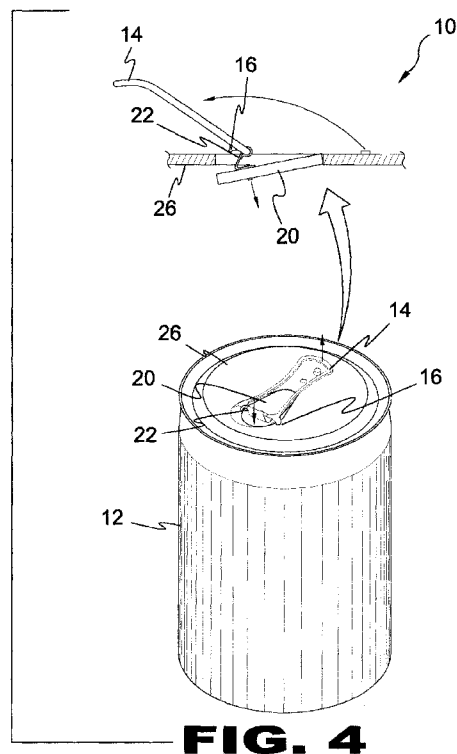
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(54) Title: RESEALABLE HINGED TAB OPENER FOR A CAN



(57) Abstract: A resealable pop-top type opener for a can having a curvilinear tab handle extending to divergent arms having a post fixed therebetween. A tab hinge is mounted to the tab plate with the hinge knuckle encompassing the hinge post so that the curvilinear tab handle can be pivoted from a substantially horizontal direction to a vertical direction whereupon the tab arms are used to manipulate the tab to either an open position or if open to a closed position.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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