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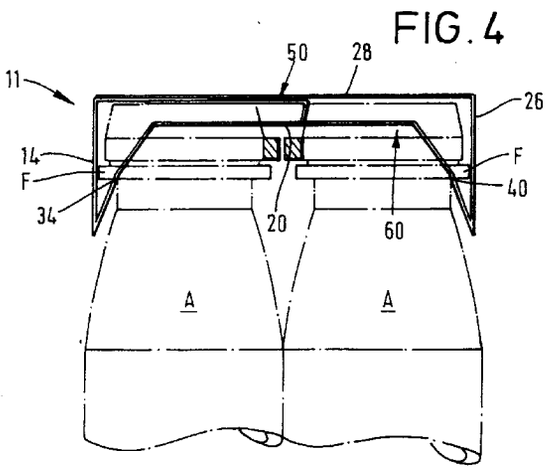
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(54) Top-gripping carton.

(57) A carton (11) of the top gripping type packaging a plurality of articles (A) comprising a number of apertures (60) which receive the tops of articles (A) and which are adapted to engage the underside of a flange F of the article (A). The carton (11) further comprises locking means (50) which can act to retain at least one article (A) and can also act to provide rigidity to the carton (11) by substantially fixing the relative positions of a top panel (28) and bottom panel (20).

FIG. 4



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