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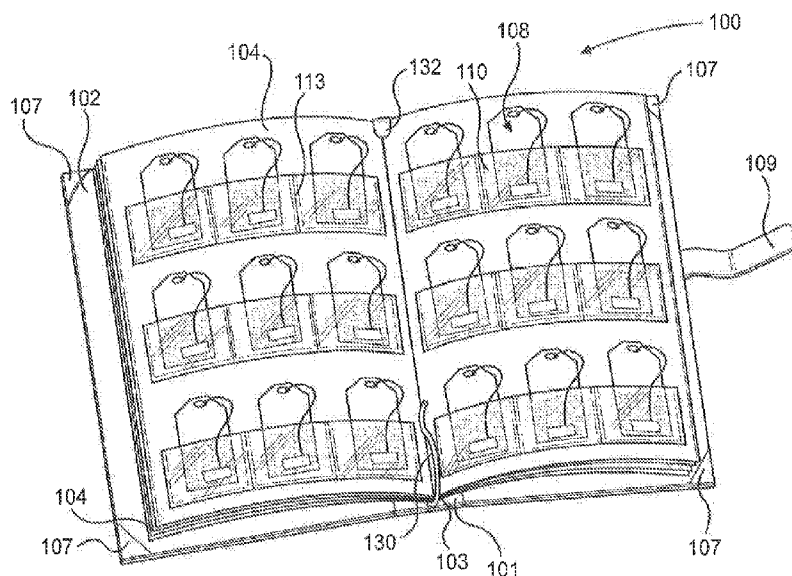


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A Tea Display and Storage Device includes a front and back cover, a centralized spine with pages bound to it, a plurality of tea bag holders on each page to carry individual tea bags and a fastener to keep the Tea Display and Storage Device closed when not in use. The covers and the tea bag holders contain an absorbent layer to keep the tea bags fresh. Each tea bag holder can either be open to allow easy removal of tea bags, or be closed to seal the tea bag against the page. The seal on the tea holder can be a tongue and groove system, magnets or a type of adhesive strip. To aid in identification of the tea bag in each holder, the teabag holder can be clear or if the holder is opaque, a name tag can be attached to the holder.



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UNITED STATES UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

FOR

TEA DISPLAY AND STORAGE DEVICE

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RELATED APPLICATION

The application claims the benefit of priority to United States Provisional Application Serial Number 62/191,245 for a "Tea Storage and Display Device" filed July 10, 2015, currently co-pending and incorporated
5 fully herein by this reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention pertains generally to a device for use in the beverage or restaurant industry, or as a device for personal use by the general population. More specifically, the present invention pertains to a
10 device that can hold tea bags. The present invention is particularly, but not exclusively, useful as a device to store and display tea bags for use.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 Tea is a beverage typically prepared by adding hot water to dried leaves, plants, fruits, and other herbs. The consumption of tea extends back centuries and after water, it is currently the most widely consumed drink in the world.

Tea can come in various packages and states. A consumer can
20 purchase tea in loose leaf form or in individually wrapped packets. In many instances, tea is purchased in a cardboard box and the tea is in individual porous sealed bags that are not individually wrapped. Other times, the tea bags are individually wrapped in a paper envelope. These tea bags allow the

tea leaves to be steeped in hot water, while making the disposal of the tea leaves easy for consumers.

At restaurants, coffee shops, cafes, and other places of social gathering, tea is often served. Because the types and flavor often vary, few
5 places offer a complete list of teas available and it is cumbersome to bring a sample of every tea bag to the consumer's table when a list is unavailable and there are numerous tea options. In addition to being bulky, having to assemble the various tea options every time a customer orders tea is time consuming and inefficient. Furthermore, in many cases, bringing the
10 consumer a variety of loose tea bags will lead to waste when unused tea bags are discarded.

In light of the above, it would be advantageous to provide a device that will allow the display and storage of individual tea bags in a timesaving, compact, and portable manner that is effective in minimizing waste, while still
15 allowing the consumer to choose from a variety of tea options.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention is
20 capable of compactly storing and displaying tea for consumption. The Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention allows consumers to effectively and easily choose from a variety of tea bags, without causing unnecessary waste.

A preferred embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention consists of a cover with a number of pages. Each page consists of a plurality of tea bag holders that allow a variety of tea bags to be simultaneously visible and selected by a customer. The tea bag holders are
5 formed by sheets of material with seams creating pockets. The user can place tea bags into tea bag holders for storage and display. Different arrangements or configurations and varying sizes and shapes of tea bag holders may be used. In a preferred embodiment, the cover of the Tea Display and Storage Device is designed to resemble a book with a snap or
10 other fastener in order to keep the Tea Display and Storage Device in a closed configuration.

In an alternative embodiment, each of the tea bag holders completely envelopes the tea bag and in another embodiment, the name of the tea is printed on the outside of the tea bag holder in order to easily ascertain the
15 brand, flavor, or type of the tea.

In another alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, the tea bag holder has a lateral tongue and groove sealing mechanism to keep water out of the tea bag holder and to seal in freshness of the tea bags.

20 In another alternative embodiment, each tea bag tea bag holder is lined in order to reduce the moisture inside the tea bag holder and preserve the quality of the tea.

In another alternative embodiment, the tea bag holder of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention is formed with a cut out, which allows the user to easily slip the tea bag out of the tea bag holder using a single finger.

- 5 In another alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, the inside of the cover is lined with a moisture absorbent layer to reduce moisture inside the Tea Display and Storage Device.

- 10 In another alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, the internal pages of the device are held in place by a fastening clip making the pages removable, and the pages may be pre-loaded with tea bags for insertion as needed.

- In yet another alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, the teabag holders have a lateral opening, which allows the user to slip the tea bag in and out of the left or right side of the teabag holder. Also, while the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention is well suited for tea, it may also be used for other food products.

20 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The nature, objects, and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent to those skilled in the art after considering the

following detailed description in connection with the accompanying drawings,
in which like reference numerals designate like parts throughout, and
wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the Tea Display and Storage Device
5 of the present invention in an open configuration, showing the cover, pages,
snap fastener, rounded embossed edges, and tea bag holders with tea bags
inside;

Figure 2 is a front view of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the
present invention in a closed configuration, showing the cover, snap fastener,
10 and rounded embossed edges;

Figure 3 is a back view of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the
present invention in a closed configuration, showing the cover, snap fastener,
and rounded embossed edges;

Figure 4 is a front view of a page from the Tea Display and Storage
15 Device of the present invention, showing three (3) rows of three (3) tea bag
holders with tea bags inside;

Figure 5 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of the Tea Display
and Storage Device of the present invention, showing the tea bag being
inserted into the tea bag holder;

20 Figure 6 is a front view of a page from an alternative embodiment of
the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing four (4)
rows of three (3) tea bag holders with tea bags inside;

Figure 7 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing the tea bag being inserted into the tea bag holder;

Figure 8 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing a tea bag inserted inside the tea bag holder with a name tag on the outside surface;

Figure 9 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing a tea bag inserted inside the tea bag holder with lateral tongue and groove sealing mechanism;

Figure 10 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing the tea bag holder with an absorbent layer and a name tag on the outside surface of the tea bag holder;

Figure 11 is a cross sectional view of a detailed view of one (1) of the tea bag holders of the alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention taken from line 11-11 of Figure 10, showing the absorbent layer and tea bag holder;

Figure 12 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing a tea bag holder with a magnetic strip sealing mechanism;

Figure 13 is a front view of a page from an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing three (3) rows of three (3) tea bag holders formed with a cut out with tea bags inside;

5 Figure 14 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of the alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing a tea bag inserted inside the tea bag holder formed with a cut out;

Figure 15 is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention in an open
10 configuration, showing an absorbent layer on the inside surface of the cover, embossed edges, pages, tea bag holders with tea bags;

Figure 16 is a cross sectional view of the cover of the alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention taken from line 16-16 of Figure 15, showing the cover with the absorbent
15 lining;

Figure 17 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing a vertical tea bag being inserted into the tea bag holder from the left side;

Figure 18 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of the Tea
20 Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing a horizontal tea bag being inserted into the tea bag holder from the left side; and

Figure 19 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention, showing a tea foil package including a tea bag as inserted inside the tea bag holder with lateral tongue and groove sealing mechanism.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The present invention is a Tea Display and Storage Device capable of displaying and storing tea. Referring initially to Figure 1, a preferred embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention is shown and generally designated 100. As depicted in Figure 1, the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 is depicted as a book.

The Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention comprises of a cover 102 with pages 104. Pages 104 can be made of various materials including, but not limited to, plastic, cardboard, paper, etc. and can have many different colors and designs. Pages 104 have individual tea bag holders 110. The tea bag holders 110 are formed by sheets of material with seams 113 creating pockets. The material is attached to pages 104 at seams 113 using any means known by those skilled in the art including, but not limited to, adhesives or sewing the material to the page 104. After a tea bag holder 110 is formed, the user can place tea bags 108 into tea bag holders 110 for storage and display. Three (3) rows of three (3) substantially rectangular tea bag holders 110 are shown in Figure 1. However, different

arrangements or configurations of tea bag holders 110 and varying sizes and shapes of tea bag holders 110 may be used. In addition, there may be varying amounts of tea bag holders 110 on each page 104.

As shown in Figure 1, the cover 102 of the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention is shown having embossed edges 107, although the edges and style of the cover 102 may vary depending on the personal aesthetics of the user. In addition, the cover 102 can be varying sizes and shapes depending on the purpose and use of the user. In addition, the cover can be made of various materials including, but not limited to, wood, plastic, leather, cardboard, etc. The cover may be designed to resemble a book, or can have other emblems or designs adorning the cover. Figure 1-3 of the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention shows the cover resembling a book with a snap fastener 109 and spine 101. The Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention may also be a ring binder, with the cover 102 being a folder.

Pages 104 of the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention are bound together to form binding 103 of pages 104, much in the same way that pages in a book are bound. While the means of attaching pages 104 together are shown in Figure 1 as binding 103 them together, as stated above, the pages can be formed together using other means such as the ring binder. In that instance, the pages 104 of the Tea Display and

Storage Device 100 of the present invention have holes in the pages 104 corresponding to the rings in the binder.

Pages 104 may be removably attached to the spine 101 with lower spring clip 130 and upper tab 132. In use, pages 104 may be prefilled with
5 tea bags 108 and inserted into between spring clip 130 and spine 101, with the upper edge of the page 104 being placed under upper tab 132 to retain the page 104 in place.

Figures 2 and 3 are front and back views of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention in a closed configuration. The cover
10 102 resembles a book with design 111 (or logo, or other identifying insignia), embossed edges 107, and spine 101. The snap fastener 109 is also shown in the closed configuration. The snap fastener 109 consists of a pair of interlocking discs that snap together to secure whatever material they are embedded in together. Here, one half of the snap fastener 109 would be
15 located on one side of cover 102 and the other would be attached to a piece of material, which in turn is attached to the second side of cover 102. Thus, to open the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention, the user has to pull the two interlocking discs from one another. While shown in Figures 1-3 as having a snap fastener 109 as a means of keeping cover 102
20 in a closed configuration, any method known by those skilled in the art may be used including, but not limited to, zippers, string, ribbon, toggles, magnets,

etc. or there may not be any mechanism for closing the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention.

Referring now to Figure 4, a front view of an individual page 104 of the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention is shown. The binding 103 is shown on the left side of the page where the pages 104 are attached to one another. As stated above, there can be varying amounts of tea bag holders 110 and can be made of various materials. When a user places the tea bag 108 in a tea bag holder 110, the tea bag 108 is not fully enveloped by tea bag holder 110.

In Figure 5, a detailed view of one (1) of the holders 110 is shown. To use the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention, the user will slide the tea bag 108 into the tea bag holder 110 in the direction of arrow 112. As shown in Figure 5 the holders have an inside surface 105 (shown in dashed lines) and an outside surface 106.

To use, the Tea Display and Storage Device 100 of the present invention is filled by placing a tea bag 108 in each of the tea bag holders 110. The cover 102 (Shown in Figure 1) is then closed and may be opened whenever the user wishes to pick a particular tea bag 108 for consumption.

Figure 6 is a front view of an individual page 204 of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device 200 of the present invention. The binding 203 is shown on the left side of the page where the pages 204 are attached to one another. As stated above, there can be

varying amounts of tea bag holders 210 and can be made of various materials. When a user places the tea bag 108 in a tea bag holder 210, the tea bag 108 is fully enveloped by tea bag holder 210. In addition, the tea bag 108 is visible through tea bag holder 210.

5 In Figure 7, a detailed view of one (1) of the holders 210 of the alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device 200 of the present invention is shown. To use the Tea Display and Storage Device 200 of the present invention, the user will slide the tea bag 108 into the tea bag holder 210 in the direction of directional arrow 212. As shown in Figure 7, the
10 tea bag holders 210 have an inside surface 205 (shown in dashed lines) and an outside surface 206. The tea bag holders 210, as shown in Figure 7, are clear in order to show the tea bag 108 inside the tea bag holder 210. However, the tea bag holders 210 can also be opaque without deviating from the scope of the invention.

15 Figure 8 is a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder 310 of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device 300 of the present invention. In this embodiment, the Tea Display and Storage Device 300 has a name tag 316 located on the outside surface 306 of tea bag holder 310. This embodiment allows consumers to readily know the type of tea bag
20 108 that is held by tea bag holder 310.

Figure 9 is a detailed view of a tea bag holder 410 of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device 400 of the present

invention. Tea bag holder 410 is formed with a lateral tongue and groove seal 416 (shown in dashed lines) located at the top of tea bag holder 410. After the tea bag 108 is placed inside and completely enveloped by tea bag holder 410. The lateral tongue and groove seal 416 is then sealed to keep the tea bag 108 fresh. While a lateral tongue and groove seal 416 is used in Figure 9, any sealing mechanism may be used known by those skilled in the art including, but not limited to, a zip-lock, a magnetic strip, an adhesive strip, a slide tab, etc. The tea bag holder 410 may also be formed with a tab in order to close or seal the tea bag holder 410.

Figure 10 is a detailed view of a holder 510 of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device 500 of the present invention showing a tea bag holder 510 holding a tea bag 108 (shown in dashed lines) within tea bag holder 510. Tea bag holder 510 is lined with an absorbent layer 503 on the inside surface 505 of tea bag holder 510. In addition, Figure 10 also shows a name tag 516 on the outside surface 506 of tea bag holder 510. The name tag 516 helps identify the tea bag 108 placed inside the tea bag holder.

Now referring to Figure 11, the cross-sectional view of Figure 10 taken at line 11-11 is shown without the tea bag 108 (shown in Figure 10). In Figure 11 the tea bag absorbent layer 503 along the inside surface 505 of tea bag holder 510. The tea bag absorbent layer 503B lines the surface of page 504 and tea bag absorbent layer 503A lines the inside surface 505 of the tea

bag holder 510. When the tea bag (not shown) is placed inside tea bag holder 510, the tea bag absorbent layer 503 absorbs any excess moisture, keeping the tea bag 108 (not shown) fresh for consumption. In addition, a means of sealing the tea bag holder 510 like the lateral tongue and groove seal 416 (shown in Figure 9) can also be used to further ensure the freshness of the tea bag 108 (not shown).

Figure 12 is a detailed view of a tea bag holder 610 of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device 600 of the present invention. Tea bag holder 610 is formed with a magnetic strip 614 (shown in dashed lines) located at the top of tea bag holder 610. After the tea bag 108 is placed inside and completely enveloped by tea bag holder 610. The magnetic strip 614 is then sealed to keep the tea bag 108 fresh. As stated above, any sealing mechanism may be used known by those skilled in the art including, but not limited to, a zip-lock, an adhesive strip, a slide tab, etc may be used in order to seal the tea bag holder 610. The tea bag holder 610 may also be formed with a tab in order to close or seal the tea bag holder 610.

In Figures 13 and 14, an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention is shown and generally labeled 700. Looking first at Figure 13, a front view of an individual page 704 of the alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device 700 of the present invention is shown. The binding 703 is shown on the left side of the page where the pages 704 are attached to one another. Pages 704 can be

made of various materials including, but not limited to, plastic, cardboard, paper, etc. and can have many different colors and designs. Pages 704 have individual tea bag holders 710. The tea bag holders 710 are formed by sheets of material with seams 713 creating pockets. As with previous
5 embodiments, page 704 may have various amounts of tea bag holders 710. Each tea bag holder 710 may vary in size and shape.

Figure 14 shows a detailed view of one (1) tea bag holder 710. Seams 713 are shown, and tea bag holder 710 has an inside surface 705 (shown in dashed lines) and an outside surface 706. Tea bag holder 710 is also formed
10 with a cut out 714, which allows a user to remove the tea bag 108 from the tea bag holder 710 with a single finger.

As stated above, there can be varying amounts of tea bag holders 710 and can be made of various materials. When a user places the tea bag 108 in a tea bag holder 710, the sides of tea bag 108 are fully enveloped by tea
15 bag holder 710. In addition, the tea bag 108 is visible through tea bag holder 710. However, tea bag holder 710 can be made of a material that is opaque as described in previous embodiments. The cut out 714 formed in the tea bag holder 710 is curved in shape. The user places a finger (not shown) in the cut out 714 and onto the tea bag 108. The user then slides the tea bag 108 out
20 of the tea bag holder 710 for use.

In Figure 15, an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention is shown and generally designated

800. Figure 15 shows the alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention 800 in an open configuration. The cover 802 is lined with a cover absorbent layer 817 (shown as a shaded area) on the inside surface 816 of the cover 802. The cover absorbent layer 817 is
5 used to keep the tea bags 108 fresh from moisture.

Figure 16 is a cross sectional view of Figure 15 taken along line 16-16. The cover absorbent layer 817 is shaded and located on the inside surface 816 of cover 802.

In Figure 17, an alternative embodiment of the tea bag holder 910 with
10 the opening for the tea bag 108 on the left side. By positioning the seams 913 on the top, bottom and end opposite the lateral opening 918, the tea bag 108 can be inserted into the tea bag holder 910 laterally, in the direction of arrow 912. Seams 913 are positioned to allow teabag 108 to remain vertical.

In Figure 18, an alternative embodiment of the tea bag holder 1010
15 with the opening for the tea bag 108 on the left side. By positioning the seams 1013 on the top, bottom and end opposite the lateral opening 1018, the tea bag 108 can be inserted into the tea bag holder 1010 laterally, in the direction of arrow 1012. Seams 1013 are positioned to allow teabag 108 to be rotated horizontally.

20 Figure 19 is a detailed view of a tea bag holder 410 of an alternative embodiment of the Tea Display and Storage Device 400 shown in Figure 9, having a groove seal 416 (shown in dashed lines) located at the top of tea

bag holder 410. In this application, a tea foil package containing a tea bag is shown to depict the ability of the Tea Display and Storage Device of the present invention to be used both for loose tea bags as well as the commonly used tea packages, or tea foils.

5 Any of the previous mentioned embodiments can have a cover absorbent layer 817 on the inside surface 816 of cover 802 (shown in dashed lines in Figure 15).

 While there have been shown what are presently considered to be preferred embodiments of the present invention, it will be apparent to those
10 skilled in the art that various changes and modifications can be made herein without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention.

Claims

I claim:

- 5 1. A tea display and storage device comprising
- a. a cover with a fastener attached;
- b. a plurality of pages attached by a binding to said cover; and
- c. a plurality of tea bag holders with an inside and an outside
- 10 surface that creates a pocket covering half of a tea bag by a
- plurality of seams sewed onto one of said plurality of pages.
2. The tea display and storage device of claim 1, wherein said cover
- further comprises a plurality of rounded embossed edges on the corners of
- said cover.
3. The tea display and storage device of claim 1, wherein said cover
- 15 further comprises a design that is tailored to the specific needs of the user.
4. The tea display and storage device of claim 1, wherein said cover
- further comprises a cover absorbent layer on said cover to absorb moisture
- that could come into contact with said plurality of tea bag holders.
5. The tea display and storage device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of
- 20 tea bag holders further comprises a name tag on said outside surface
- indicating said tea bag inside.
6. The tea display and storage device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of
- tea bag holders further comprises a larger said outside surface that creates

said pocket covering the full length of said tea bag by said plurality of seams sewed onto one of said plurality of pages.

7. The tea display and storage device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a tea bag absorbent layer on said inner
5 surface.

8. The tea display and storage device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a tongue and groove sealing mechanism to protect said tea bags from moisture.

9. The tea display and storage device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of
10 tea bag holders further comprises a curved cut on said outside surface to allow removal of said tea bags with one finger.

10. The tea display and storage device of claim 10, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a lateral opening.

11. A tea display and storage device comprising:

- 15 1) a cover comprising:
- a) a fastener attached;
 - b) a plurality of rounded embossed edges on the corners of
said cover;
 - c) a cover absorbent layer on said cover to absorb moisture
20 that could come into contact with said plurality of tea bag
holders; and
 - d) a design that is tailored to the specific needs of the user;

- 2) a plurality of pages attached by a binding to said cover; and
- 3) a plurality of tea bag holders with an inside and an outside surface that creates a pocket covering half of a tea bag by a plurality of seams sewed onto one of said plurality of pages.

5 12. The tea display and storage device of claim 11, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a name tag on said outside surface indicating said tea bag inside.

13. The tea display and storage device of claim 11, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a larger said outside surface that creates
10 said pocket covering the full length of said tea bag by said plurality of seams sewed onto one of said plurality of pages.

14. The tea display and storage device of claim 11, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a tea bag absorbent layer on said inner surface.

15 15. The tea display and storage device of claim 11, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a tongue and groove sealing mechanism to protect said tea bags from moisture.

16. The tea display and storage device of claim 11, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a curved cut on said outside surface to
20 allow removal of tea bags with one finger.

17. The tea display and storage device of claim 11, wherein said plurality of tea bag holders further comprises a lateral opening.

18. A tea display and storage device comprising:

1) a cover comprising:

a) a fastener attached;

b) a plurality of rounded embossed edges on the corners of
said cover; and

c) a cover absorbent layer on said cover to absorb moisture
that could come into contact with said plurality of tea bag
holders;

2) a plurality of pages attached by a binding to said cover; and

3) a plurality of tea bag holders comprising;

a) an inside and an outside surface that creates a pocket
covering half of a tea bag by a plurality of seams sewed onto
one of said plurality of pages;

b) a name tag on said outside surface indicating said tea bag
inside; and

c) a tea bag absorbent layer on said inner surface.

19. The tea display and storage device of claim 18, wherein said plurality
of tea bag holders further comprises a tongue and groove sealing mechanism
to protect said tea bags from moisture.

20. The tea display and storage device of claim 18, wherein said plurality
of tea bag holders further comprises a lateral opening.

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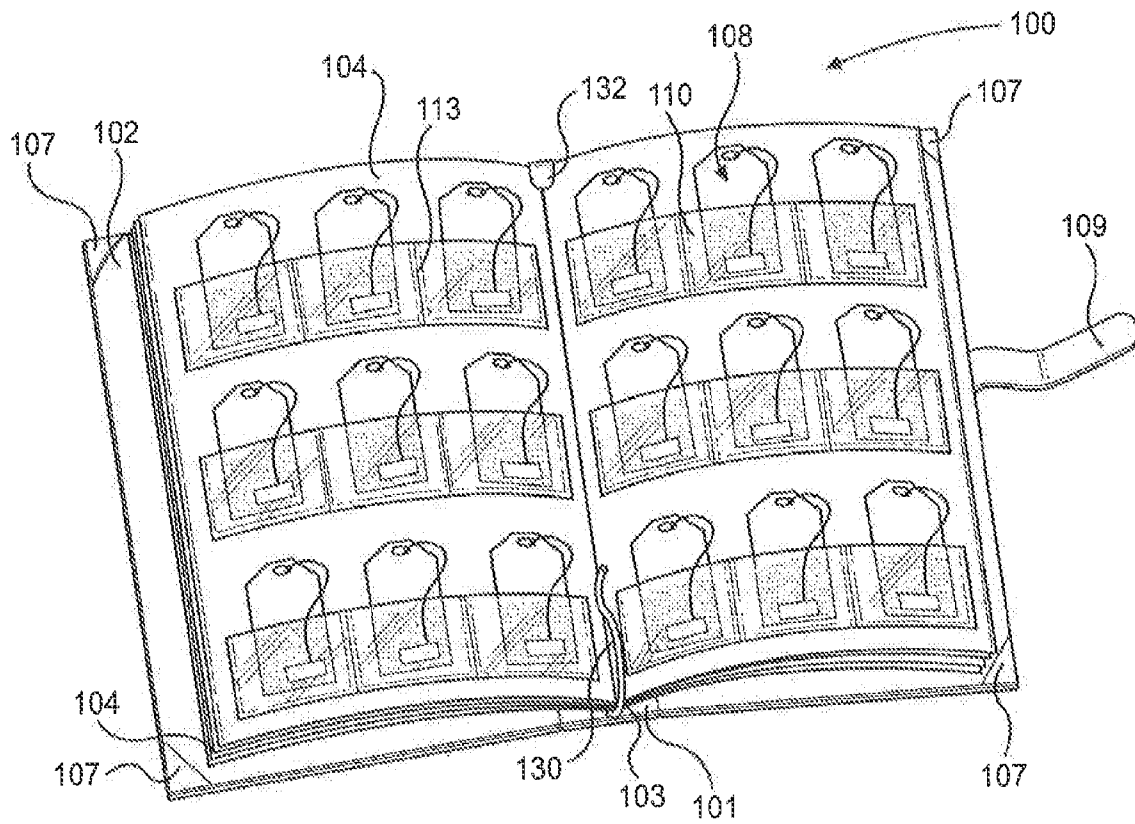


FIG. 1

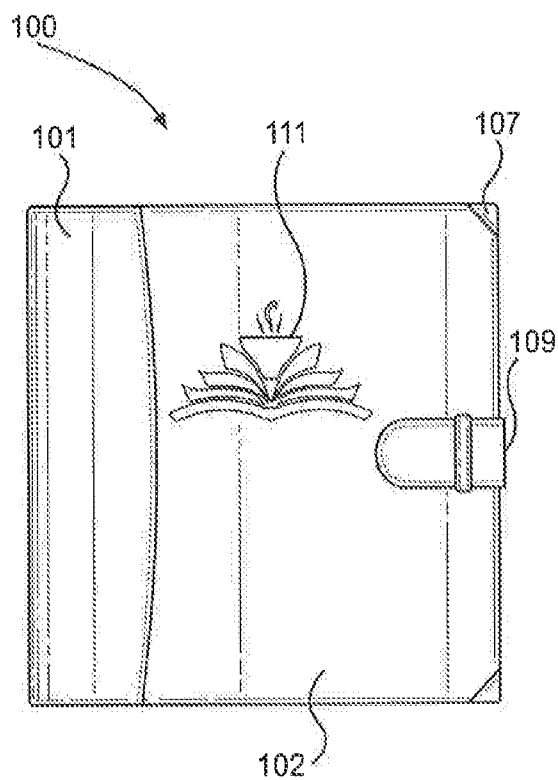


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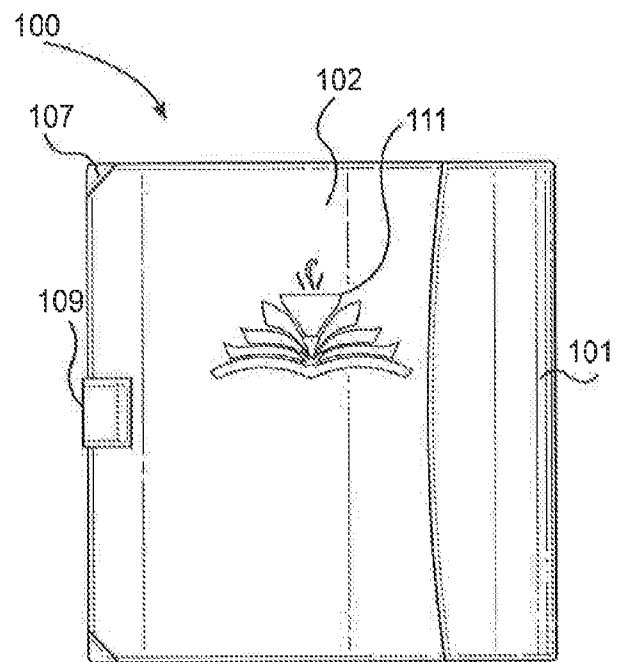


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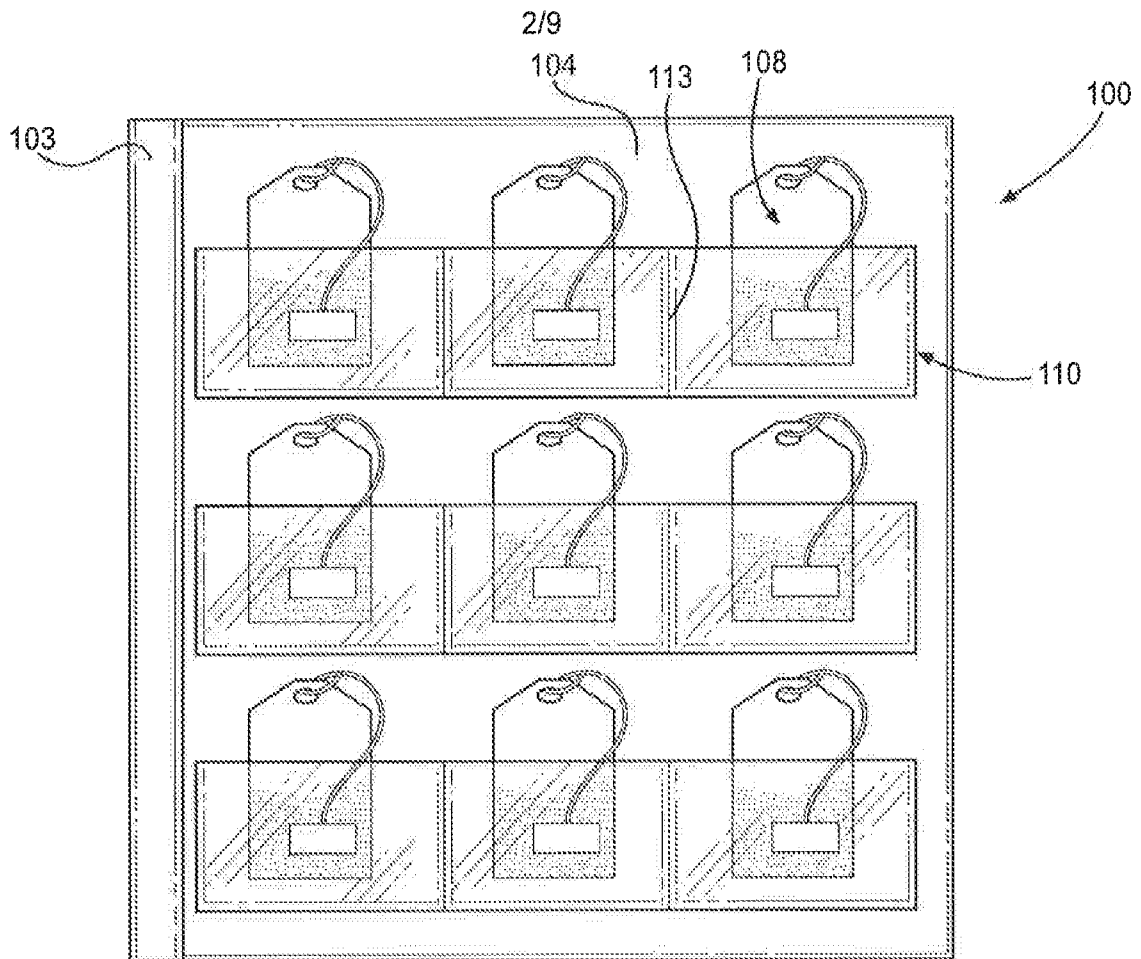


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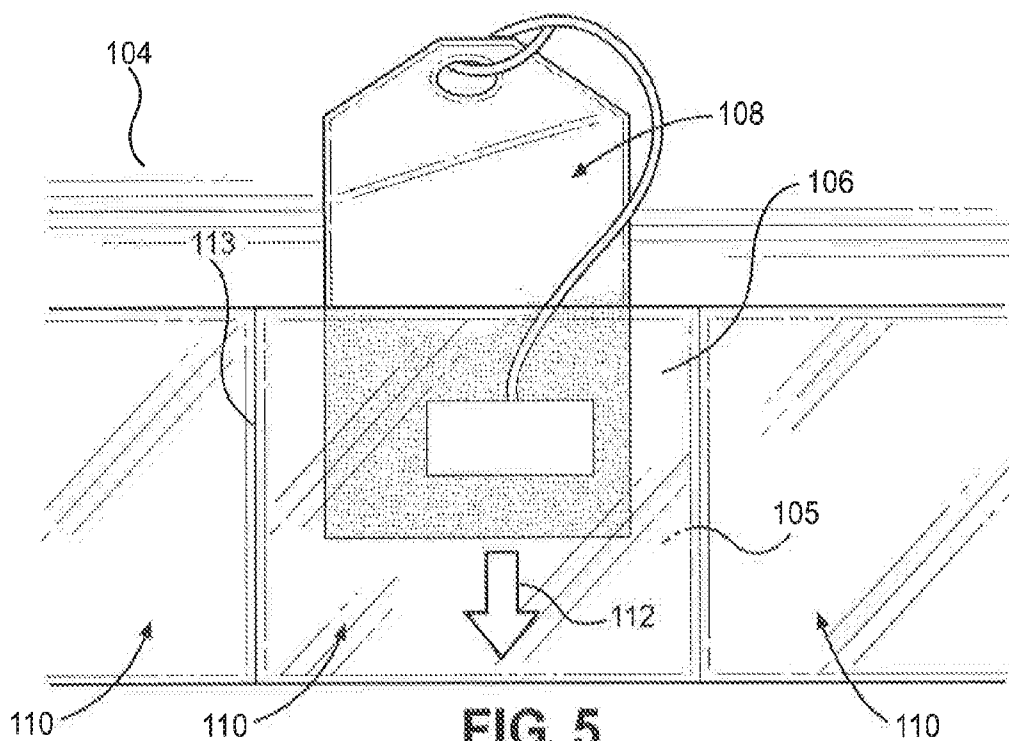


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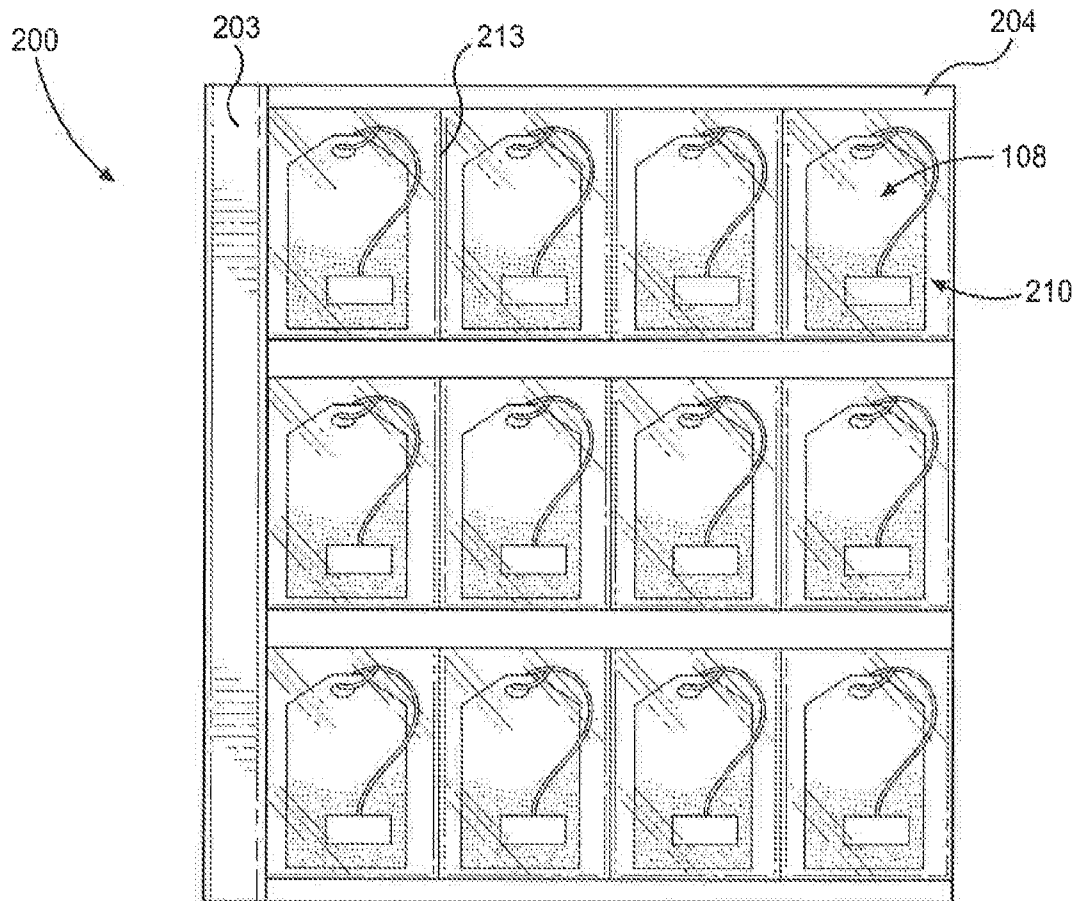


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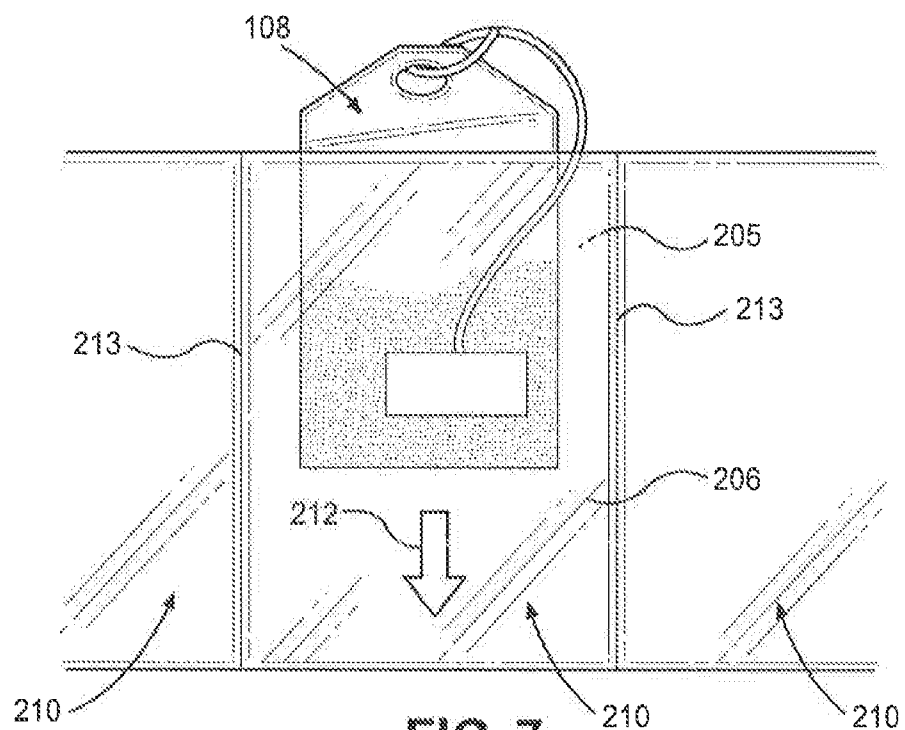


FIG. 7

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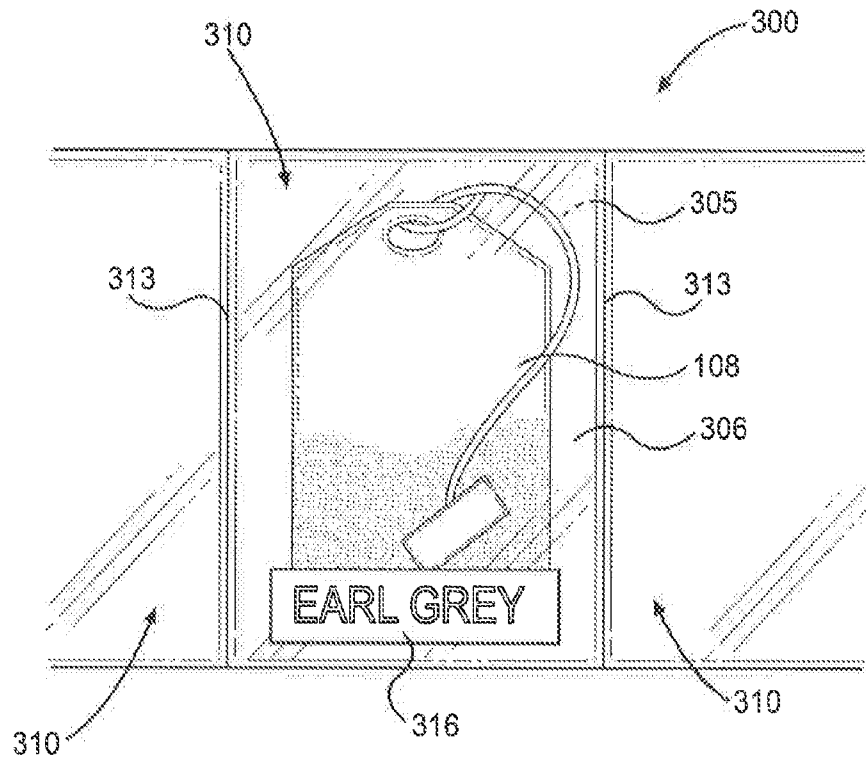


FIG. 8

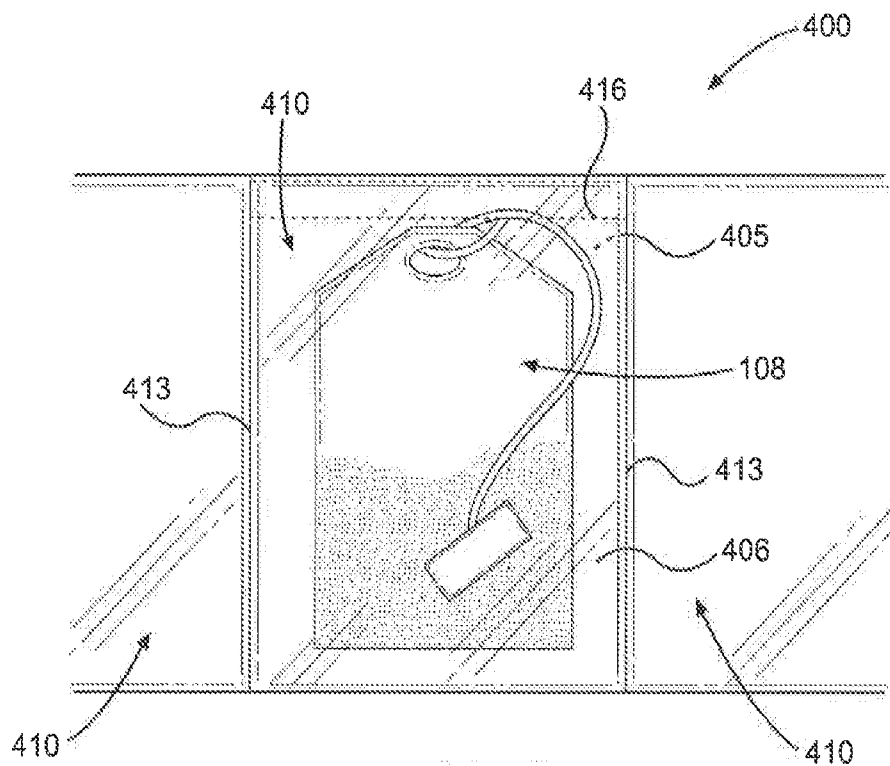


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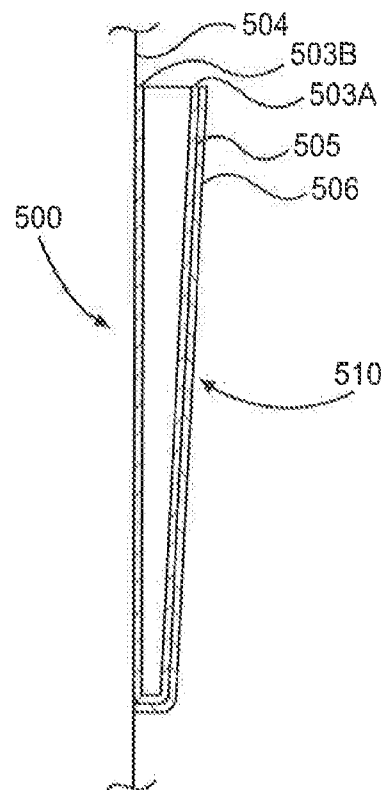
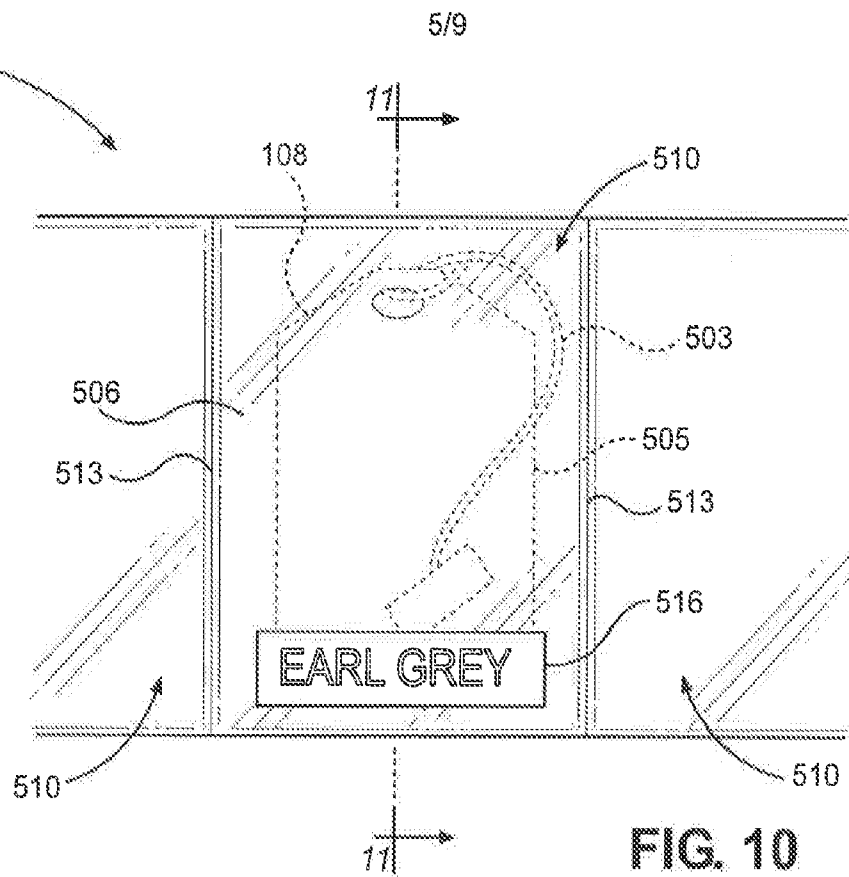


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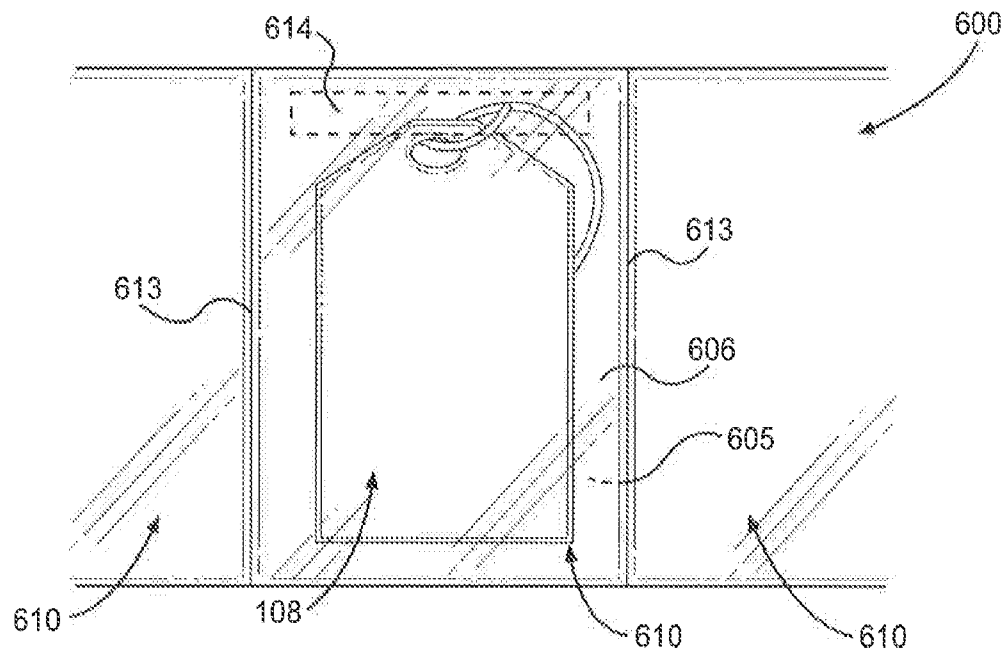


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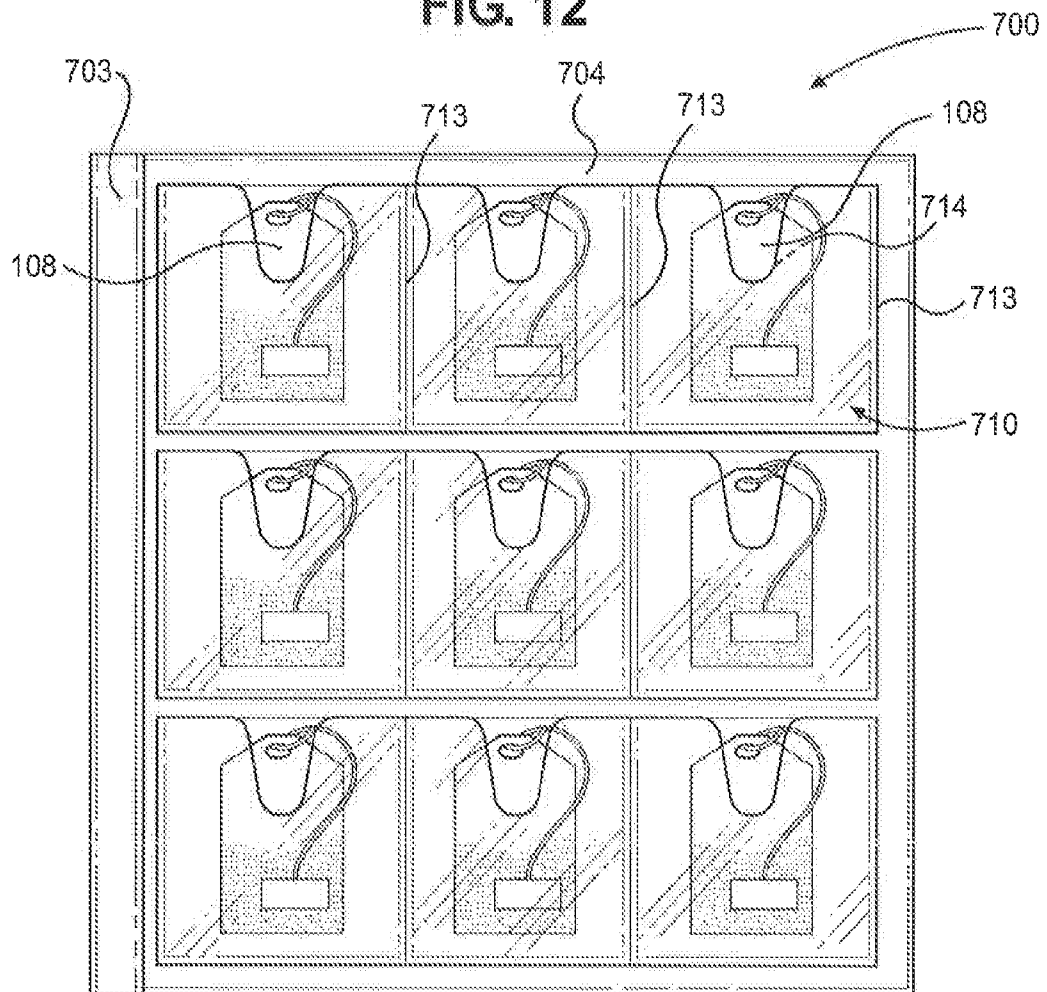


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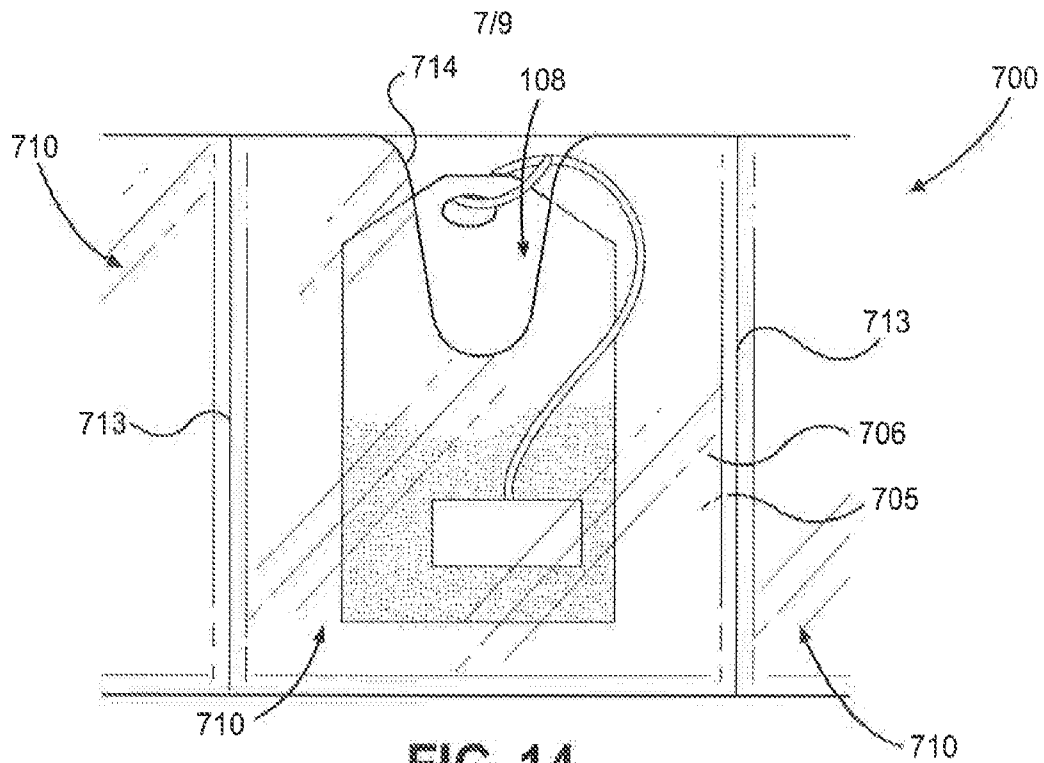


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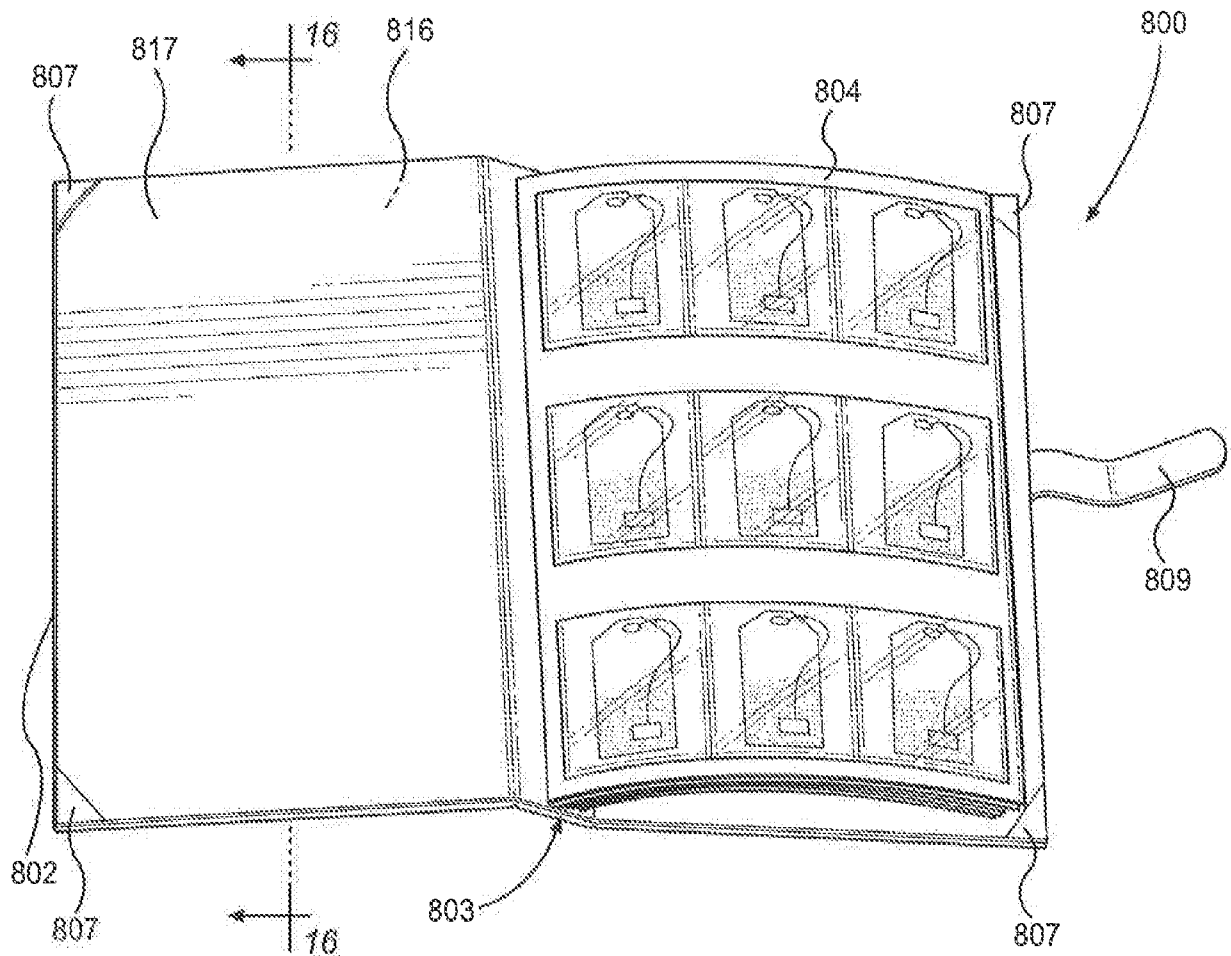


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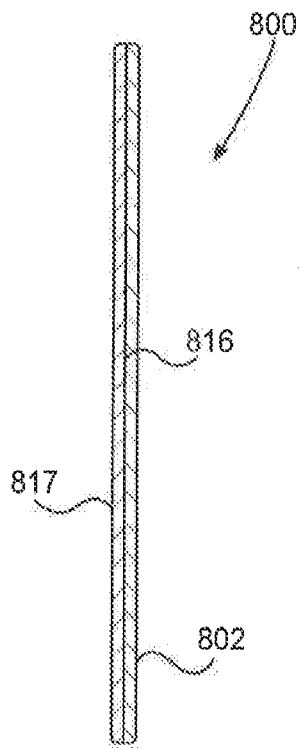


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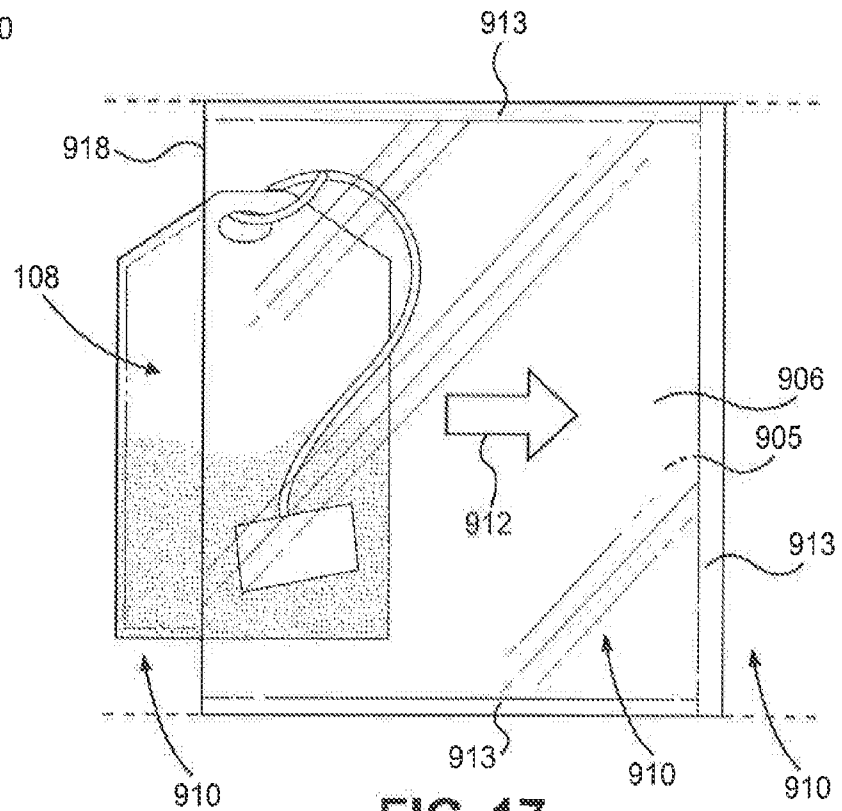


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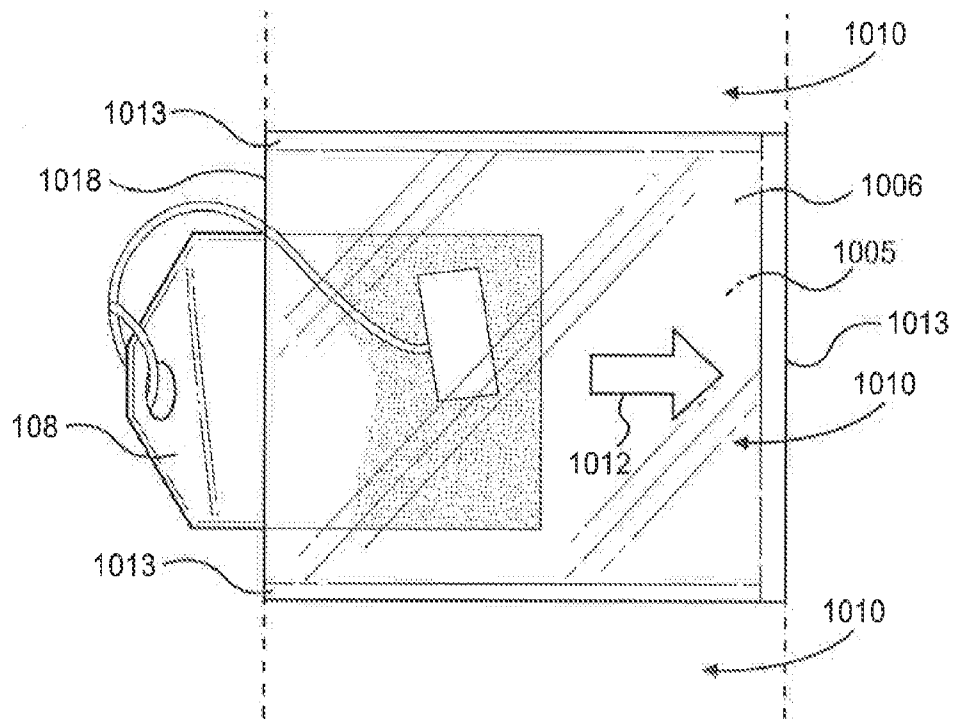


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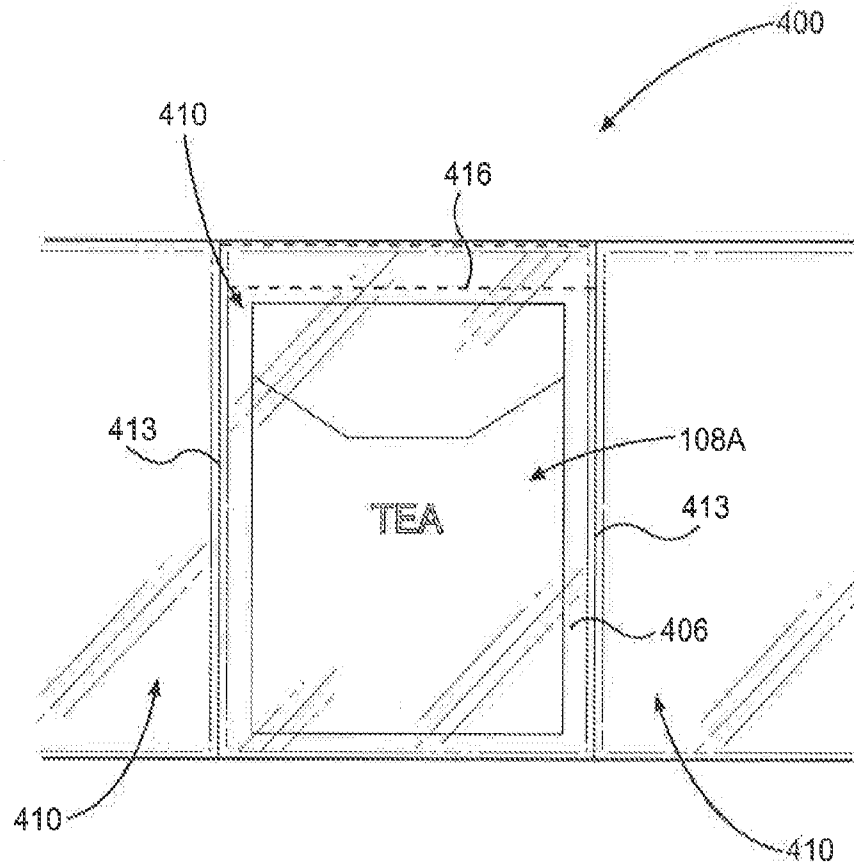


FIG. 19

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