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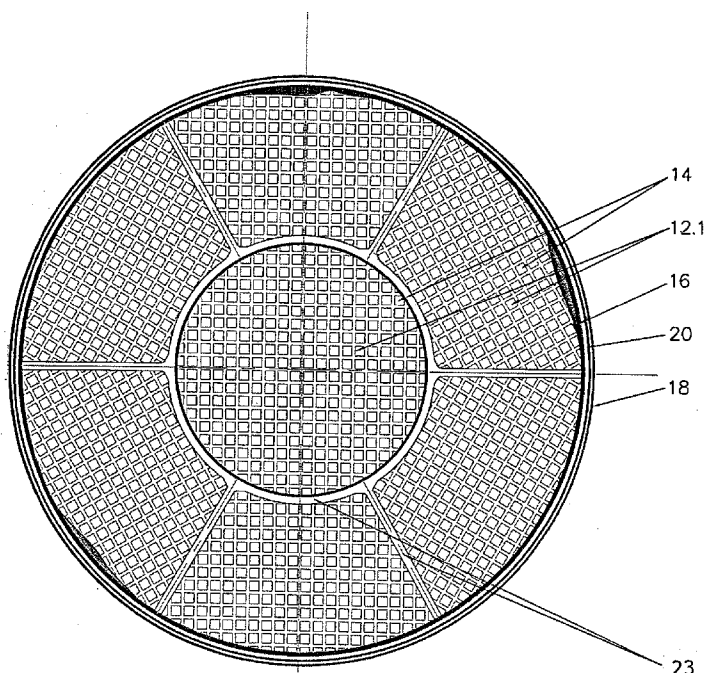


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: A sintered filter deviates from its desired shape due to the sintering normally deforming the element. The filter is provided with an outer layer adapting the outer dimensions to those of a container in which the filter is to be placed. A cushioning mat be provided between the filter and can. The filter may be provided as a number of sub-elements fixed to each other, where the sub-elements have been provided and sintered in the desired shape so that machining is not required prior to the providing of the outer layer.



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