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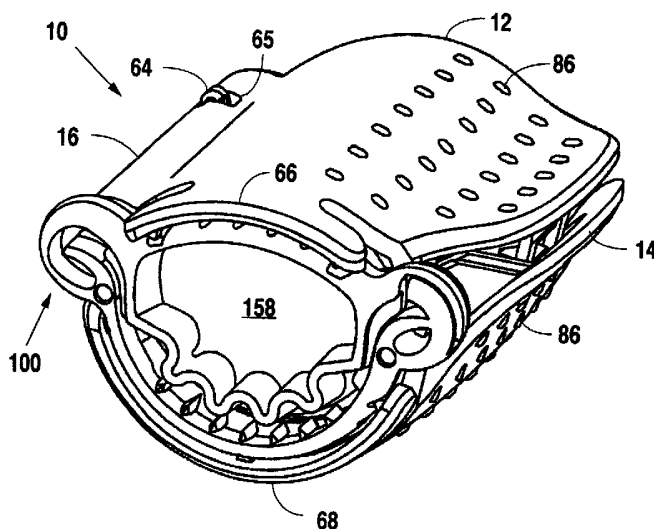
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(57) Abstract: A novel umbilical cord clamp and a combined umbilical cord clamp and cutter (10) are provided for clamping and cutting umbilical cords in one motion. The cutter (10) comprises two shells (12, 14) joined by a longitudinal hinge (16). A transverse blade (40) is mounted in one shell (12), and a cutting support (50) is mounted in the other shell (14) across from the blade (40). A clamping member (20) is provided on one side of the blade (40). The umbilical cord to be cut is oriented generally parallel to the hinge (16) and lying across the cutting support (50). As the shells of the cutter are closed, the umbilical cord is clamped on both sides of the blade, and the blade severs the umbilical cord in the same motion. After the cut is completed, the removable clamp (100) is removed from the cutter, preferably revealing an aesthetically pleasing form such as the face of a koala bear.



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