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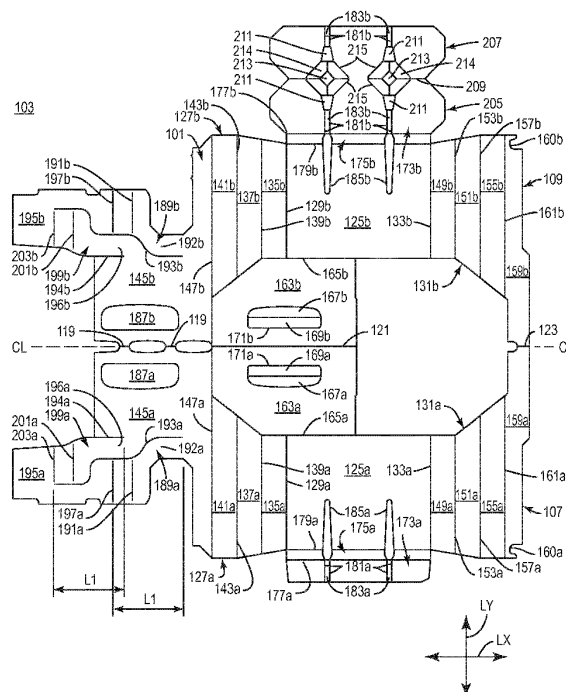
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(54) **CARRIER FOR CONTAINERS**

(57) A carrier (105) for holding a plurality of containers (C) includes a plurality of panels extending around an interior space (110a) of the carrier, the plurality of panels comprising a front panel (125a), a back panel (125b), at least one side panel (127a), at least one bottom panel (173b), and at least one central panel (145a). The carrier further includes a divider flap (8189a) extending from the at least one central panel to one of the front panel and the back panel in the interior space of the carrier, the divider flap includes at least one line of weakening (191a) such that the divider flap is generally curved.



**FIG. 1**

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1. claims: 1-20

A carrier and a blank and a method for forming a carrier  
with a generally curved divider flap

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2. claims: 21-29

A transport system comprising an outer container with  
interior curved corners engaging with a curved corner of a  
carrier

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