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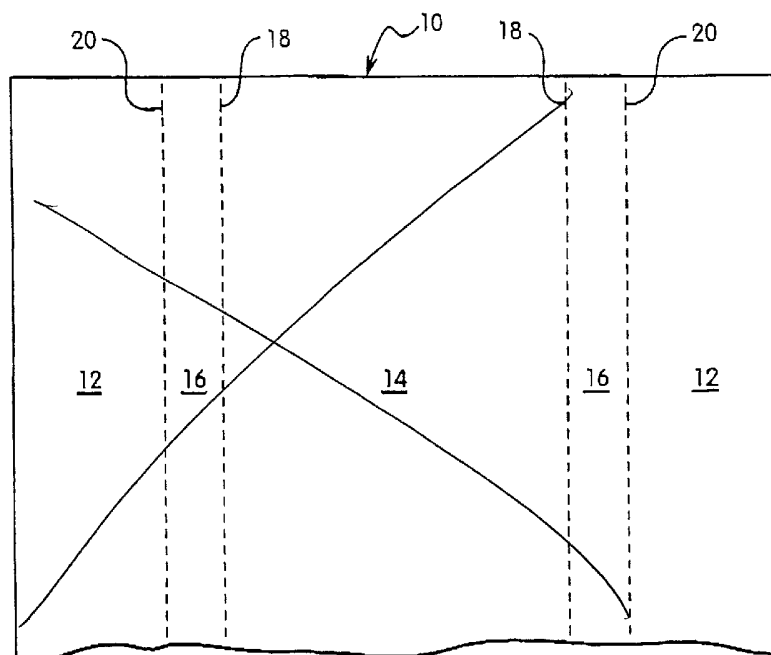
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(57) Abstract: The package with reinforced regions can be produced from a single sheet of material, preferably in-line with the packaging of an item. Gusset-like folds are made to form the reinforced regions of the film material that is to form the package. The reinforcement will be through at least a three-ply section between a center panel and side edge panels. The gusset-like folds provide a significant reinforcement due to the multi-ply nature of such folds. These folds can be made in any part of a film that is subsequently used to make a package.



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