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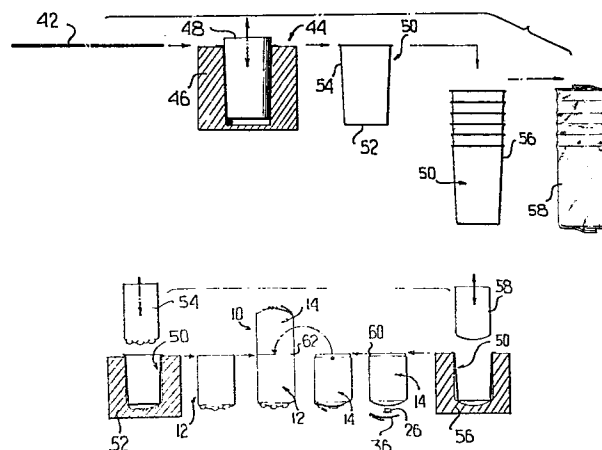
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54 **Method of forming metal cans.**

57 Method of forming metal cans (10) wherein two generally cup-shaped halves (12, 14) have their open ends united to form such cans. This particularly relates to the forming of can components (50) at a central facility where the can components are formed in great numbers and are then shipped to a place of use. This particularly relates to the forming of tapered can components which are readily nested for stacking, wrapped, and then shipped to a satellite facility where the tapered can components are reshaped to have cylindrical bodies and domed ends and wherein the domed cup-shaped can halves are then assembled by way of a pressure tight seam (62) between the can halves.





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