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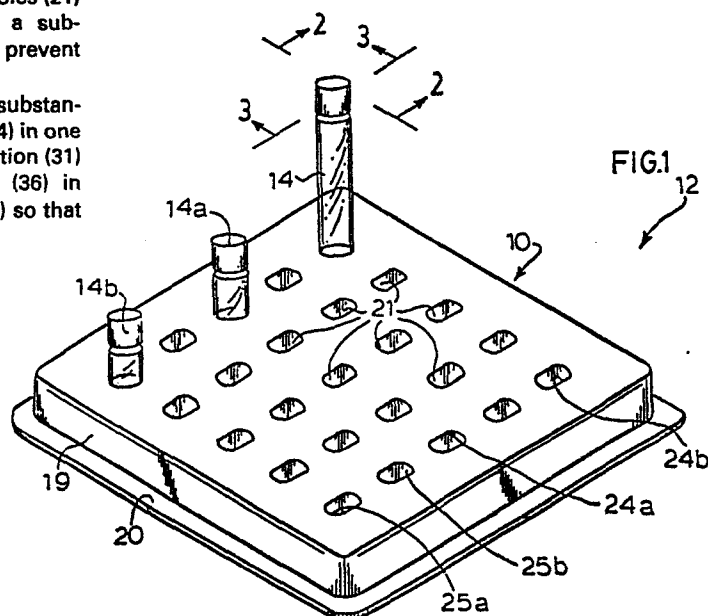
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(54) Tube rack and tubes therefor.

(57) A rack (12) for holding a plurality of tubes (14) comprises a support member (16) having a plurality of holes (21) therein for receiving tubes. Each hole (21) has a substantially flat wall portion (24) surrounding same to prevent rotation of a tube (21) placed therein.

A tube rack assembly (10) comprises a rack (12) substantially as described above, further including a tube (14) in one of the holes (21). The tube, (14) has a closed end portion (31) with at least one substantially flat wall surface (36) in face-to-face alignment with the flat wall portion (24) so that rotation of the tube in the hole is prevented.





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