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54 Identification means.

57 A means of identifying, for example metal beer kegs comprises an optically transparent plate with an identification strip carrying a bar coding adhered to the back face of the plate. The plate and strip are surrounded by an overlapping peripheral metal frame welded to the beer keg.

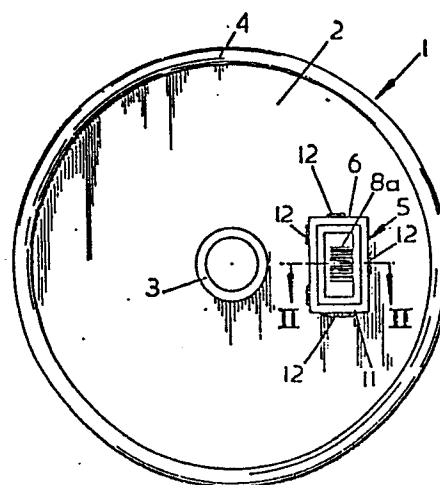


FIG. 1



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