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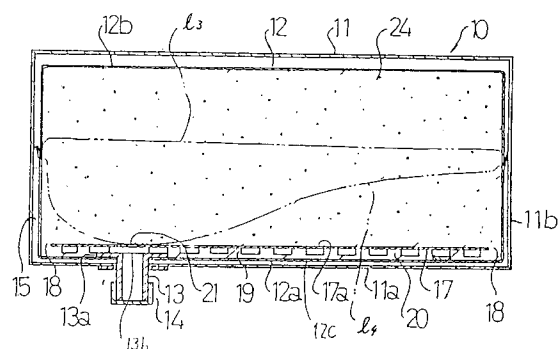
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(54) **Liquid container and mouth thereof.**

(57) A liquid container has a flexible bag (12) and a path forming member (17) for forming a liquid path communicated with a mouth (13) which has a restricted path for permitting the liquid to flow out of the mouth slowly. The bag (12) may be an inner to a rigid box (11).

FIG. 1





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1. Claims 1-13 : Liquid container with a path forming member.
2. claims 14-18 : Details about the mouth of a liquid container.

WO-A-86/00868 and EP-A-0 138 620 both describe a liquid container comprising an outer box, a flexible inner bag, a mouth fixed to the bag and a path forming member provided in the bag for maintaining a liquid path to the mouth as the bag deforms.

These documents destroy the novelty of claims 1 and 6. As a consequence, the other claims refer to two different problems and their technical solution, which do no longer present a common new and inventive idea, notably:

1. Claims 2-5,7-13 : Liquid container with a path forming member allowing the contents to be taken out almost totally.
2. Claims 14-18 : Liquid container wherein the mouth is constructed so that a liquid with a high viscosity flows out slowly.

Only claims 1 and 6 as well as the first subject has been searched.