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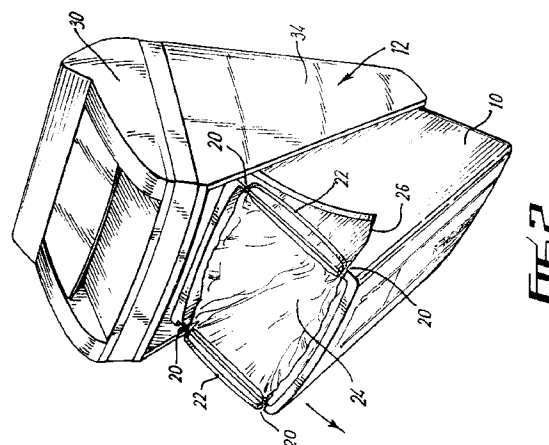
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(54) **Waste receptacle.**

(57) A container, for example a container for dog waste, is pivotally mounted in a cover 12 which surrounds the rear sides and top of the container 10 for movement between an in use position in which it can receive waste through an aperture 39 in the top of the cover to an unloading position in which a bag 24 lining the container can be fitted or removed. The top rim 18 of the container has two pairs of slots 20 in opposite edges thereof to receive parts of the handles 22 of the bag 24 with the handles retained outside of the container.





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- ☐ Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claims:
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

- 1) Claims 2-3: Container whose opposed sides are each provided with a pair of slots.
- 2) Claims 4,9,10: Container with a cover having an aperture therethrough with a flap arrangement.
- 3) Claims 5-8: Container which is pivotally mounted relative to the cover.

The present application lacks unity of invention a posteriori for the following reasons: from the prior art, see search report, a container adapted to receive a lining bag is known. As can be seen from the above listing there are no corresponding technical features in claims 2-3, 4,9,10 and 5-8 respectively, defining the contribution these inventions make over the prior art. Consequently these inventions are not linked by a single inventive concept.

The search has been carried out for claim 1 as well as for the first invention namely claims 2 and 3.