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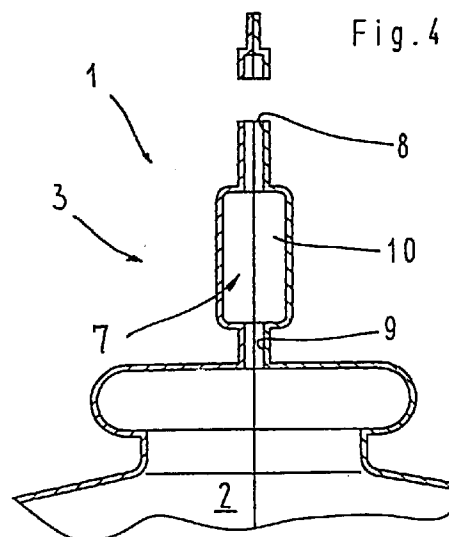
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(54) **Container for fluid material**

(57) A container 1 has an elastically deformable body 2 and a neck 3 including a chamber 7 connected with the container interior and the discharge opening of the neck 3 by means of passages 8 and 9 which are sized, shaped and positioned to prevent accidental spillage of the product, even if the container is horizontal. At least one of the passages 8 and 9 may have a cross-section which is lenticular in shape, squashed at first but having geometry variable between an undeformed configuration when closed, and a deformed configuration when open that allows outflow of product when the container is purposely squeezed by the user. On releasing the container, the shape of the cross-section returns to its initial almost closed, configuration.



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