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(54) **Bottle retaining device**

(57) There is provided a paperboard device for attachment to and retention by a number of bottles 12 having annular rims 13 on their necks. The device 11 has a top 16 with apertures having flaps 18 for engagement below the rims 13. A pair of angled panels 21 extend from the top 16, which panels 21 are in turn hingedly connected to side panels 24 having end extensions 25 for attachment to parts 29 of end flaps.

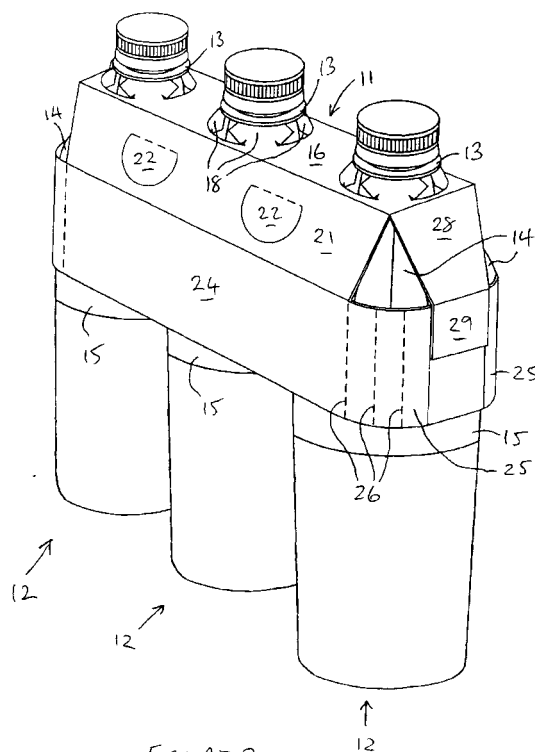


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