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(54) **Container**

(57) A container comprising a base portion (20) and a lid or cover portion (22) and including a closure device for securing said lid or cover portion (22) to said base portion (20) in a closed condition of the container, the closure device comprising a tab (28) on one of said portions and a slot (32) in the other of said portions, said tab (28) and/or said slot (32) being located asymmetrically of a common centre line of said base portion and said lid or cover portion.

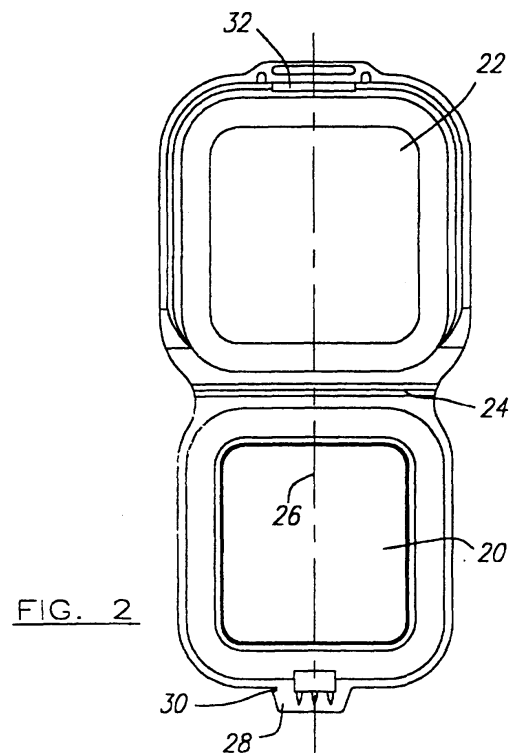


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