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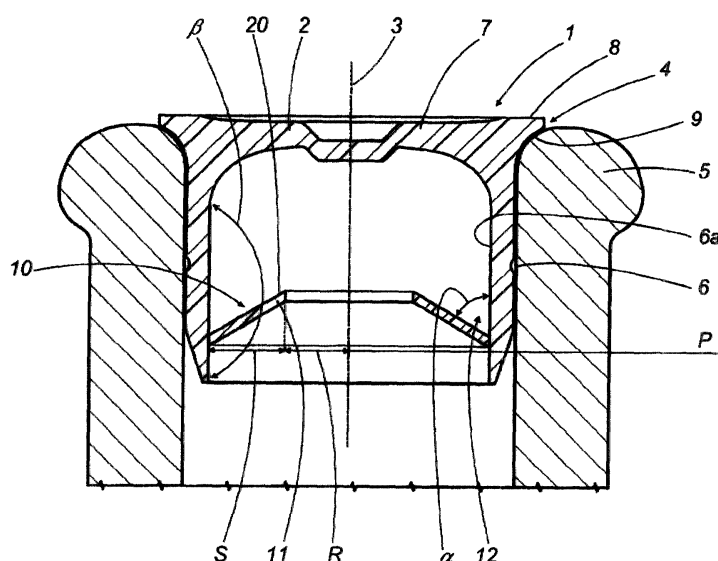
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(54) **A stopper for bottles containing liquids, in particular champagne and similar products**

(57) A stopper for bottles containing champagne or similar products comprises a hollow, substantially cylindrical element (2) with a longitudinal axis (3) and a side wall (6), which can be inserted according to the direction of the longitudinal axis (3) into the opening (4) in the neck (5) of a bottle and sealed by a transversal wall (7)

which has a ring-shaped projection (8) resting on the ring-shaped end face (9) of the neck (5). At the internal surface (6a) of the side wall (6), the cylindrical element (2) has means (10) for retaining any residues, designed to hold the residues inside the hollow cylindrical element (2).

FIG. 1





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