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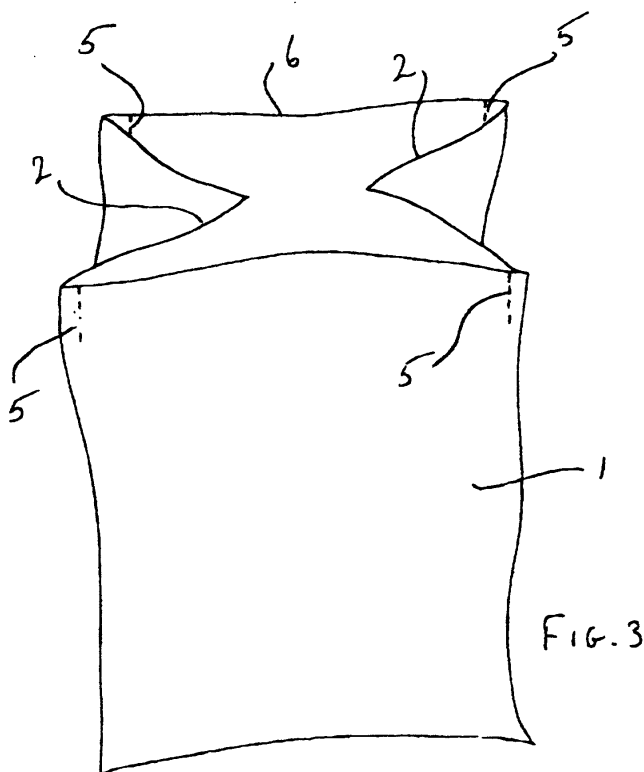
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(54) **Container comprising an outer receptacle and an inner receptacle**

(57) The invention provides a container comprising an outer receptacle (8) and an inner receptacle, the inner receptacle being in the form of a gas permeable bag

(1);
characterised in that the gas permeable bag (1) is provided at its upper edge with means (5,7) defining flaps for securing the bag to the outer receptacle.



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Claim(s) not searched:
24, 25 partly, 26 partly

Reason for the limitation of the search:

Present claim 24 relate to an extremely large number of possible containers. Support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the containers claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.



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

1. claims: 1-6,27

Container comprising an outer receptacle and an inner receptacle, the inner receptacle being in the form of a gas permeable bag, characterised in that the gas permeable bag is provided at its upper edge with means defining flaps for securing the bag to the outer receptacle.

2. claims: 7-19, 25 partly, 26 partly

Container comprising an outer receptacle and an inner receptacle, the inner receptacle being in the form of a gas permeable bag, characterised by the outer receptacle having holding means for holding the gas permeable bag.

3. claims: 20, 21, 25 partly, 26 partly

Container comprising an outer receptacle and an inner receptacle, the inner receptacle being in the form of a gas permeable bag, characterised in that the outer receptacle is provided with one or more sides that are outwardly convex in plan.

4. claims: 22, 23, 25 partly, 26 partly

Container comprising an outer receptacle and an inner receptacle, the inner receptacle being in the form of a gas permeable bag, characterised by the outer receptacle having a plurality of spacers extending inwardly from an inner surface thereof, the innermost edges of the spacers define a proportionately larger area on one side wall of the outer receptacle than on at least one other side wall of the outer receptacle.

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