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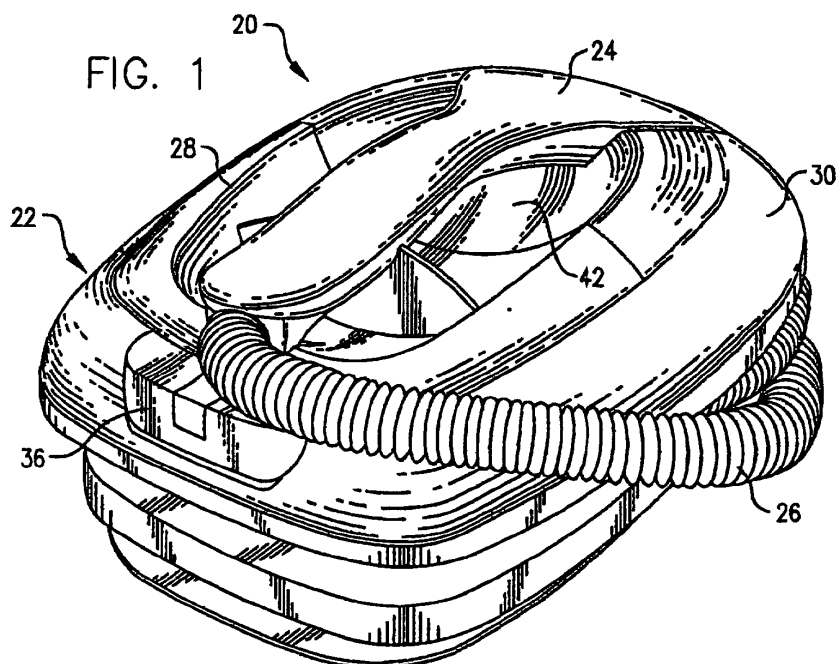
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(54) Clothes steamer

(57) A steamer for generating steam. The steamer includes an enclosure having a steam generator therein, and a hose extending from the enclosure to a steam-applying wand. When a user desires steam, the user turns on the steamer, which preheats the steam generator to a steam-producing temperature. Once the steam generator is ready, the user actuates the production of

steam, for example by pressing a button on the wand. A pump draws water out of a water tank and to the steam generator. The steam generator flashes the water to steam, thus producing an instant supply of steam. The steam runs out of the steam generator, through the hose to the wand. The steam may be applied, for example, to clothes so as to remove wrinkles in the clothes.





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