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(54) **Paperboard sleeve**

(57) There is provided a paperboard sleeve having a top, oppositely disposed side panels and a pair of base panels which interlock using suitable formations 24 to form an open ended sleeve. The sleeve provides a number of apertures 38 for receiving the heels of bottles retained by the sleeve. The end-most apertures 38 are each formed by a flap which is folded out to form the aperture. The flap has a first part 41 which remains attached to a central side panel 20 and a second part 42 which lies in the open end of the sleeve. An end panel 27 is then folded up about its hinge line 26 with the base and is glued to the two second parts 42, one at either side of the sleeve.

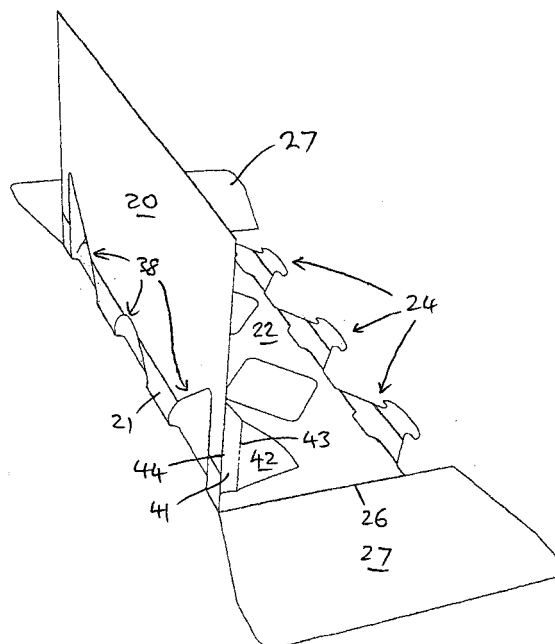


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