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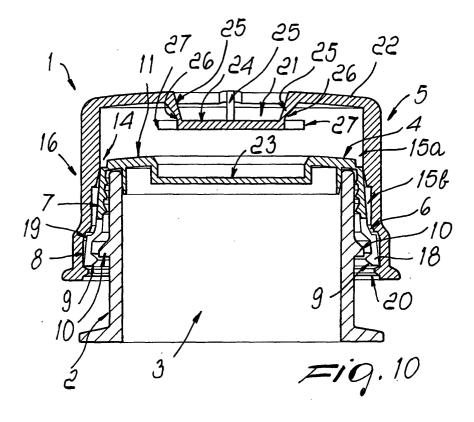
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(54) Closure device particularly for bottles and/or containers

(57) A closure device (1) particularly usable for temporarily closing a container for liquids, comprising a first cap (4), which is provided with first elastically deformable elements (6) for connection to the outer neck of the container; a second coaxial and external cap (5) being

slidingly and selectively associated with the first cap and comprising second elements for the temporary activation of the first elements and third elements suitable to remove the closure device from the neck of the container.





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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION
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:
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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION SHEET B

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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: 1-33

Closure device having elastically deformable connection means on a first body activated by an external second body and comprising a tamper evidence means

2. Claims: 1,34,35

Closure device having elastically deformable connection means on a first body activated by an external second body and comprising a venting means

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