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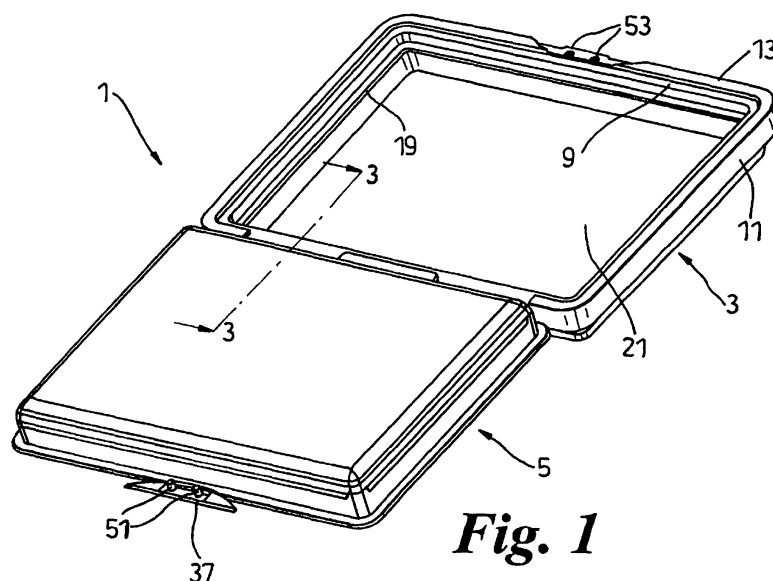
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(54) **Container closures**

(57) A container closure comprises two hingedly connected portions (3, 5), the first portion (3) being in the form of a framework comprising an upright inner flange (9) of substantially rectangular outline in plan, adapted to be secured to the margin of a container body with a permanent, sealing connection, the second portion (5) comprising a substantially rectangular closure panel (23), the second portion being movable about the hinge (7) to a closed condition in which the panel (23)

is received within the area defined by the inner flange (9) of the first portion, and permanently acting securing means (51, 53) being provided to secure the portions (3, 5) in said closed condition. The securing means comprises pins (51) on one portion of the closure, and sockets (53) on the other portion, the pins (51) being received within the sockets (53) when said portions are initially brought to said closed condition. The pins (51) are mounted on a tab (49), the tab (49) being secured to a removable tear strip (37).



**Fig. 1**



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1. claims: 1-6

Closure with tamper-indicating means

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2. claims: 1,7-11,12,13

Closure with sealing means

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