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(54) A container and attachment apparatus

(57) An apparatus for releasably attaching a container (1) to an item of clothing, including a first portion

(8) releasably engageable with the container and a second portion (7) fixed to the first portion and being releasably engageable with the item of clothing.

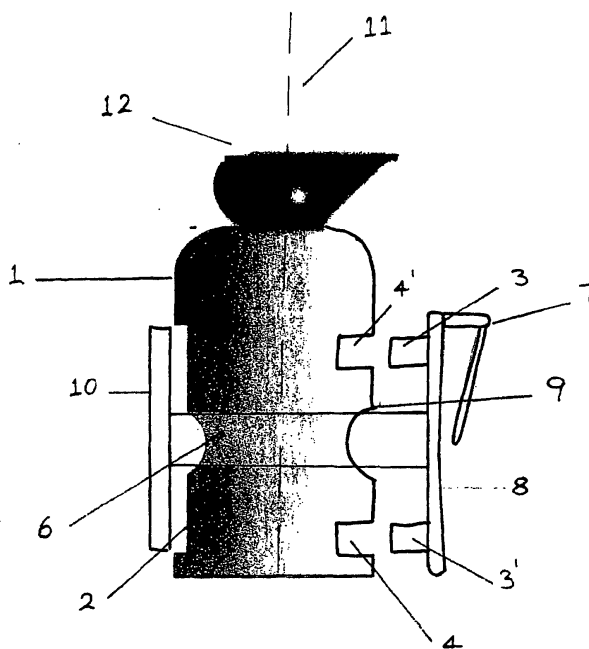


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1. claims: 1-6

An apparatus for releasably attaching a container to an item of clothing.

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An apparatus for selectively combining substances.

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