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(54) **Method of loading a plurality of snack pieces in a container**

(57) A method of loading a plurality of articles in a container comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a container (30) defining an interior chamber, the container comprising a bottom wall (42) including an inner surface;
- b) providing a stack of articles (70);

c) inserting the stack of articles (70) at least partially into the interior chamber until a surface portion of the leading article (71) of the stack of articles contacts the inner surface of the bottom wall (42) with an Angle Between Tangents (ABT) of less than or equal to about 45°; and
d) reorienting the leading article (71) by forcing the leading article against the inner surface.

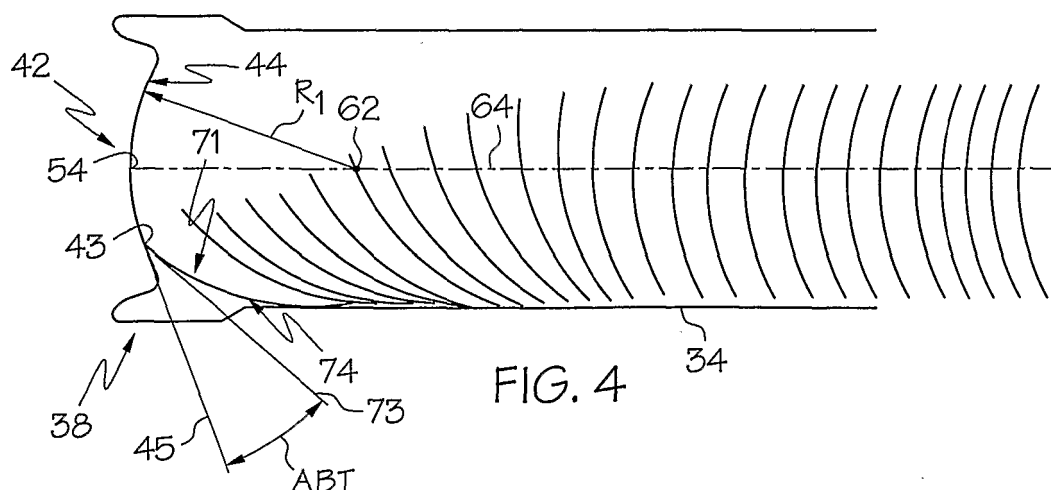


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