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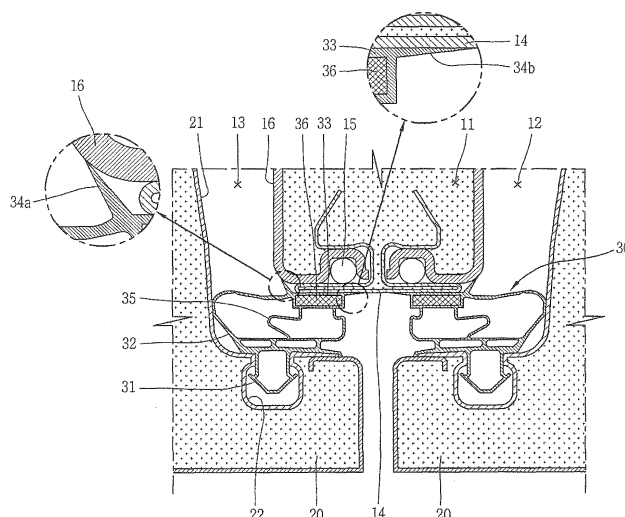
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(54) **Refrigerator and sealing gasket therefor**

(57) A refrigerator includes a refrigerator body (10); a refrigerator door (20) coupled to the refrigerator body (10) so as to be opened and closed; and a gasket (30) mounted on either the door (20) or that body (10). The gasket (30) has a magnet (36) therein so as to hold the door closed against the refrigerator body (10). The gasket (30) has at least one shielding portion (34a) that extends from an edge of the gasket (30). The sealing portion is

configured to be elastically deformed when the refrigerator door (20) is closed, which enhances the sealing action of the gasket (30). As a result, even if the magnet (36) has a weak magnetic force due to age or the sealing surface is no longer flat, a sealing force is reinforced by the shielding portion (34a). Accordingly, cool air inside the refrigerator is prevented from leaking out, and external warm air is prevented from being introduced into the refrigerator.

FIG. 2





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