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(54) **Article carrier for fragile articles and corresponding blank**

(57) A cushion member for placement into an outer carton (C) comprising a plurality of side wall panels 12, 14, 16, 18 hinged together to form a collapsible upright

tubular structure for receiving an article (A), and stabilising means (51) hingedly connected to the tubular structure for frictional engagement with the inside surface of the outer carton (C).

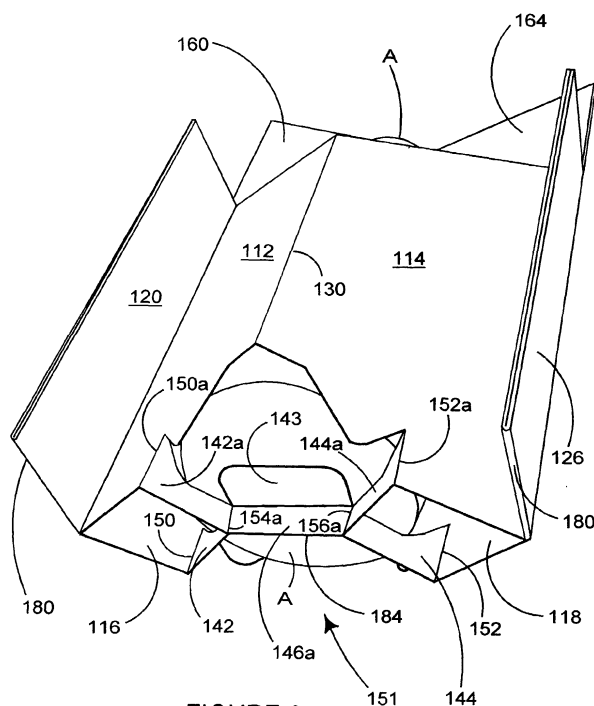


FIGURE 6



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1. claims: 1-5, 10

Group I relates to a cushion member for placement into an outer carton comprising a collapsible tubular structure and stabilising means for frictional engagement with outer carton.

2. claims: 6-9

Group II relates to article carrier comprising a collapsible tubular structure and top protection means.

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