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(54) **Carton, blanks for forming a carton, package and method of dispensing articles from a carton**

(57) A carton for containing a plurality of articles (92,220), the carton comprising a vertical dispensing structure (51,206) for dispensing one or more articles (92,220) through an upper aperture.

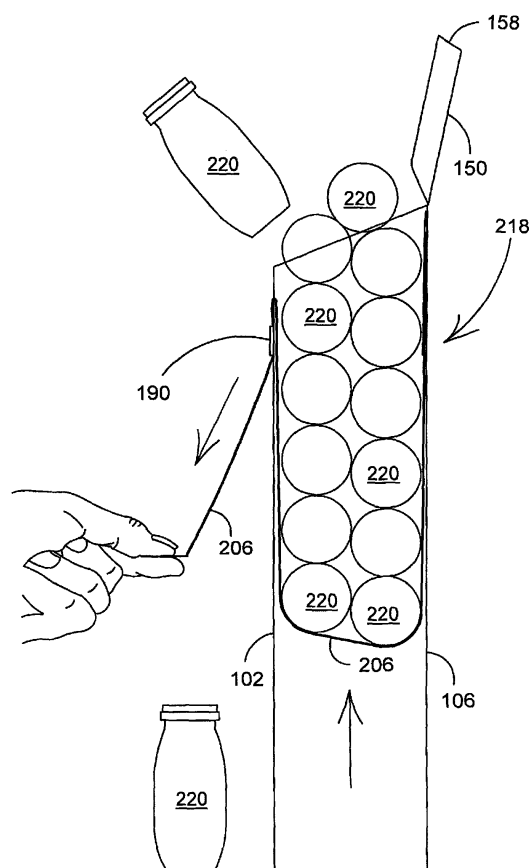


FIGURE 13



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1. claims: 1-10

Carton with a pull-strap

2. claims: 11-14

Carton with a lifting insert

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