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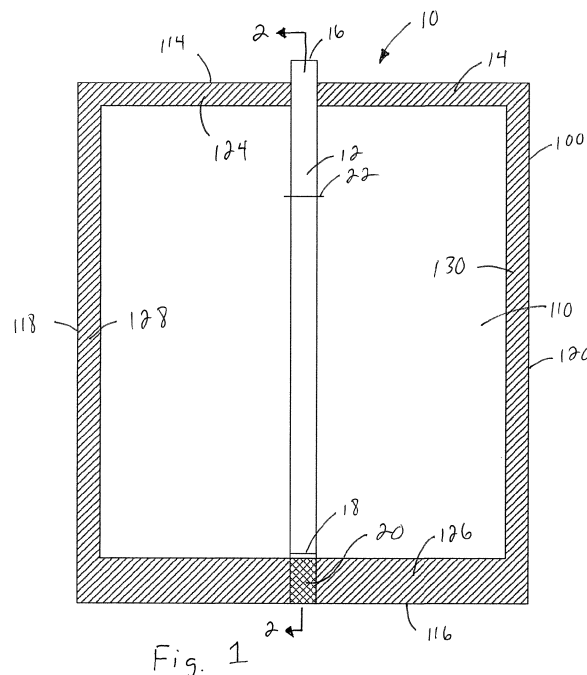
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(54) **Containers and container tops**

(57) A container top and/or a fluid container includes a straw and a hole in the top or some other portion of the container. The straw has a first open end and a second open end. The first open end of the straw is disposed outside the container and the second open end of the

straw is disposed inside the container. The straw frictionally engages the hole in the top or other portion of the container to provide a seal between the straw and the container.





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1. claims: 1-7

A fluid container comprising a straw having an attachment member attached to inside of the container in order to retain the straw inside the container.

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2. claims: 8-15

A top for a container or a fluid container comprising a top having a hole for the insertion of a straw therethrough, whereby a layer of material is disposed over the hole prior to insertion of the straw through the hole, such that the second layer prevents fluid from passing through the hole prior to insertion of the straw through the hole.

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