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(54) PACKAGED READY TO EAT FRESH FOOD ITEMS AND METHOD OF PACKAGING FRESH READY TO EAT FOOD ITEMS

(57) Packaged food items, such as a fresh, ready to eat salad, comes in a container maintaining a substantially inert, low pressure atmosphere therein. The salad includes a salad dressing positioned lowermost in the container and a lettuce item positioned upper most in the container. Various additional food items are positioned within the container between the salad dressing and the lettuce item. The additional food items include pickled, raw or cooked vegetable items, grain or pasta items, protein items and cheese items. All of the food items are present in different measured proportions depending on the combination of items in the container. The additional food items are layered in a particular order also dependent upon the combination of items present in the container.

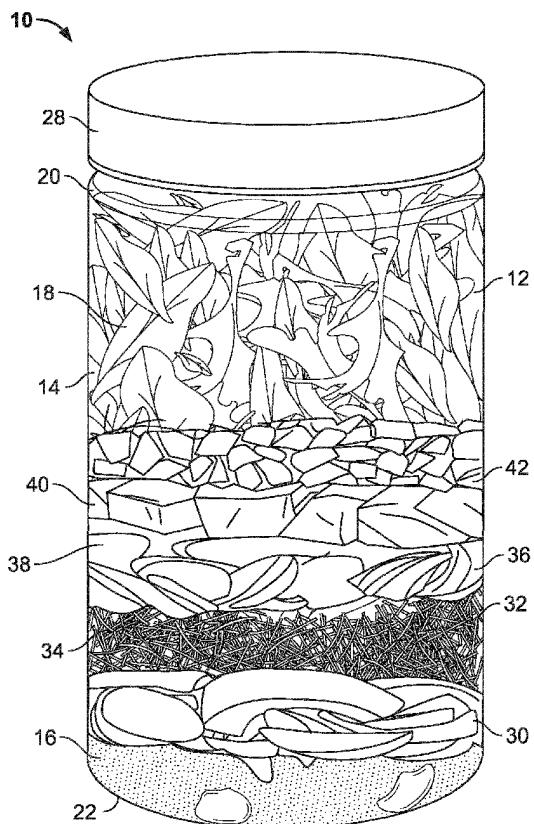


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