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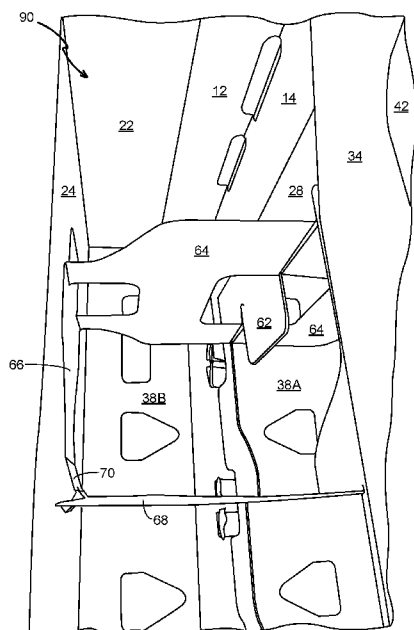


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: Aspects of the disclosure relate to an article carrier for packaging a plurality of articles. The article carrier (90) comprises a plurality of primary panels (16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) which form a tubular structure having an interior chamber. The plurality of primary panels includes: a first panel (14, 28); and a second panel (18, 24) opposing the first panel (14, 28). The carrier (90) further comprises a partition structure (P1, P2) dividing the interior chamber into two or more article-receiving cells.



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1. claims: 1-11, 13

Independent claim 1 relates to an article carrier comprising a plurality of primary panels, the panels including a first and a second panel and a partition structure for dividing the interior into two or more cells, the partition structure being formed from the first panel. Claim 13 deals with a blank for forming such a carrier.

2. claims: 12, 14

Claim 12 relates to an article carrier comprising a plurality of primary panels, the panels including a first and a second side panel, a medial partition wall interposed parallel between the first and the second side panel and a pair of end closure flaps comprising at least one press-activated locking feature for interconnecting the end closure flaps. Claim 14 deals with a blank for forming such a carrier.

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