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DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

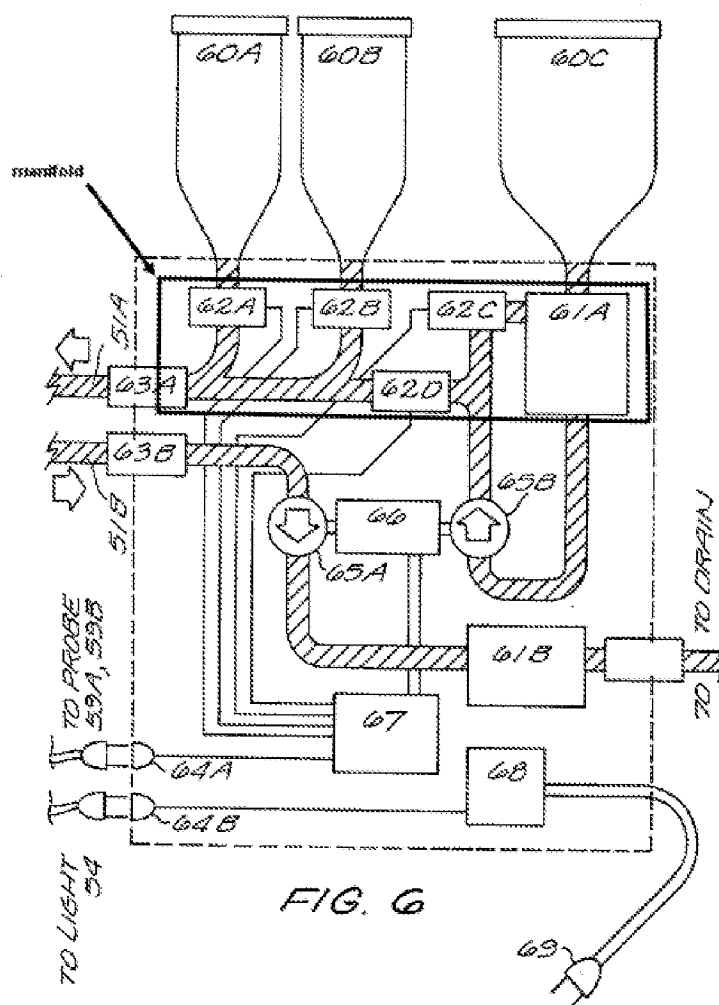
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claim 1 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coleman et al. (US 2001/0049511 A1) ("Coleman") in view of Slagle (US 3,930,598).

Regarding claim 1, Coleman discloses (Figures 5A, 5B, 6) an apparatus for treating skin, the apparatus comprising: a console (dotted line box in Figure 6) having a user input device (59A, 59B, 64A, 64B, 67; paragraph 0052) and a handpiece assembly (50), which is configured to treat skin; a fluid line (51A) providing fluid communication between the console and the handpiece assembly (paragraph 0053); and a manifold system (see Figure 6 annotated below) coupled to the console and controlled by the user input device (paragraphs 0062 and 0063), the manifold system capable of holding a plurality of fluid sources (60A, 60B, 60C) and deliver fluid from at least one of the plurality of fluid sources to the handpiece assembly. However, Coleman fails to explicitly disclose that the manifold system releasably holds a plurality of fluid sources.



Slagle teaches (Figure 2) an analogous fluid dispensing apparatus comprising a manifold (20) that releasably holds a plurality of fluid sources (X). Slagle teaches that the spent fluid sources (bottles) can be replaced with new, full bottles (Column 12, lines 33-36).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the manifold system disclosed by Coleman to releasably hold the fluid sources, as taught by Slagle. This modification would allow the spent fluid sources to be replaced with new, full fluid sources (Slagle, Column 12, lines 33-36).

Alternately, this modification would allow the fluid sources to be removed from the manifold after use, sanitized, refilled, and used again in another procedure.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Muldner (US 6,277,128 B1; Figures 1-10).

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