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(54) Title: THIN-WALLED CARTRIDGE CASING WITH EXTERIOR REINFORCED HEAD END

(57) Abstract: A cartridge or ammunition casing is made of two principal components, one providing the outer casing sidewall and the other, in the form of an external reinforcing member or plug, defining the head end. The casing sidewall extends inwardly into the plug and through a primer well opening formed therein to engage these two parts together. The casing sidewall may have two diameters formed by the method of first forming a cylindrical tube of reduced diameter and then expanding a portion of that tube to a larger, final, diameter. This same technique may be used to produce a rimless casing with an extraction groove.

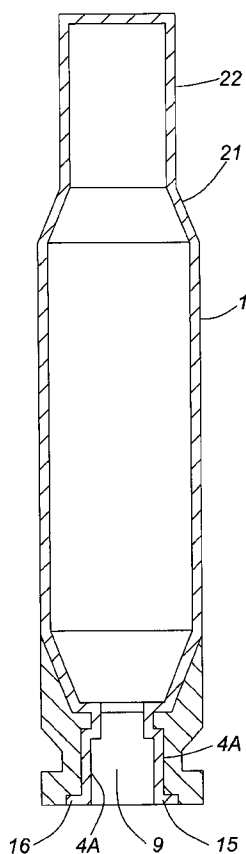


FIG. 2

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BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

Group I: Claims 1-14

Group II: Claims 15-17

Group III: Claims 18-21

There exists a lack of unity between Groups I and II because: The special technical feature of Group I is not found in Group II. Said special technical feature being a casing shell extension that is positioned in a exterior reinforcing plug such that the exterior reinforcing plug is shielded from being exposed to the propellant on firing by the casing shell.

There exists a lack of unity between Groups I and III because: The special technical feature of Group I is not found in Group III. Said special technical feature being a casing shell extension that is positioned in a exterior reinforcing plug such that the exterior reinforcing plug is shielded from being exposed to the propellant on firing by the casing shell.

There exists a lack of unity between Groups II and III because: The special technical feature of Group III is not found in Group II. Said special technical feature of Group II being that the casing is for blank ammunition to be used as a substitute for projectile containing ammunition.