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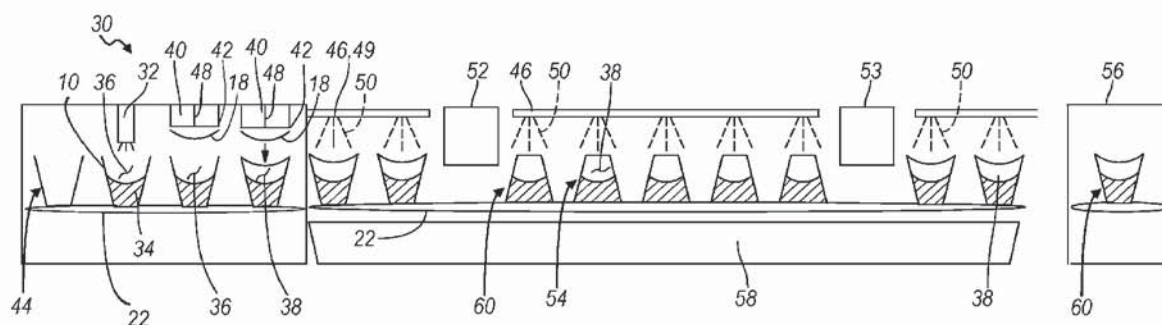


FIG. 2

(57) **Abstract:** A method of sealing a foil liner (18) to a hot-filled container (10) includes the steps of aligning a liner engagement surface (42) of a seal head (40) with a liner sealing surface (14) of the container when the container is in a first position, wherein at least a peripheral margin (20) of the foil liner is disposed between the liner engagement and sealing surfaces of the seal head and the container, respectively; applying heat between the seal head and the container to heat and attach the foil liner and the sealing surface of the container, resulting in a sealed package (60); rotating the sealed package from the first position to a second position; and applying fluid onto at least a portion of the sealed package to cool a head space (38) of the sealed package. The head space is disposed between an inner surface (16) of the container and a product (34) packaged in the sealed package.