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(54) MULTI-COMPONENT FOOD PRODUCT

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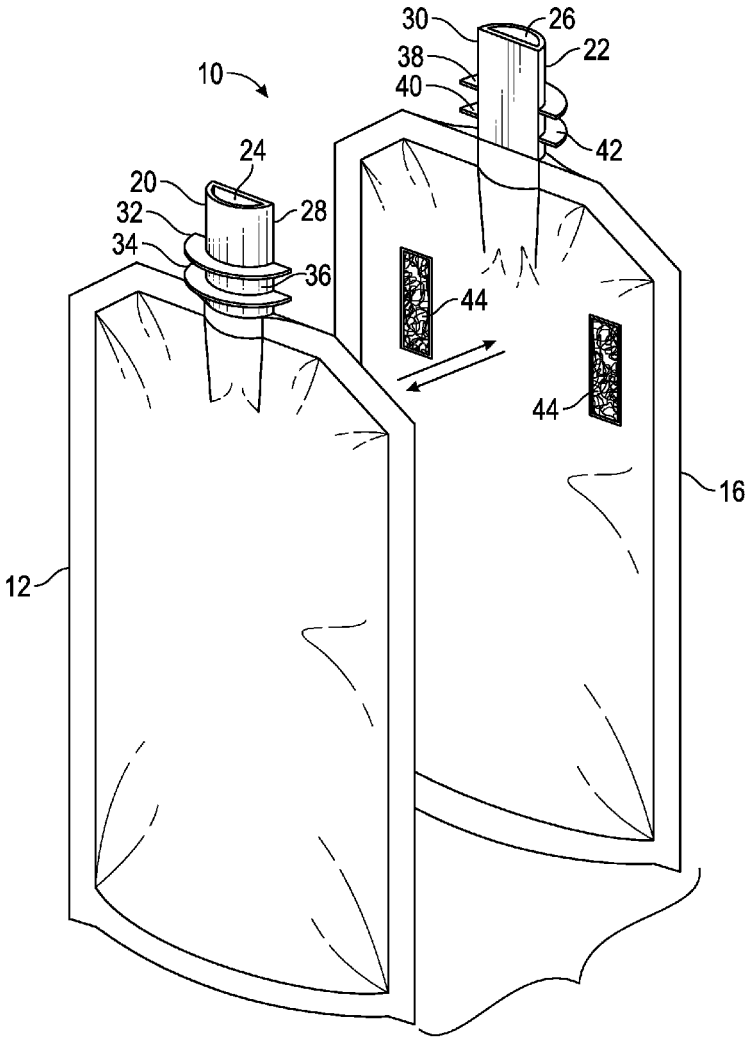
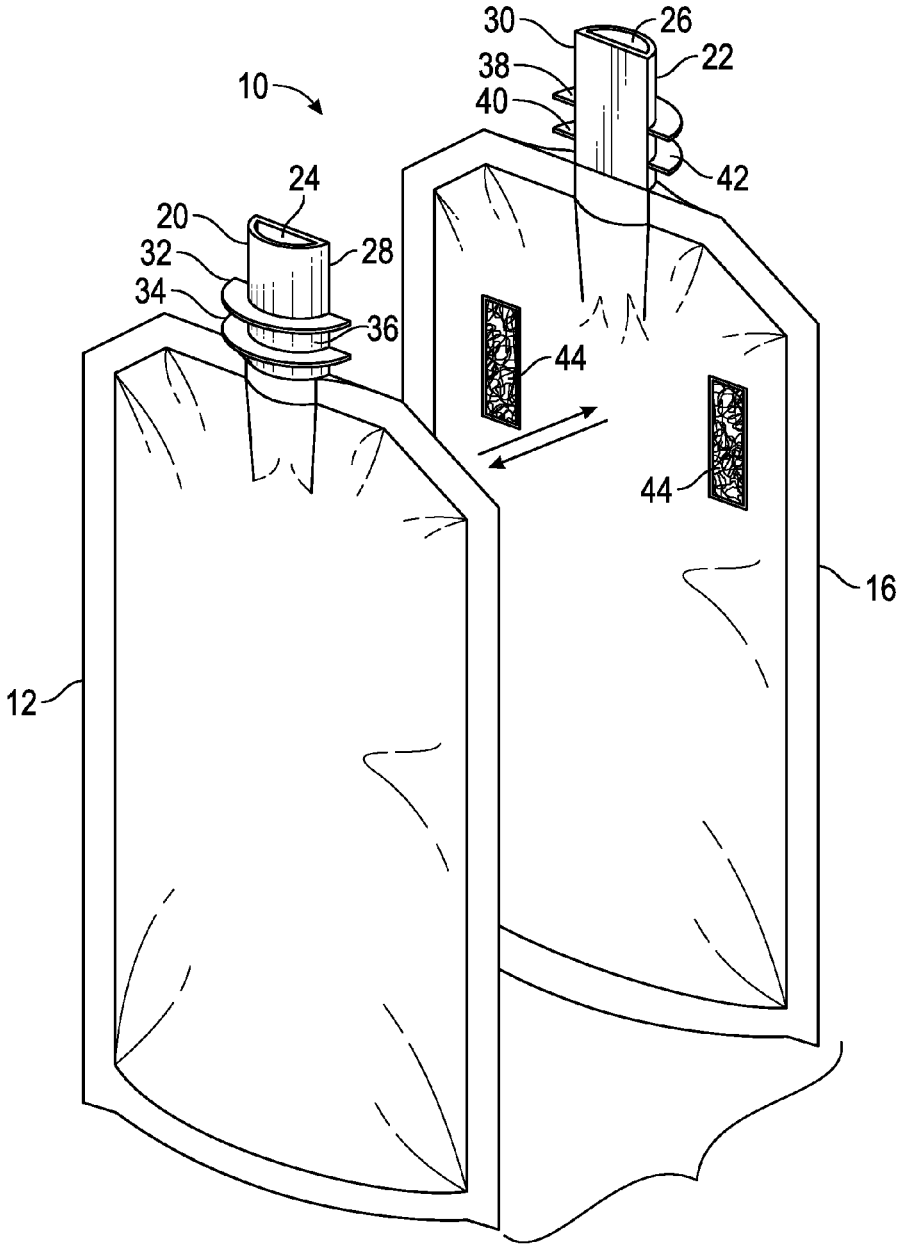
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A multi-component food product and method having a first pouch containing a first food product and a second pouch containing a second food product. The first pouch and second pouch are mated in a way that allows for simultaneous consumption of the first food product and the second food product.

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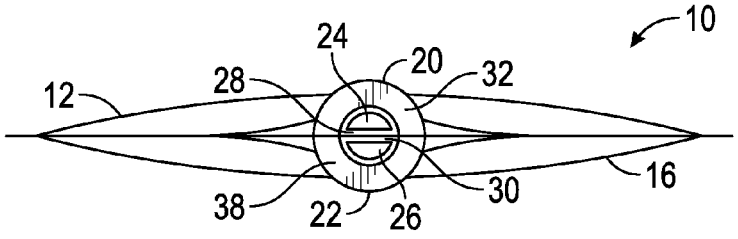
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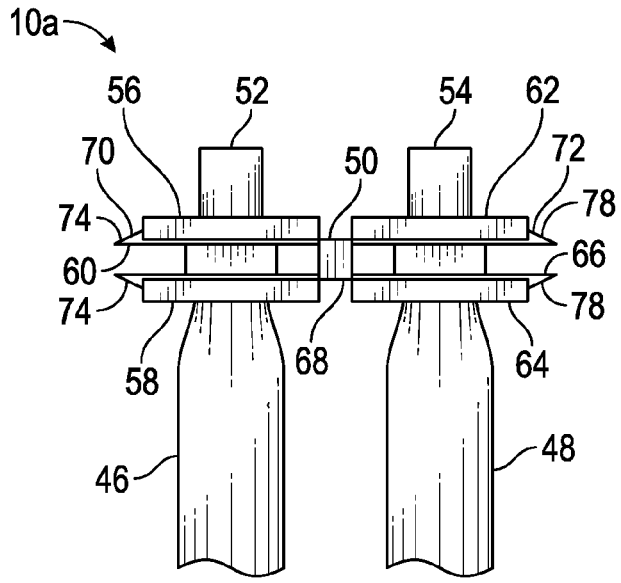
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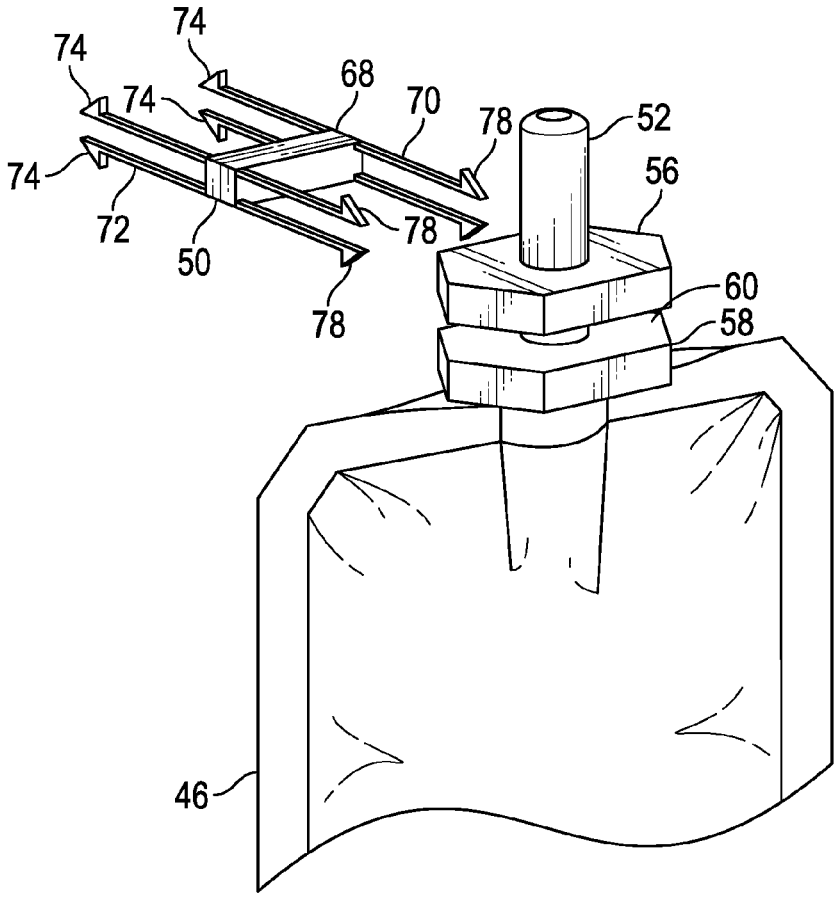
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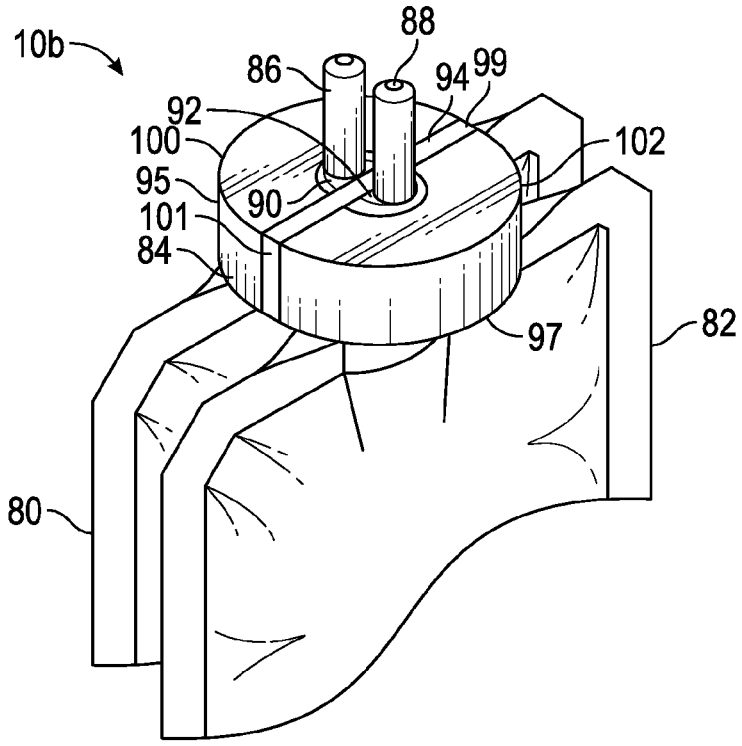
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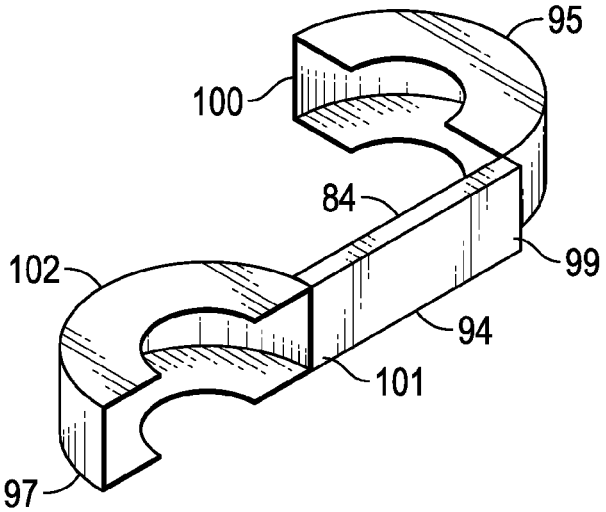
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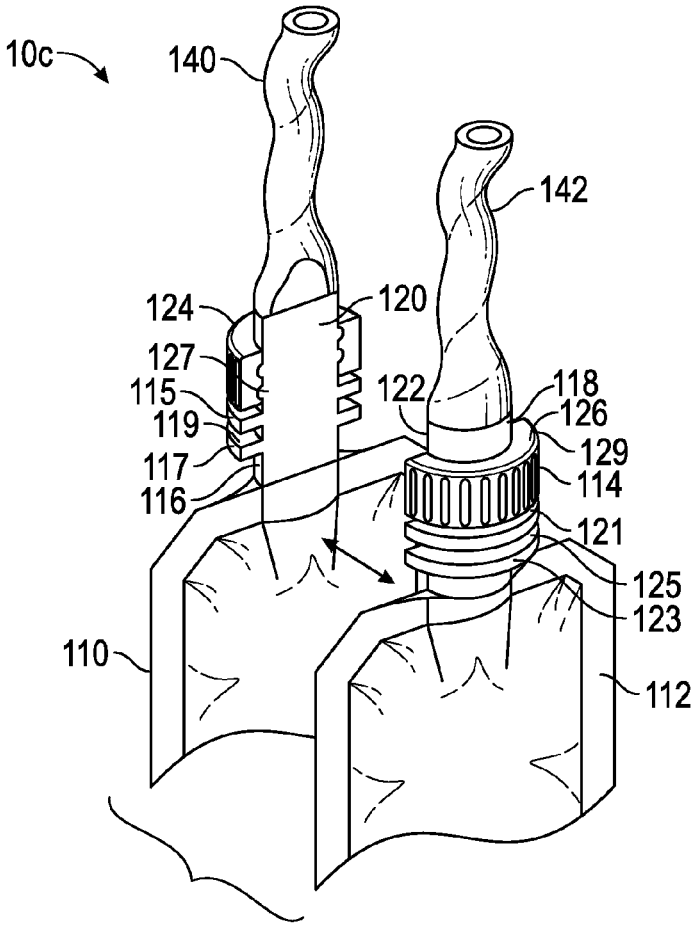

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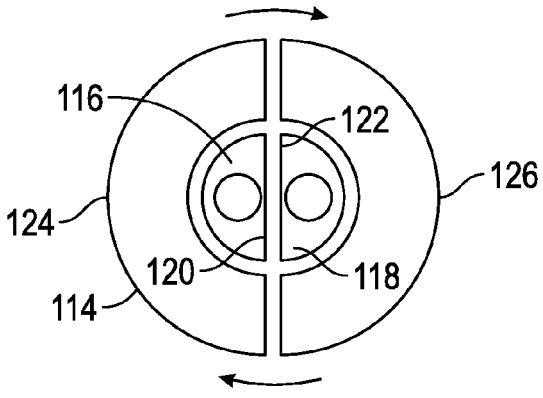

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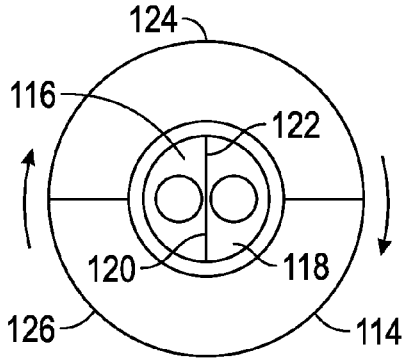

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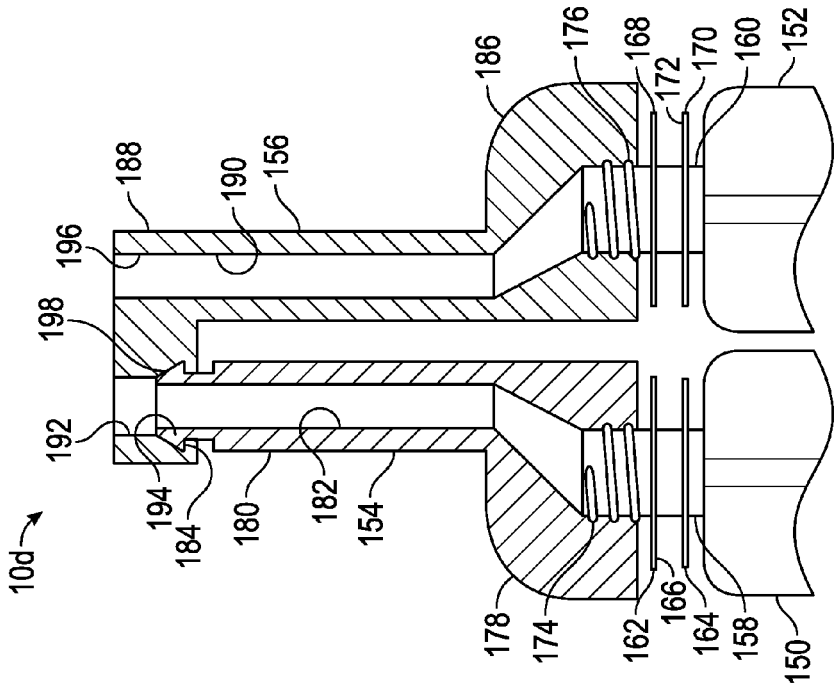
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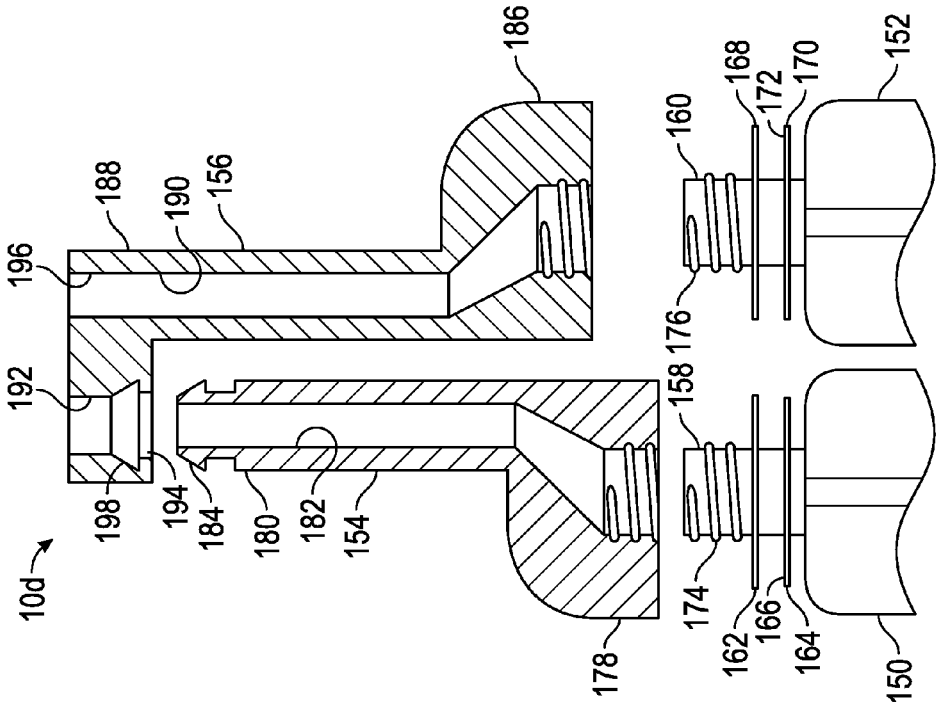
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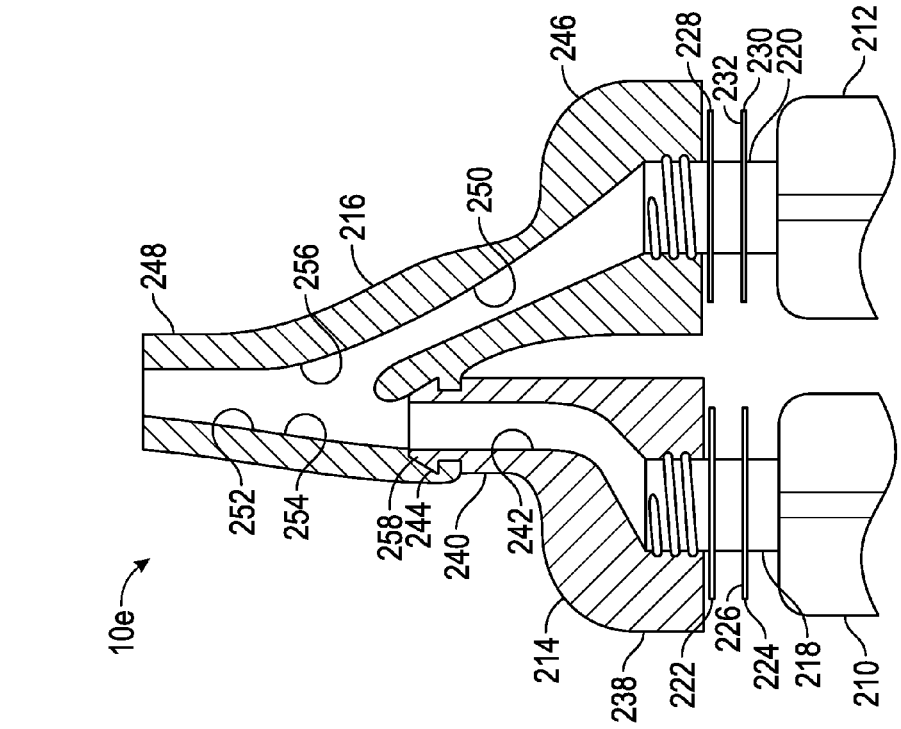
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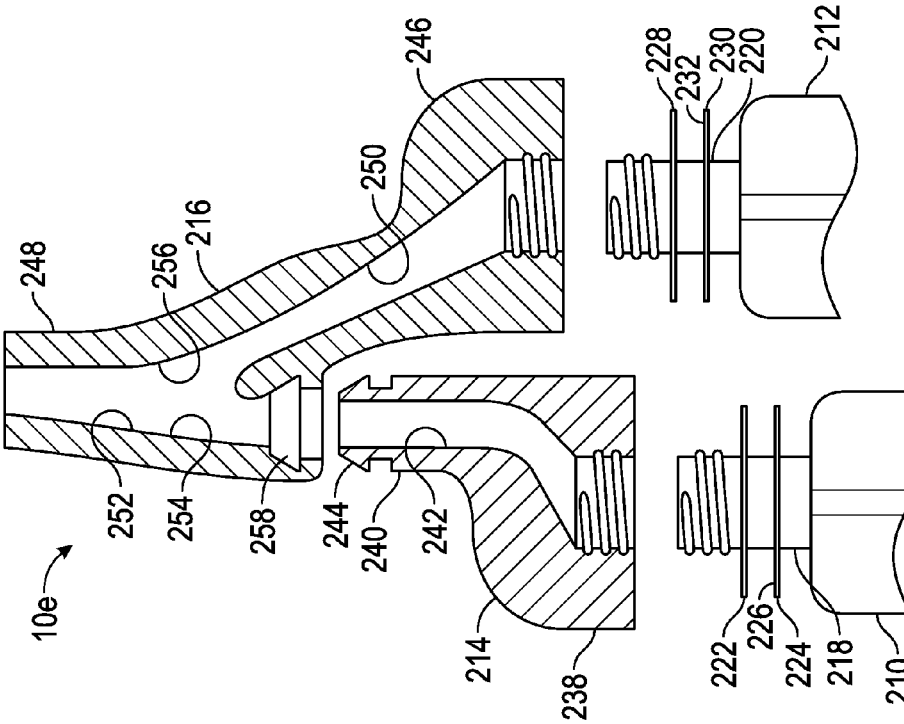
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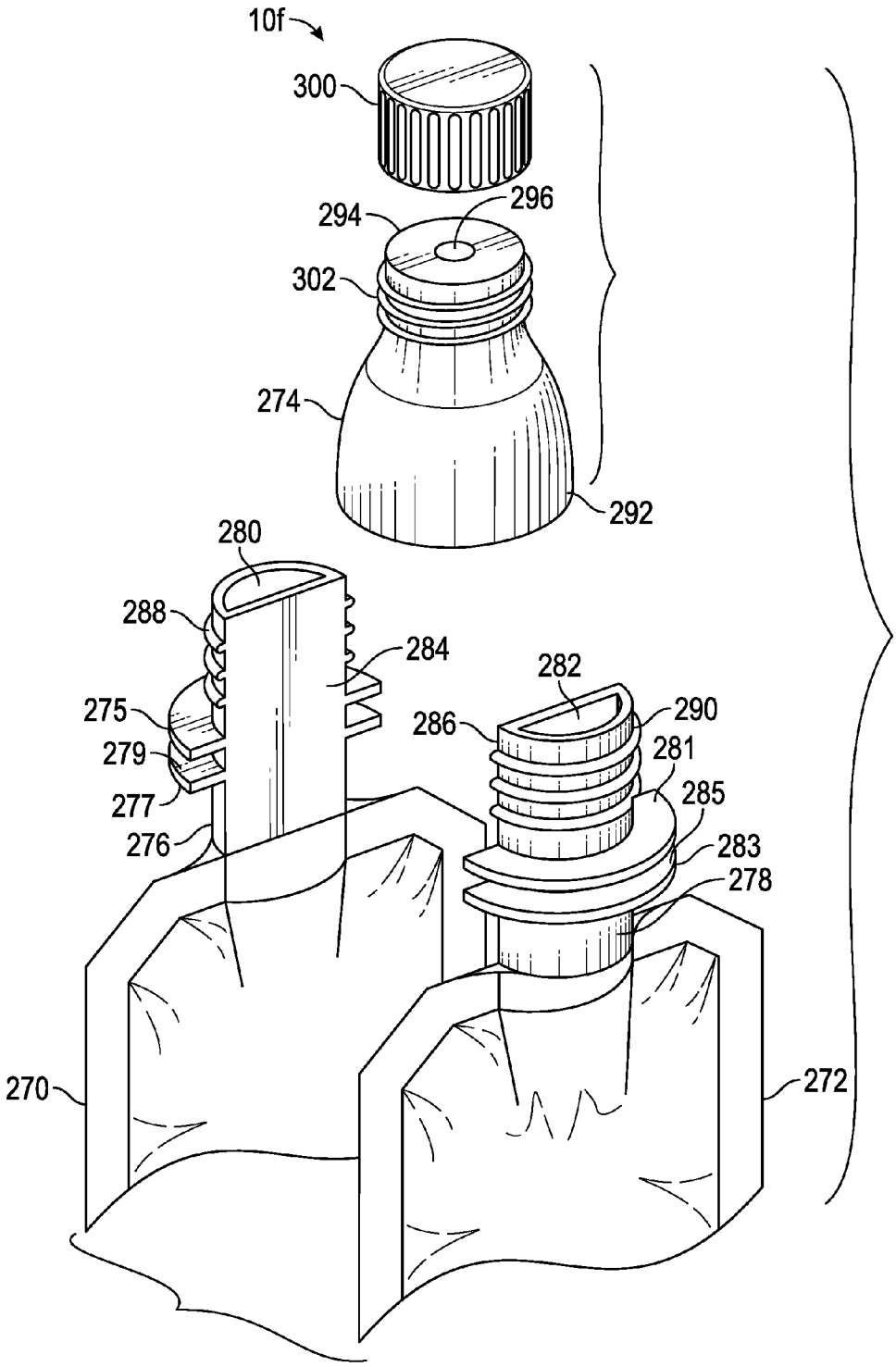
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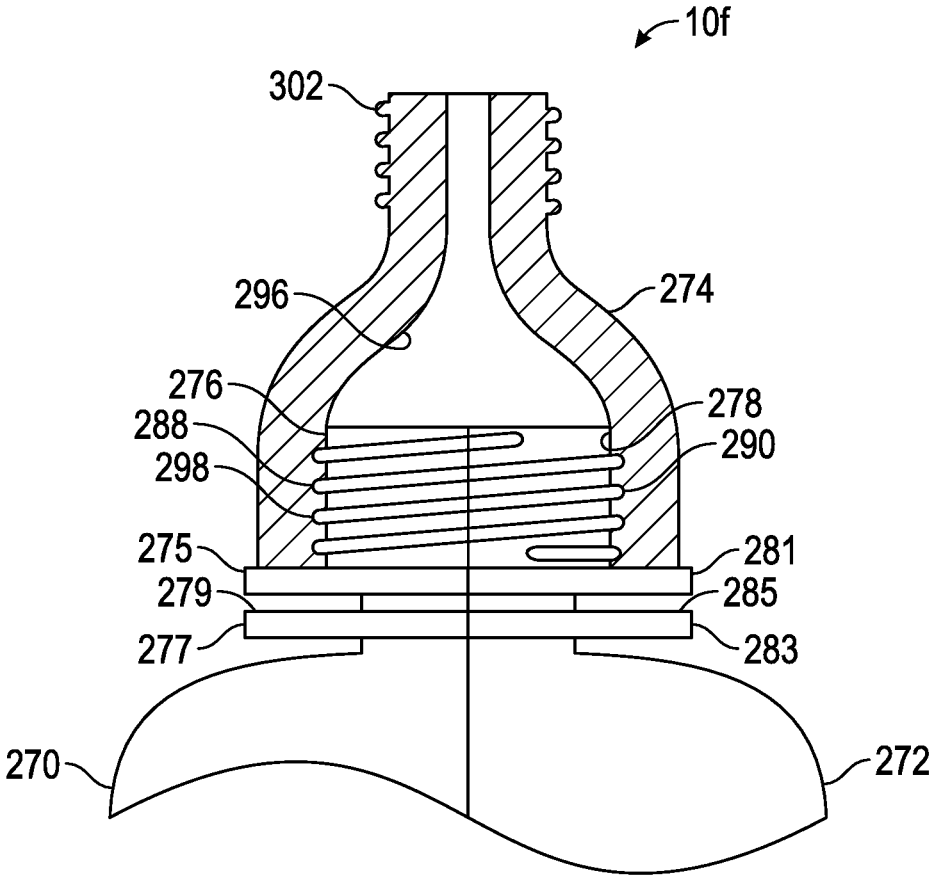
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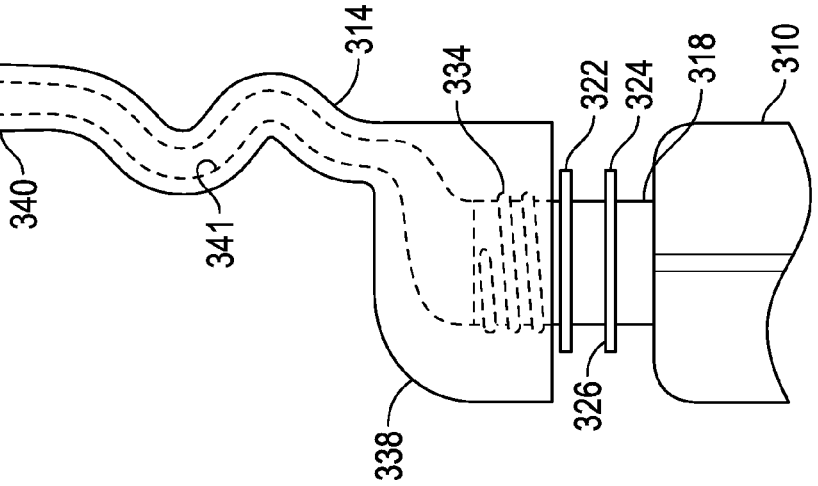
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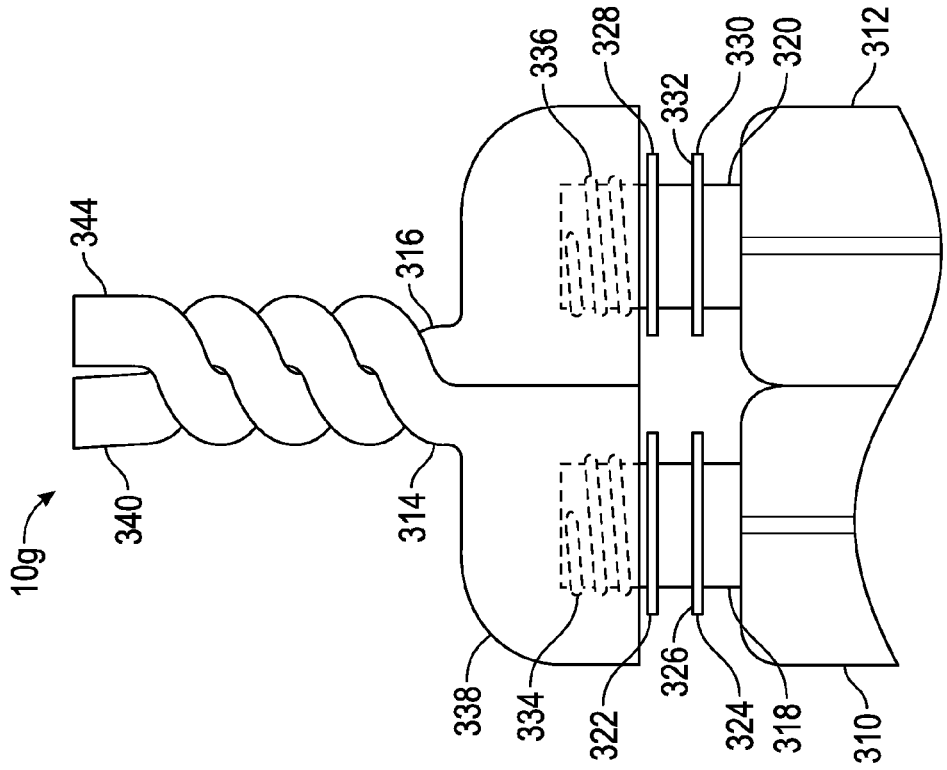
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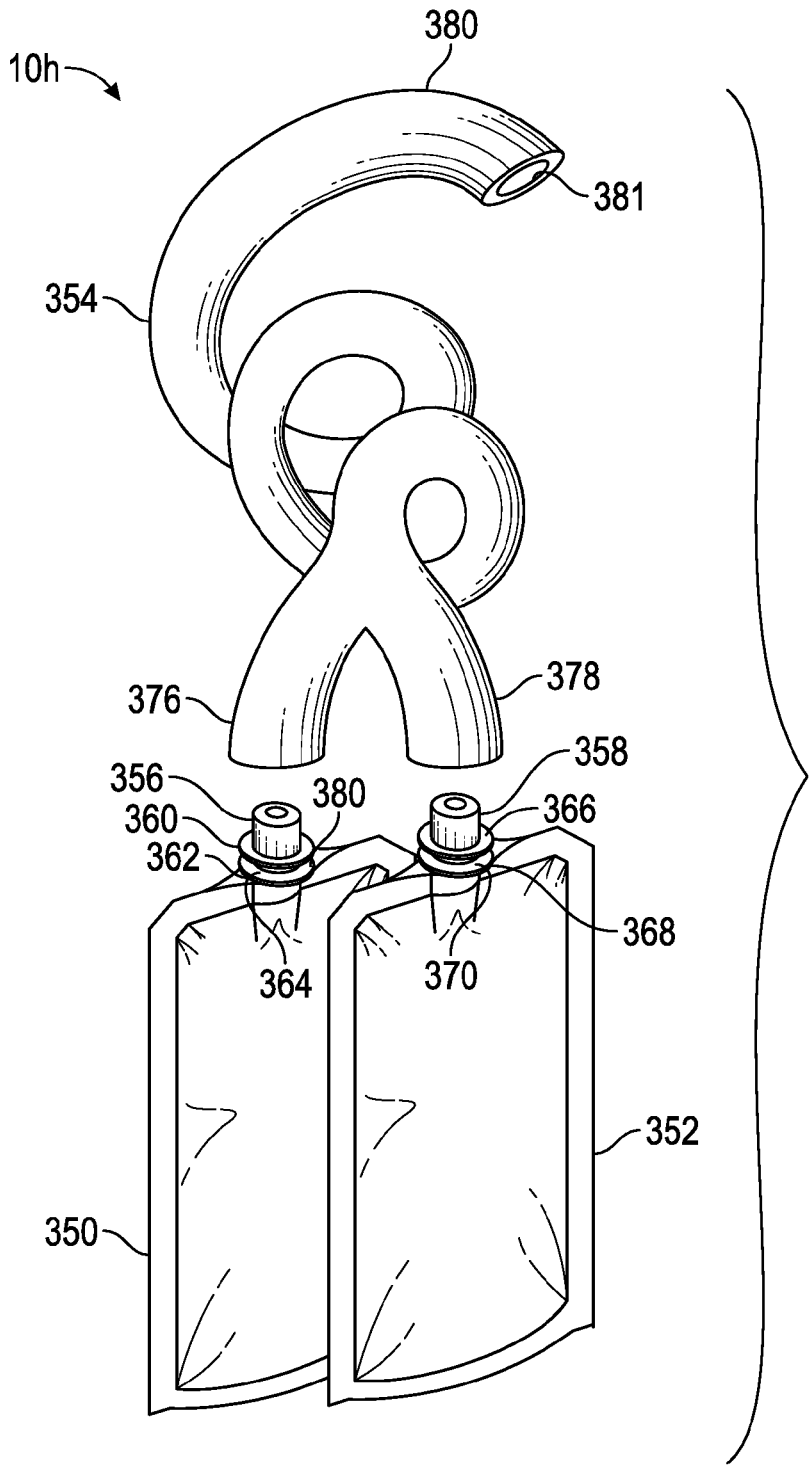
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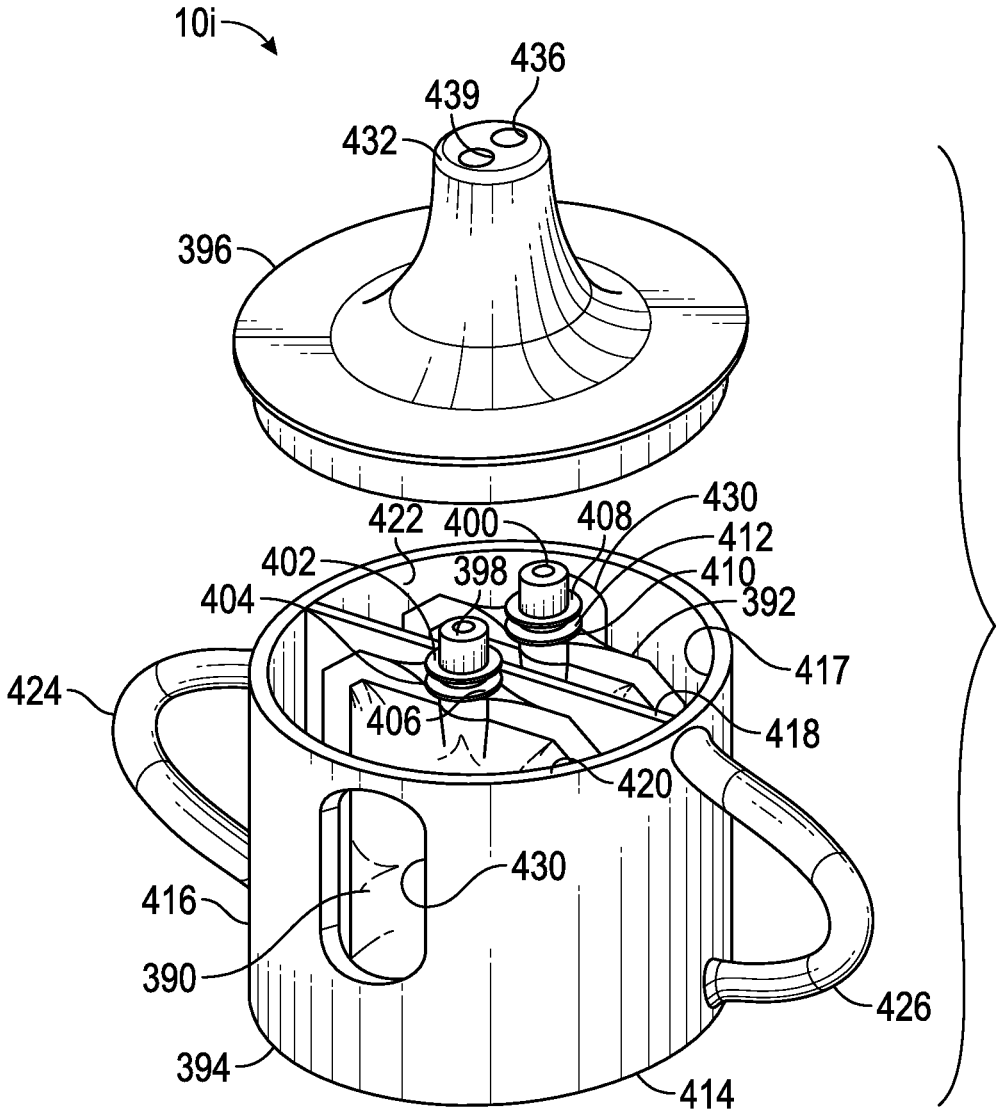
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FIG. 15

MULTI-COMPONENT FOOD PRODUCT

BACKGROUND

[0001] Various types of packaging for products are well known in the art. In particular, flexible pouches are currently used in the packaging of a wide variety of food and beverage products. Flexible pouches for food and beverage products are frequently marketed for use by infants and children because the pouches are convenient, inexpensive, and provide ease of use. A variety of nutritional food and beverage products are available in flexible pouches. Nevertheless, many parents are interested in finding ways to encourage their child to consume more nutritional food products.

[0002] Flexible pouches contain a fixed flavor. For example, a pouch may include bananas, or strawberries, or a mixture of bananas and strawberries, by way of example. However, many children often enjoy mixing various flavors on their own.

[0003] To this end, a need exists for a multi-component food product that allows a consumer to mix and match one food product contained in one food pouch with another food product contained in another food pouch. It is to such a food product and method of forming same that the inventive concepts disclosed herein are directed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0004] The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate one or more implementations described herein and, together with the description, explain these implementations. The drawings are not intended to be drawn to scale, and certain features and certain views of the figures may be shown exaggerated, to scale or in schematic in the interest of clarity and conciseness. Not every component may be labeled in every drawing. Like reference numerals in the figures may represent and refer to the same or similar element or function. In the drawings:

[0005] FIG. **1**A is an exploded, perspective view of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0006] FIG. **1**B is a top plan view of the multi-component food product of FIG. **1**A shown in a mated position.

[0007] FIG. **2** is a side elevational view of another embodiment of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0008] FIG. **3** is an exploded, perspective view of a pouch and a connector member of multi-component food product of FIG. **2**.

[0009] FIG. **4** is a perspective view of a portion of another embodiment of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0010] FIG. **5** is a perspective view of a connector member used with the multi-component food product of FIG. **4**.

[0011] FIG. **6** is an exploded, perspective view of a portion of another embodiment of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0012] FIG. **7**A is a top plan view of the multi-component food product of FIG. **6** shown in an unlocked position.

[0013] FIG. **7**B is a top plan view of the multi-component food product of FIG. **6** shown in a locked position.

[0014] FIG. **8**A is a partially cross-sectional, side view of another embodiment of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0015] FIG. **8**B is a partially cross-sectional, exploded side view of the multi-component food product of FIG. **8**A.

[0016] FIG. **9**A is a partially cross-sectional, side view of another embodiment of the multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0017] FIG. **9**B is partially cross-sectional, exploded side view of the multi-component food product of FIG. **9**A.

[0018] FIG. **10** is an exploded, perspective view of another embodiment of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0019] FIG. **11** is an assembled cross-sectional side view of the multi-component food product of FIG. **10**.

[0020] FIG. **12** is a side elevational view of another embodiment of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0021] FIG. **13** is a side elevational view of a pouch and straw combination of FIG. **12**.

[0022] FIG. **14** is an exploded, perspective view of another embodiment of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

[0023] FIG. **15** is an exploded, perspective view of another embodiment of a multi-component food product constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0024] Before explaining at least one embodiment of the inventive concepts disclosed herein in detail, it is to be understood that the inventive concepts are not limited in their application to the details of construction and the arrangement of the components or steps or methodologies set forth in the following description or illustrated in the drawings. The inventive concepts disclosed herein are capable of other embodiments, or of being practiced or carried out in various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology employed herein is for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting the inventive concepts disclosed and claimed herein in any way.

[0025] In the following detailed description of embodiments of the inventive concepts, numerous specific details are set forth in order to provide a more thorough understanding of the inventive concepts. However, it will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that the inventive concepts within the instant disclosure may be practiced without these specific details. In other instances, well-known features have not been described in detail to avoid unnecessarily complicating the instant disclosure.

[0026] As used herein, the terms "comprises," "comprising," "includes," "including," "has," "having," and any variations thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion. For example, a process, method, article, or apparatus that comprises a list of elements is not necessarily limited to only those elements, and may include other elements not expressly listed or inherently present therein.

[0027] Unless expressly stated to the contrary, "or" refers to an inclusive or and not to an exclusive or. For example, a condition A or B is satisfied by any one of the following: A is true (or present) and B is false (or not present), A is false (or not present) and B is true (or present), and both A and B is true (or present).

[0028] In addition, use of the "a" or "an" are employed to describe elements and components of the embodiments disclosed herein. This is done merely for convenience and to give a general sense of the inventive concepts. This description should be read to include one or at least one and the singular also includes the plural unless it is obvious that it is meant otherwise.

[0029] As used herein, qualifiers like "substantially," "about," "approximately," and combinations and variations thereof, are intended to include not only the exact amount or value that they qualify, but also some slight deviations therefrom, which may be due to manufacturing tolerances, measurement error, wear and tear, stresses exerted on various parts, and combinations thereof, for example.

[0030] Finally, as used herein any reference to "one embodiment" or "an embodiment" means that a particular element, feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment is included in at least one embodiment. The appearances of the phrase "in one embodiment" in various places in the specification are not necessarily all referring to the same embodiment.

[0031] Referring now to the drawings, and in particular to FIGS. **1**A and **1**B, a multi-component food product **10** constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein is illustrated. The multi-component food product **10** includes a first flexible pouch **12** containing a first food product (not shown) and a second flexible pouch **16** containing a second food product (not shown). The first pouch **12** has a first spout **20** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **12**, and the second pouch **16** has a second spout **22** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **22**. The first spout **20** and the second spout **22** are configured so as to be mateable (FIG. **1**B) in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **12** and the second food product of the second pouch **16** to be consumed simultaneously.

[0032] Flexible pouches are well known by those having ordinary skill in the art and, therefore, will not be described in detail herein. In general, however, the pouches **12** and **16** may be fabricated of any non-permeable, flexible material. For example, the pouches **12** and **16** may be made of one or more flexible sheets, such as polymer sheets or foil sheets. The pouches **12** and **16** may be used to contain any flowable material. Non-exclusive examples of flowable material include food, beverages, granules, and gases. By way of example, the flowable material may be pureed food products or beverages designed for consumption by children such as, but not limited to, oatmeal, a puree, a yogurt product, a frosting, a sauce, a dip, fruit pieces, diary, cheese, or savory food products. It should be appreciated that the first food product and the second food product may be of the same type of food product or different food products. Also, it should be appreciated that the first food product and the second food product may have any flavor such as, but not limited to strawberry, grape, lemon, lime, orange, white grape, vanilla, raspberry, banana, apple, chocolate, pear, yogurt, kiwi, mango, tropicals or combinations thereof. In one embodiment, the first food product may be a first flavor and the second food product may be a second flavor, which is different from the first flavor or the first flavor may be the same and the second flavor.

[0033] As mentioned above, the first spout **20** and the second spout **22** are configured so as to be mateable in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first food pouch **12** and the second food product of the second food pouch **16** simultaneously, thereby allowing a consumer to mix and match the food product of one pouch with the food product of another pouch. The first spout **20** has a passage **24** in fluid communication with the interior of the first pouch **12**, and the second spout **22** has a passage **26** in fluid communication with the interior of the second pouch **16**. In one embodiment, the first spout **20** and the second spout **22** are each D-shaped or semi-circular shaped wherein the first spout **20** has a flat surface **28** along the length of the first spout **20** and the second spout **22** has a flat surface **30** extending along the length of the second spout **22**. The first spout **20** is secured to the first pouch **12** in a suitable fashion so that the flat surface **28** is aligned with one side of the first pouch **12**. Similarly, the second spout **22** is secured to the second pouch **16** so that the flat surface **30** is aligned with one side of the second pouch **16**. To this end, the flat surface **28** of the first spout **12** may be brought into contact with the flat surface **30** of the second spout **16** in a face-to-face relationship, as illustrated in FIG. **1**B. With the flat surfaces **28** and **30** brought together, the first spout **12** and the second spout **16** cooperate to define a substantially cylindrical shaped spout that may be easily disposed in the mouth of a consumer.

[0034] While the first spout **20** and the second spout **22** have been illustrated as being D-shaped, the first spout **20** and the second spout **22** may be formed in a variety of mating shapes. By way of example, the first spout **20** and the second spout **22** may be square, rectangular, triangular, or any shape with mateable flat surfaces. In another embodiment, the first spout **20** and the second spout **22** may be provided with mateable curved surfaces. Also, the first spout **20** may include flanges **32** and **34** that extend partially around the first spout **20** in a spaced apart relationship to form a groove **36** therebetween. Likewise, the second spout **22** may include flanges **38** and **40** that extend partially around the second spout **22** to form a groove **42** therebetween.

[0035] The first pouch **12** and the second pouch **16** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **20** and the second spout **22**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **20** and the second spout **22**.

[0036] To facilitate the mating of the first spout **20** with the second spout **22**, the first pouch **12** and the second pouch **16** may include a connector member **44** for securing the first pouch **12** to the second pouch **16**. In one embodiment, the first pouch **12** and the second pouch **16** may be provided with fasteners, such as hook and loop fasteners as illustrated in FIG. **1**A. In another embodiment, one or both of the pouches **12** and **16** may include an adhesive or cohesive.

[0037] FIGS. **2** and **3** illustrate another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***a* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein. The multi-component food product **10***a* includes a first flexible pouch **46** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **48** containing a second food product (not shown), and a connector member **50**. The first pouch **46** has a first spout **52** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **46**, and the second pouch **48** has a second spout **54** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **48**. The connector member **50** mates the first spout **52** and the second spout **54** with one another (FIG. **2**) in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **46** and the second food product of the second pouch **48** simultaneously.

[0038] The first pouch **46** and the second pouch **48** are similar to the first pouch **12** and the second pouch **16** of the multi-component food product **10** except as described below. In one embodiment, the first spout **52** includes a pair of flanges **56** and **58** extending about the first spout **52** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **60** therebetween. Likewise, the second spout **54** has a pair of flanges **62** and **64** extending about the second spout **54** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **66** therebetween.

[0039] In one embodiment, the connector member **50** may have a base **68**, a first portion **70** extending from one side of the base **68**, and a second portion **72** extending from an opposing side of the base **72**. The connector member **50** may be formed of any suitable material, such as plastic, and be formed in a variety of sizes. The base **68** is illustrated as being substantially rectangular in shape, but the base **68** may be formed in a wide variety of shapes and sizes.

[0040] The first portion **70** may include a plurality of barbed prongs **74** configured to be received in the groove **60** on opposing sides of the first spout **52** and lockingly engage with the flanges **56** and **58** of the first spout **52**. Similarly, the second portion **72** may include a plurality of barbed prongs **78** configured to be received in the groove **66** on opposing sides of the second spout **54** and lockingly engage with the flanges **62** and **64** of the second spout **54**. The barbed prongs **74** and **78** may be inwardly flexible to facilitate insertion through the grooves **60** and **66** and disengagement from the flanges **56**, **58**, **62**, and **64**. It should be appreciated that the connector member **50** may be formed in a variety of configurations capable of engaging with or otherwise connecting to the first spout **52** and the second spout **54**. By way of example, the connector member **50** may include U-shaped clips.

[0041] With the connector member **50** connected to the first spout **52** and the second spout **54**, the first spout and the second spout **54** are lockingly engaged with one another in a way to permit the first spout **52** and the second spout **54** to be easily disposed in the mouth of a consumer to permit consumption of the first food product of the first pouch **46** and the second food product of the second pouch **48** simultaneously.

[0042] While the first spout **52** and the second spout **54** have been illustrated as circular, the first spout **52** and the second spout **54** may be formed in a variety of shapes. By way of example, the first spout **52** and the second spout **54** may be substantially oval, square, D-shaped, rectangular, or triangular.

[0043] The first pouch **46** and the second pouch **48** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **52** and the second spout **54**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **52** and the second spout **54**.

[0044] FIGS. **4** and **5** illustrate another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***b* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein. The multi-component food product **10***b* includes a first flexible pouch **80** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **82** containing a second food product (not shown), and a connector member **84**. The first pouch **80** has a first spout **86** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **80**, and the second pouch **82** has a second spout **88** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **82**. The connector member **84** mates the first spout **86** and the second spout **88** (FIG. **4**) in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **80** and the second food product of the second pouch **82** simultaneously.

[0045] The first pouch **80** and the second pouch **82** are similar to the first pouch **12** and the second pouch **16** of multi-component food product **10** except as described below. In one embodiment, the first spout **86** includes a pair of flanges (only one flange **90** being visible in FIG. **4**) extending about the first spout **86** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove similar to that shown in FIG. **3**. Similarly, the second spout **88** includes a pair of flanges (only one flange **92** being visible in FIG. **4**) extending about the second spout **88** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove therebetween. Instead of extending about the entire spout as shown in FIG. **3**, the flanges of the first spout **86** and the second spout **88**, including the flanges **90** and **92**, may extend only partially about the first spout **86** and the second spout **88** such that the flanges have a substantially D-shape or semi-circular shape.

[0046] In one embodiment, the connector member **84** may have a base **94**, a first portion **95** extending from one side of the base **94** and a second portion **97** extending from an opposing side of the base **94**. The connector member **84** has a first end **99** and a second end **101**. The base **94** may be formed of any suitable material, such as plastic, and be formed in a variety of sizes. The base **94** is illustrated as being substantially rectangular in shape, but the base **94** may be formed in a wide variety of shapes and sizes.

[0047] The first portion **95** is formed as a first collar member **100** configured to be fitted about the flanges of the first spout **86**. The first collar member **100** is hingedly attached to the first end **99** of the base **94** and is lockingly egageable with the second end **101** of the base **94**. Similarly, the second portion **97** is formed as a second collar member **102** configured to be fitted about the flanges of the second spout **88**. The second collar member **102** is hingedly attached to the second end **101** of the base **94** and is lockingly egageable with the first end **99** of the base **94**.

[0048] In use, the base **94** is positioned between the first spout **86** and the second spout **88** in a way that allows the first collar member **100** to encompass the flanges of the first spout **86** and the second collar member **102** to encompass the flanges of the second spout **88**. With the base **94** in position, the first collar member **100** may rotated to encompass the flanges of the first spout **86** and secured to the second end **101** of the base **94**, and the second collar member **100** may rotated to encompass the flanges of the second spout **86** and secured to the first end **99** of the base **94**. The first end second collar member **100** and **102** may be releasably secured to the base with any suitable latch (not shown).

[0049] With the connector member **84** connected to the first spout **86** and the second spout **88**, the first spout **86** and the second spout **88** are locking engaged with one another in a way to permit the first spout **86** and the second spout **88** to be easily disposed in the mouth of a consumer to permit consumption of the first food product of the first pouch **80** and the second food product of the second pouch **82** simultaneously.

[0050] While the first spout **86** and the second spout **88** have been illustrated as being substantially circular in shape, the first spout **86** and the second spout **88** may be formed in a variety of shapes. By way of example, the first spout **86** and the second spout **88** may be substantially oval, square, D-shaped, rectangular, or triangular.

[0051] The first pouch **80** and the second pouch **82** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **86** and the second spout **88**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **86** and the second spout **88**.

[0052] Referring now to FIGS. **6**, **7**A, and **7**B, another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***c* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein is illustrated. The multi-component food product **10***c* includes a first flexible pouch **110** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **112** containing a second food product (not shown), and a connector member **114**. The first pouch **110** has a first spout **116** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **110**, and the second pouch **112** has a second spout **118** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **112**. The connector member **114** mates the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** (FIG. **7**B) in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **110** and the second food product of the second pouch **112** to be consumed simultaneously.

[0053] The first pouch **110** and the second pouch **112** are similar to the pouches described above, except as described below. In one embodiment, the first spout **116** may have a pair of flanges **115** and **117** extending about the first spout **116** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **119** therebetween. Similarly, the second spout **118** may have a pair of flanges **121** and **123** extending about the second spout **118** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **125** therebetween.

[0054] In one embodiment, the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** may be D-shaped or semi-circular shaped wherein the first spout **116** has a flat surface **120** along the length of the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** has a flat surface **122** extending along the length of the second spout **118**. The first spout **116** is secured to the first pouch **110** in a suitable fashion so that the flat surface **120** is aligned with one side of the first pouch **110**, and the second spout **118** is secured to the second pouch **112** so that the flat surface **122** is aligned with one side of the second pouch **122**. To this end, the flat surface **120** of the first spout **116** may be brought into contact with the flat surface **122** of the second spout **118** in a face-to-face relationship, as illustrated in FIGS. **7**A and **7**B. The first spout **116** has a set of threads **127** extending partially around the first spout **116**, and the second spout **118** has a set of threads **129** extending partially around the second spout **118**.

[0055] In one embodiment, the connector member **114** includes a first collar member **124** and a second collar member **126**. The first collar member **124** is threadingly engageable with the set of threads **127** of the first spout **116**, and the second collar member **126** is threadingly engageable with the set of threads **129** of the second spout **118**. FIG. **7**A illustrates the connector member **114** in an unlocked position wherein the flat surface **120** of the first spout **116** and the flat surface **122** of the second spout are brought into contact in a face-to-face relationship. From this position, the first collar member **124** and the second collar member **126** may be rotated partially about the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** to lockingly engage the first spout **116** with the second spout **118**, as illustrated in FIG. **7**B.

[0056] With the connector member **114** in the locked position, the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** are lockingly engaged with one another in a way to permit the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** to be easily disposed in the mouth of a consumer to permit consumption of the first food product of the first pouch **116** and the second food product of the second pouch **118** simultaneously.

[0057] While the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** have been illustrated as being D-shaped, the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** may be formed in a variety of shapes. By way of example, the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** may be square, rectangular, triangular, or any shape with mateable flat surfaces. In another embodiment, the first spout **116** and the second spout **118** may be provided with mateable curved surfaces.

[0058] As illustrated in FIG. **6**, the first spout **116** may include a flexible portion **140**, and the second the second spout **118** may have a flexible portion **142**, which may be intertwined with the flexible portion **140** of the first spout **116** to further mate the first spout **116** with the second spout **118**.

[0059] The first pouch **110** and the second pouch **112** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **116** and the second spout **118**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **116** and the second spout **118**.

[0060] FIGS. **8**A and **8**B illustrate another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***d* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein. The multi-component food product **10***d* includes a first flexible pouch **150** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **152** containing a second food product (not shown), a first straw **154**, and a second straw **156**. The first pouch **150** has a first spout **158** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **150**, and the second pouch **152** has a second spout **160** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **152**. The first straw **154** and the second straw **156** mate the first spout **158** and the second spout **160** with one another (FIG. **8**B) in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **150** and the second food product of the second pouch **152** simultaneously.

[0061] The first pouch **150** and the second pouch **152** are similar to the pouches described above, except as described below. In one embodiment, the first spout **152** may have a pair of flanges **162** and **164** extending about the first spout **158** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **166** therebetween. Similarly, the second spout **160** may have a pair of flanges **168** and **170** extending about the second spout **160** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **172** therebetween. The first spout **158** may also have a set of threads **174** extending about the first spout **158**, and the second spout **160** may have a set of threads **176** extending about the second spout **160**.

[0062] The first straw **154** has a first end **178**, a second end **180**, and a fluid passage **182** extending therethrough. The first end **178** is configured to be connected to the first spout **158**. In one embodiment, the first end **178** of the first straw **154** is threadingly connectable to the first spout **158**. The second end **180** may include a male connector portion **184**.

[0063] The second straw **156** has a first end **186**, a second end **188**, a first fluid passage **190** extending therethrough, and a second fluid passage **192** extending therethrough in an offset, non-intersecting relationship to the first fluid passage **190**. The first end **186** of the second straw **156** is configured to be connected to the second spout **160** so that the first fluid passage **190** of the second straw **156** is in fluid communication with the second spout **160**. In one embodiment, the first end **186** of the second straw **156** is threadingly connectable to the second spout **160**. The second straw **156** may be config-

ured so that an inlet end **194** of the second passage **192** is longitudinally offset relative to an inlet end **196** of the first passage **190** whereby the second fluid passage **192** has a length less than the length of the first passage **190**. The inlet end **194** of the second fluid passage **192** may include a female connector portion **198** mateable with the male connector portion **184** of the first straw **154** wherein the first straw **154** may be connected to the second straw **156** in a way that the second fluid passage **192** of the second straw **156** is fluidly connected to the fluid passage **182** of the first straw **154**.

[0064] In use, the first straw **154** is connected to the first spout **158** so that the fluid passage **182** is in fluid communication with the first spout **158**, and the second straw **156** is connected to the second spout **160** so that the first fluid passage **190** of the second straw **156** is in fluid communication with the second spout **160**. The second straw **156** is then connected to the first straw **154** so that the second fluid passage **192** of the second straw **156** is in fluid communication with the fluid passage of the first straw **154**. The second end **188** of the second straw **156** may then be disposed in a consumer's mouth so that the consumer may consume the first food product of the first pouch **150** and the second food product of the second pouch **152** simultaneously.

[0065] While the first straw **154** and the second straw **156** have been illustrated as threadingly engaged with the first spout **158** and the second spout **160**, the engagement between the first straw **154** and the first spout **158** and the second straw **156** and the second spout **160** may be snap-fit or friction-fit. Also, the first pouch **150** and the second pouch **152** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **158** and the second spout **160**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **158** and the second spout **160**.

[0066] FIGS. **9**A and **9**B illustrate another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***e* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein. The multi-component food product **10***e* includes a first flexible pouch **210** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **212** containing a second food product (not shown), a first straw **214**, and a second straw **216**. The first pouch **210** has a first spout **218** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **210**, and the second pouch **212** has a second spout **220** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **212**. The first straw **214** and the second straw **216** mate the first spout **218** and the second spout **220** with one another (FIG. **8**B) in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **210** and the second food product of the second pouch **212** simultaneously.

[0067] The first pouch **210** and the second pouch **212** are similar to the pouches described above. In one embodiment, the first spout **218** may have a pair of flanges **222** and **224** extending about the first spout **218** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **226** therebetween. Similarly, the second spout **220** may have a pair of flanges **228** and **230** extending about the second spout **220** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **232** therebetween. The first spout **218** may also have a set of threads **234** extending about the first spout **218**, and the second spout **220** may have a set of threads **236** extending about the second spout **220**.

[0068] The first straw **214** has a first end **238**, a second end **240**, and a fluid passage **242** extending therethrough. The first end **238** is configured to be connected to the first spout **218**. In one embodiment, the first end **238** of the first straw **214** is threadingly connectable to the first spout **218**. The second end **240** may include a male connector portion **244**.

[0069] The second straw **216** has a first end **246**, a second end **248**, a first fluid passage **250** extending therethrough, and a second fluid passage **252** extending therethrough. The second fluid passage **252** intersects the first fluid passage **250** between the first end **246** and the second end **248**. The first end **246** of the second straw **216** is configured to be connected to the second spout **220** so that the first fluid passage **250** of the second straw **216** is in fluid communication with the second spout **220**. In one embodiment, the first end **238** of the second straw **216** is threadingly connectable to the second spout **220**. The second straw **216** may be configured so that an inlet end **254** of the second passage **252** is longitudinally offset relative to an inlet end **256** of the first passage **250**. The inlet end **254** of the second fluid passage **252** may include a female connector portion **258** mateable with the male connector portion **244** of the first straw **214** wherein the second straw **216** may be connected to the first straw **214** in a way that the second fluid passage **252** of the second straw **216** is fluidly connected to the fluid passage **242** of the first straw **214**.

[0070] In use, the first straw **214** is connected to the first spout **218** so that the fluid passage **242** is in fluid communication with the first spout **218**, and the second straw **216** is connected to the second spout **220** so that the first fluid passage **250** of the second straw **216** is in fluid communication with the second spout **216**. The second straw **216** is then connected to the first straw **214** so that the second fluid passage of the second straw **216** is in fluid communication with the fluid passage **242** of the first straw **214**. The second end **248** of the second straw **216** may then be disposed in a consumer's mouth so that the consumer may consume the first food product of the first pouch **210** and the second food product of the second pouch **212** simultaneously.

[0071] While the first straw **214** and the second straw **216** have been illustrated as threadingly engaged with the first spout **218** and the second spout **220**, the engagement between the first straw **214** and the first spout **218** and the second straw **216** and the second spout **220** may be snap-fit or friction-fit. Also, the first pouch **210** and the second pouch **212** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **218** and the second spout **220**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **218** and the second spout **220**.

[0072] Referring now to FIGS. **10** and **11**, another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***f* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein is illustrated. The multi-component food product **10***f* includes a first flexible pouch **270** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **272** containing a second food product (not shown, and a straw **274**. The first pouch **270** has a first spout **276** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **270**, and the second pouch **272** has a second spout **278** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **272**. The straw **274** mates the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** with one another (FIG. **11**) in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **270** and the second food product of the second pouch **272** simultaneously.

[0073] In one embodiment, the first pouch **270** and the second pouch **272** are similar to the first pouch **12** and the second pouch **16** of the multi-component food product **10** described above. The first spout **276** has a passage **280** in fluid communication with the interior of the first pouch **270**, and the second spout **278** has a passage **282** in fluid communica-

tion with the interior of the second pouch **272**. In one embodiment, the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** are each D-shaped or semi-circular shaped wherein the first spout **276** has a flat surface **284** along the length of the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** has a flat surface **286** extending along the length of the second spout **278**. In one embodiment, the first spout **276** may have a pair of flanges **275** and **277** partially extending about the first spout **276** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **279** therebetween. Similarly, the second spout **278** may have a pair of flanges **281** and **283** partially extending about the second spout **278** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **285** therebetween. The first spout **276** has a set of threads **288** partially extending around the first spout **276**, and the second spout **278** has a set of threads **290** partially extending around the second spout **278**. The first spout **276** is secured to the first pouch **270** in a suitable fashion so that the flat surface **284** is aligned with one side of the first pouch **270**. Similarly, the second spout **278** is secured to the second pouch **272** so that the flat surface **286** is aligned with one side of the second pouch **272**. To this end, the flat surface **284** of the first spout **276** may be brought into contact with the flat surface **286** of the second spout **278** in a face-to-face relationship, as illustrated in FIG. **11**. With the flat surfaces **284** and **286** brought together, the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** cooperate to define a substantially cylindrical shaped spout about which the straw **274** may be disposed.

[0074] The straw **274** has first end **292**, a second end **294**, and a fluid passage **296** extending therethrough from the first end **292** to the second end **294**. The first end **292** is configured to be disposed about the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** when the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** are in a face-to-face relationship. The first end **292** of the straw **274** may include a set of internal threads **298** for threaded engagement with the set of threads **288** and **290** of the first and second spouts **276** and **278** so that the straw **274** is disposed about the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** in a way that the fluid passage **296** of the straw **274** is in fluid communication with the first spout **276** and the second spout **278**. While the straw **274** has been illustrated as threadingly engaged with the first spout **276** and the second spout **278**, the engagement between the straw **274** and the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** may be snap-fit or friction-fit.

[0075] The straw **274** may include a straw cap **300** for closing the straw **274**. The straw cap **300** may be any suitable cap for sealing the straw **274**. In one embodiment, the straw **274** has an exterior set of threads **302** and the straw cap **264** has a complimentary set of threads (not shown) and the straw **274** and straw cap **300** are threadingly engaged when in a sealed position. In another embodiment, the straw cap **300** may be sealed to the straw **274** by snap-fit or by friction-fit.

[0076] While the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** have been illustrated as being D-shaped, the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** may be formed in a variety of mateable shapes. By way of example, the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** may be square, rectangular, triangular, or any shape with mateable flat surfaces. In another embodiment, the first spout **276** and the second spout **278** may be provided with mateable curved surfaces.

[0077] The first pouch **270** and the second pouch **272** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **276** and the second spout **278**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **276** and the second spout **278**.

[0078] FIGS. **12** and **13** illustrate another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***g* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein. The multi-component food product **10***g* includes a first flexible pouch **310** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **312** containing a second food product (not shown), a first straw **314**, and a second straw **316**. The first pouch **310** has a first spout **318** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **310**, and the second pouch **312** has a second spout **320** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **312**. The first straw **314** and the second straw **316** mate the first spout **318** and the second spout **320** with one another (FIG. **12**) in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **310** and the second food product of the second pouch **312** simultaneously.

[0079] The first pouch **310** and the second pouch **312** are similar to the pouches described above, except as described below. In one embodiment, the first spout **318** may have a pair of flanges **322** and **324** extending about the first spout **318** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **326** therebetween. Similarly, the second spout **320** may have a pair of flanges **328** and **330** extending about the second spout **320** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **332** therebetween. The first spout **318** may also have a set of threads **334** extending about the first spout **318**, and the second spout **320** may have a set of threads **336** extending about the second spout **320**.

[0080] The first straw **314** and the second straw **316** are identical in construction. Thus, only the first straw **314** will be described in detail with reference to FIG. **13**. The first straw **314** has a first end **338**, a second end **340**, and a fluid passage **341** (FIG. **13**) extending therethough. The first end **338** is configured to be connected to the first spout **318**. In one embodiment, the first end **338** of the first straw **314** is threadingly connectable to the first spout **318**. The first end **338** may be configured to have a flat surface along one side thereof which is mateable in a face-to-face relationship with a corresponding flat surface of the second straw **316**.

[0081] The second end **340** of the first straw **314** is flexible to permit the second end **340** of the first straw **314** to be intertwined with the second end of the second straw **316**. The first straw **314** may be fabricated of a polymeric material so that the second end **340** maintains its shape upon being intertwined with the second straw **316**.

[0082] In use, the first straw **314** is connected to the first spout **318** so that the fluid passage **341** of the first straw **314** is in fluid communication with the first spout **318**, and the second straw **316** is connected to the second spout **320**, so that the fluid passage of the second straw **316** is in fluid communication with the second spout **320**. The flat surfaces of the first straw **314** and the second straw **316** may then be brought together and intertwined with one another by twisting the second ends around one another, as illustrated in FIG. **12**. The second end **340** of the first straw **314** and the second end **344** of the second straw **316** may then be disposed in a consumer's mouth so that the consumer may consume the first food product of the first pouch **310** and the second food product of the second pouch **312** simultaneously.

[0083] While the first straw **314** and the second straw **316** have been illustrated as threadingly engaged with the first spout **318** and the second spout **320**, the engagement between the first straw **314** and the first spout **318** and the second straw **316** and the second spout **320** may be snap-fit or friction-fit.

[0084] Also, the first pouch **310** and the second pouch **312** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **318** and the second spout **320**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **318** and the second spout **320**.

[0085] FIG. **14** illustrates another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***h* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein. The multi-component **10***h* food product includes a first flexible pouch **350** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **352** containing a second food product (not shown), and a straw **354**. The first pouch **350** has a first spout **356** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **350**, and the second pouch **352** has a second spout **358** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **352**. The straw **354** mates the first spout **356** and the second spout **358** with one another in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **350** and the second food product of the second pouch **352**.

[0086] The first pouch **350** and the second pouch **352** are similar to the pouches described above, except as described below. In one embodiment, the first spout **356** may have a pair of flanges **360** and **362** extending about the first spout **356** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **364** therebetween. Similarly, the second spout **358** may have a pair of flanges **366** and **368** extending about the second spout **358** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **370** therebetween.

[0087] The straw **354** has a first end portion **376**, a second end portion **378**, a third end portion **380** intersecting with and extending from the first end portion **376** and the second end portion **378**. The first end portion **376**, the second end portion **378**, and the third end portion **380** cooperate to define a fluid passage **381**. The first end portion **376** is configured to be connected to the first spout **356** so that the fluid passage **381** is in fluid communication with the first spout **356**, and the second end portion **378** is configured to be connected to the second spout **358** so that the fluid passage **381** is in fluid communication with the second spout **358**. In one embodiment, the first end portion **376** and the second end portion **378** are configured to be press-fit or snap-fit to the first spout **356** and the second spout **358**.

[0088] In use, the first end portion **376** of the straw **354** is connected to the first spout **356** so that the fluid passage in is fluid communication with the first spout **356**, and the second end portion **378** of the straw **354** is connected to the second spout **358** so that the fluid passage **381** is in fluid communication with the second spout **358**. The third end portion **380** may then be disposed in a consumer's mouth so that the consumer may consume the first food product of the first pouch **350** and the second food product of the second pouch **352** simultaneously.

[0089] Also, the first pouch **350** and the second pouch **352** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **356** and the second spout **358**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **356** and the second spout **358**.

[0090] FIG. **15** illustrates another embodiment of a multi-component food product **10***i* constructed in accordance with the inventive concepts disclosed herein. The multi-component food product **10***i* includes a first flexible pouch **390** containing a first food product (not shown), a second flexible pouch **392** containing a second food product (not shown), a cup **394**, and a lid **396**. The first pouch **390** has a first spout **398** for discharging the first food product from the first flexible pouch **390**, and the second pouch **392** has a second spout **400** for discharging the second food product from the second pouch **392**. The cup **394** and the lid **396** mate the first spout **398** and the second spout **400** with one another in a way to permit an individual to consume the first food product of the first pouch **390** and the second food product of the second pouch **392** simultaneously.

[0091] The first pouch **390** and the second pouch **392** are similar to the pouches described above, except as described below. In one embodiment, the first spout **398** may have a pair of flanges **402** and **404** extending about the first spout **398** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **406** therebetween. Similarly, the second spout **400** may have a pair of flanges **408** and **410** in a spaced apart relationship relative to one another to form a groove **412** therebetween.

[0092] The cup **394** may have a bottom **414** and a sidewall **416**. The sidewall **416** extends from the bottom **414** so as to cooperate to define a pouch receiving compartment **417**. The cup may have a dividing wall **418** extending across the pouch receiving compartment **417** to define at least two pouch receiving compartments **420** and **422**, in which the first pouch **390** and the second pouch **392** may be housed. The cup **394** may further have handles **424** and **426** extending from the sidewall **416** to facilitate handling of the multi-component food product **10***i*. In one embodiment, the sidewall **416** of the cup **394** may be provided with openings **430** to provide access to the first pouch **390** and the second pouch **392** in a way that the pouches **390** and **392** may be manipulated to discharge their contents.

[0093] The lid **396** has a spout **432**, a first fluid passage **434** extending therethrough, and a second fluid passage **436** extending therethrough. The lid **396** is configured to be connected to the cup **394** such that the first fluid passage **432** is connected to the first spout **398** and the second fluid passage **434** is connected to the second spout **400**. While the spout **432** has been shown and described as having two separate fluid passages, it will be appreciated that the fluid passages may intersect so that the spout **432** has only one outlet.

[0094] In use, the first pouch **390** and the second pouch **392** are placed into the cup **394** such that the cup **394** houses the first pouch **390** and the second pouch **392**. The lid **396** is then connected to the cup **394** such that the first fluid passage **434** is in fluid communication with the first spout **398** and the second fluid passage **436** is in fluid communication with the second spout **400**. The spout **432** of the lid **396** may then be disposed in a consumer's mouth so that the consumer may consumer the first food product of the first pouch **390** and the second food product of the second pouch **392**.

[0095] Also, the first pouch **390** and the second pouch **392** may each include a cap (not shown) for closing the first spout **398** and the second spout **400**. The cap may be any suitable cap for sealing the first spout **398** and the second spout **400**.

[0096] From the above description, it is clear that the inventive concepts disclosed and claimed herein are well adapted to carry out the objects and to attain the advantages mentioned herein, as well as those inherent in the invention. While exemplary embodiments of the inventive concepts have been described for purposes of this disclosure, it will be understood that numerous changes may be made which will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art and which are accomplished within the spirit of the inventive concepts disclosed and/or as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A multi-component food product, comprising:

a first flexible pouch containing a first flowable food product and having a first spout for discharging the first flowable food product from the first flexible pouch; and

a second flexible pouch containing a second flowable food product different from the first flowable food product and having a second spout for discharging the second flowable food product from the second flexible pouch,

wherein the first spout and the second spout are mated with one another in a way to permit the first flowable food product and the second flowable food product to be consumed simultaneously.

2. The product of claim **1**, wherein the first spout and the second spout are lockingly engaged with one another.

3. The product of claim **1**, further comprising a connector member having a first portion connected to the first spout and a second portion connected to the second spout.

4. The product of claim **3**, wherein the first portion; the second portion; or the first portion and the second portion is releasably connected to the first spout.

5. The product of claim **1**, further comprising:

a connector member having a base with a first end and a second end, a first collar member hingedly attached to the first end of the base, and a second collar member hingedly attached to the second end of the base,

wherein the base is placed between the first spout and the second spout, the first collar member is fitted around the first spout and is lockably engaged to the second end of the base, and the second collar member is fitted around the second spout and is lockably engaged to the first end of the base.

6. The product of claim **1**, wherein the first spout has a set of threads extending partially around the first spout and is substantially D-shaped with a flat surface, wherein the second spout has a set of threads extending partially around the second spout and is substantially D-shaped with a flat surface, and wherein the product further comprises:

a connector member having a first collar member engaged with the set of threads of the first spout and a second collar member engaged with the set of threads of the second spout,

wherein the flat surface of the first spout and the flat surface of the second spout are mated in a face to face relationship and the first collar member of the connector member and the second collar member of the connector member are rotated along the first set of threads and the second set of threads to lockingly engage the first spout and the second spout.

7. The product of claim **1**, further comprising:

a first straw fluidly connected to the first spout, the first straw having a fluid passage extending therethrough; and

a second straw fluidly connected to the second spout, the second straw having a first fluid passage and a second fluid passage,

wherein the first straw is connected to the second straw in a way that the second fluid passage of the second straw is fluidly connected to the fluid passage of the first straw.

8. The product of claim **1**, further comprising:

a first straw fluidly connected to the first spout, the first straw having a fluid passage extending therethrough; and

a second straw fluidly connected to the second spout, the second straw having a first fluid passage and a second fluid passage,

wherein the first fluid passage and the second fluid passage of the second straw intersect with one another, and

wherein the first straw is connected to the second straw in a way that the second fluid passage of the second straw is fluidly connected to the fluid passage of the first straw.

9. The product of claim **1**, further comprising a straw having a first portion fluidly connected to the first spout, a second portion fluidly connected to the second spout, and a third portion extending from the first portion and the second portion in fluid communication with the first portion and the second portion.

10. The product of claim **1**, further comprising:

a first straw fluidly connected to the first spout; and

a second straw fluidly connected to the second spout,

wherein the first straw and the second straw are flexible in a way that the first straw and the second straw are twistable around one another.

11. The product of claim **1**, wherein the first spout is substantially D-shaped with a flat surface, wherein the second spout is substantially D-shaped with a flat surface, and wherein the product further comprises:

a straw having first end, a second end, and a fluid passage extending therethrough from the first end to the second end,

wherein the flat surface of the first spout and the flat surface of the second spout are mated in a face to face relationship and the straw is disposed about the first spout and the second spout in a way that fluid passage of the straw is in fluid communication with the first spout and the second spout.

12. The product of claim **11**, wherein the straw is threadingly connected to the first spout and the second spout.

13. The product of claim **1**, further comprising:

a cup housing the first pouch and the second pouch; and

a lid having a first fluid passage and a second fluid passage, the lid connected to the cup such that the first fluid passage is in fluid communication with the first spout and the second fluid passage is in fluid communication with the second spout.

14. The product of claim **13**, wherein the cup has a bottom and a sidewall extending from the bottom so as to cooperate to define an pouch receiving compartment, the sidewall having at least one opening in communication with the pouch receiving compartment.

15. The product of claim **13**, wherein the cup has a bottom and a sidewall extending from the bottom so as to cooperate to define an pouch receiving compartment, and wherein the cup has a dividing wall extending across the pouch receiving compartment to define at least two pouch receiving compartments.

16. The product of claim **15**, wherein the sidewall has a first opening in communication with one of the pouch receiving compartments and a second opening in communication with another one of the pouch receiving compartments.

17. A method of forming a multi-component food product, comprising:

obtaining a first flexible pouch containing a first flowable food product and having a first spout for discharging the first flowable food product from the first flexible pouch;

obtaining a second flexible pouch containing a second flowable food product different from the first flowable

food product and having a second spout for discharging the second flowable food product from the second flexible pouch; and

mating the first spout and the second spout with one another in a way to permit the first flowable food product and the second flowable food product to be consumed simultaneously.

18. The method of claim **17**, wherein the step of mating the first spout with the second spout comprises lockingly engaging the first spout and the second spout with one another.

19. The method of claim **18**, wherein the step of lockingly engaging the first spout and the second spout comprises connecting a first portion of a connector member to the first spout and connecting a second portion of the connector member to the second spout; and wherein the first portion is releasably connected to the first spout; the second portion is releasably connected to the second spout; or the first portion is releasably connected to the first spout and the second portion is releasably connected to the second spout.

20. The method of claim **17**, wherein the step of mating the first spout with the second spout comprises:

positioning a base member of a connector member between the first spout and the second spout, the base member having a first end and a second end;

fitting a first collar member hingedly connected to the first end of the base around the first spout and lockingly engaging the first collar to the second end of the base; and

fitting a second collar member hingedly connected to the second end of the base around the second spout and lockingly engaging the second collar to the first end of the base.

21. The method of claim **17**, wherein the first spout has a set of threads extending partially around the first spout and is substantially D-shaped with a flat surface, wherein the second spout has a set of threads extending partially around the second spout and is substantially D-shaped with a flat surface, and wherein the step of mating the first spout with the second spout further comprises:

mating the flat surface of the first spout and the flat surface of the second spout in a face to face relationship; and

rotating a first collar member engaged with the set of threads of the first spout and rotating a second collar member engaged with the set of threads of the second spout to lockingly engage the first spout and the second spout.

22. The method of claim **17**, wherein the step of mating the first spout with the second spout comprises:

connecting a first straw to the first spout, the first straw having a fluid passage;

connecting a second straw to the second spout, the second straw having a first fluid passage and a second fluid passage; and

connecting the first straw to the second straw in a way that the second fluid passage of the second straw is fluidly connected to the fluid passage of the first straw.

23. The method of claim **17**, wherein the step of mating the first spout with the second spout comprises:

connecting a first portion of a straw to the first spout; and

connecting a second portion of the straw to the second spout,

wherein the straw has a third portion extending from the first portion and the second portion in fluid communication with the first portion and the second portion.

24. The method of claim **17**, wherein the first spout is substantially D-shaped with a flat surface, wherein the second spout is substantially D-shaped with a flat surface, and wherein the method product further comprises:

mating the flat surface of the first spout and the flat surface of the second spout in a face to face relationship; and

disposing a straw having first end, a second end, and a fluid passage extending therethrough from the first end to the second end about the first spout and the second spout in a way that fluid passage of the straw is in fluid communication with the first spout and the second spout.

25. The method of claim **17**, wherein the step of mating the first spout with the second spout comprises:

disposing the first pouch and the second pouch in a cup; and

connecting a lid a lid having a first fluid passage and a second fluid passage to the cup such that the first fluid passage is in fluid communication with the first spout and the second fluid passage is in fluid communication with the second spout.

26. The method of claim **25**, wherein the cup has a bottom and a sidewall extending from the bottom so as to cooperate to define an pouch receiving compartment, the sidewall having at least one opening in communication with the pouch receiving compartment.

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