

[54] THERMALLY RELEASABLE FLAVOR SOURCE FOR SMOKING ARTICLES

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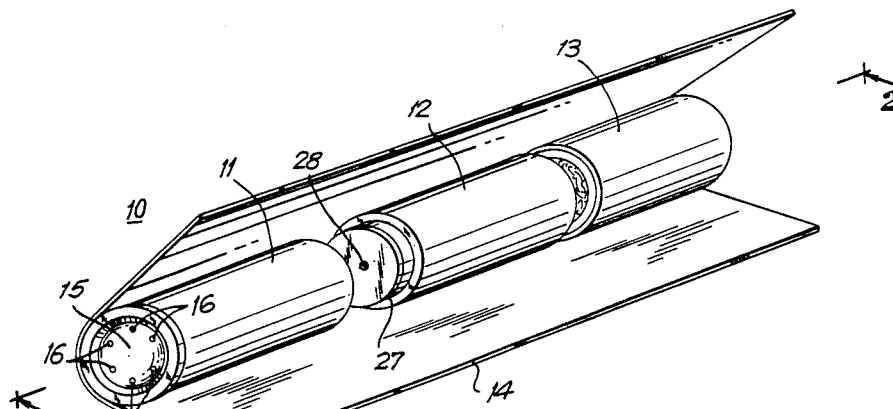
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[57] ABSTRACT

A flavor source to be used as a thermally releasable flavorant for smoking articles that do not combust tobacco. The material includes tobacco particles, an aerosol precursor that forms an aerosol upon exposure to heat, and a filler material that absorbs and radiates heat to minimize the likelihood that the flavor material will ignite. The material is mixed in an extruder, extruded through a die, and cut into pellets having a substantially uniform shape. The pellets are loaded into a chamber for inclusion in a smoking article as a flavor generator.

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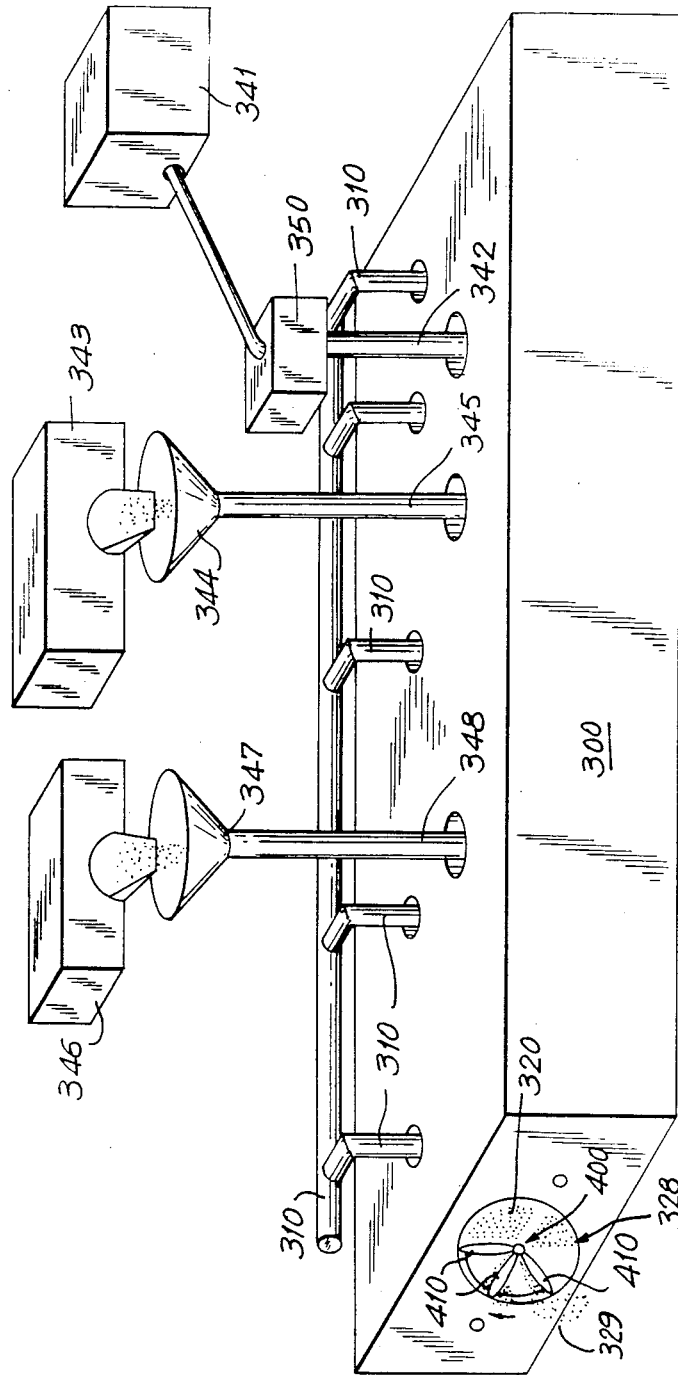


FIG. 1

FIG. 2b

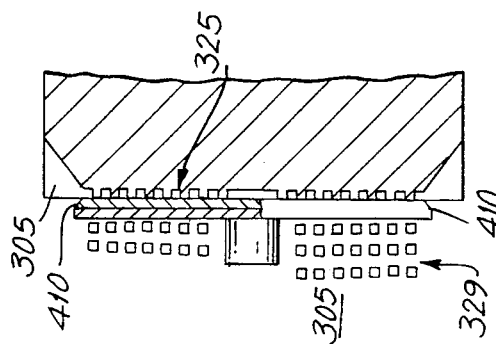
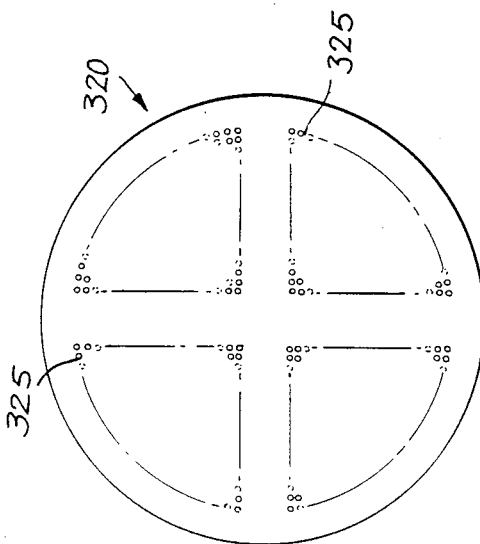


FIG. 2a



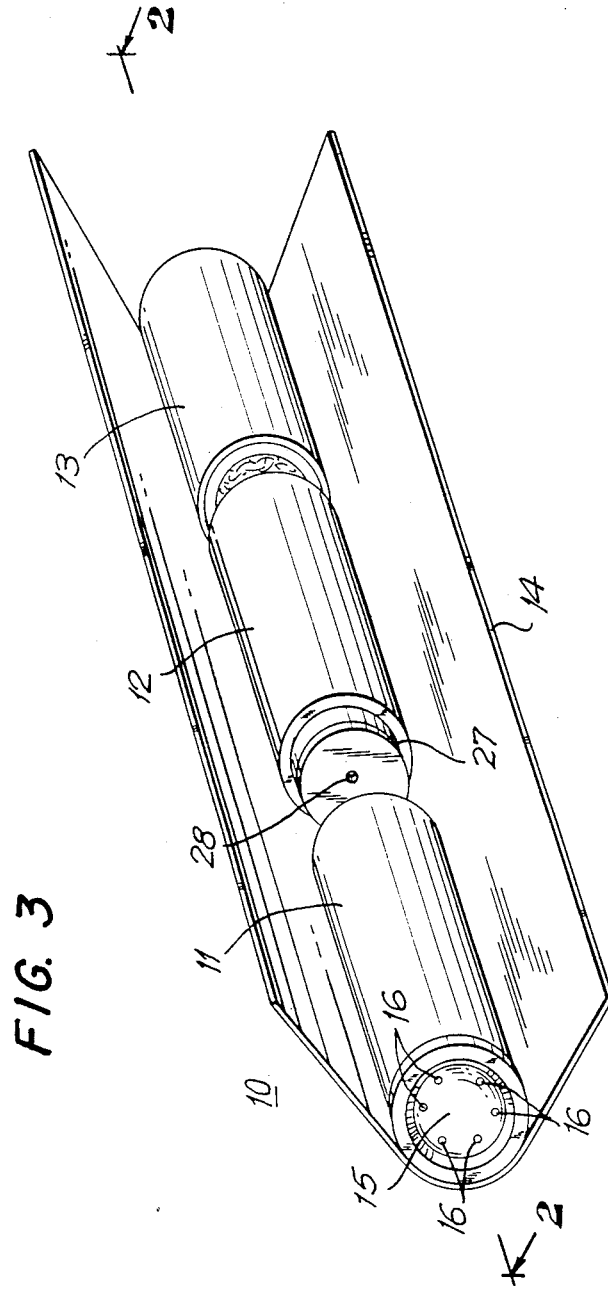
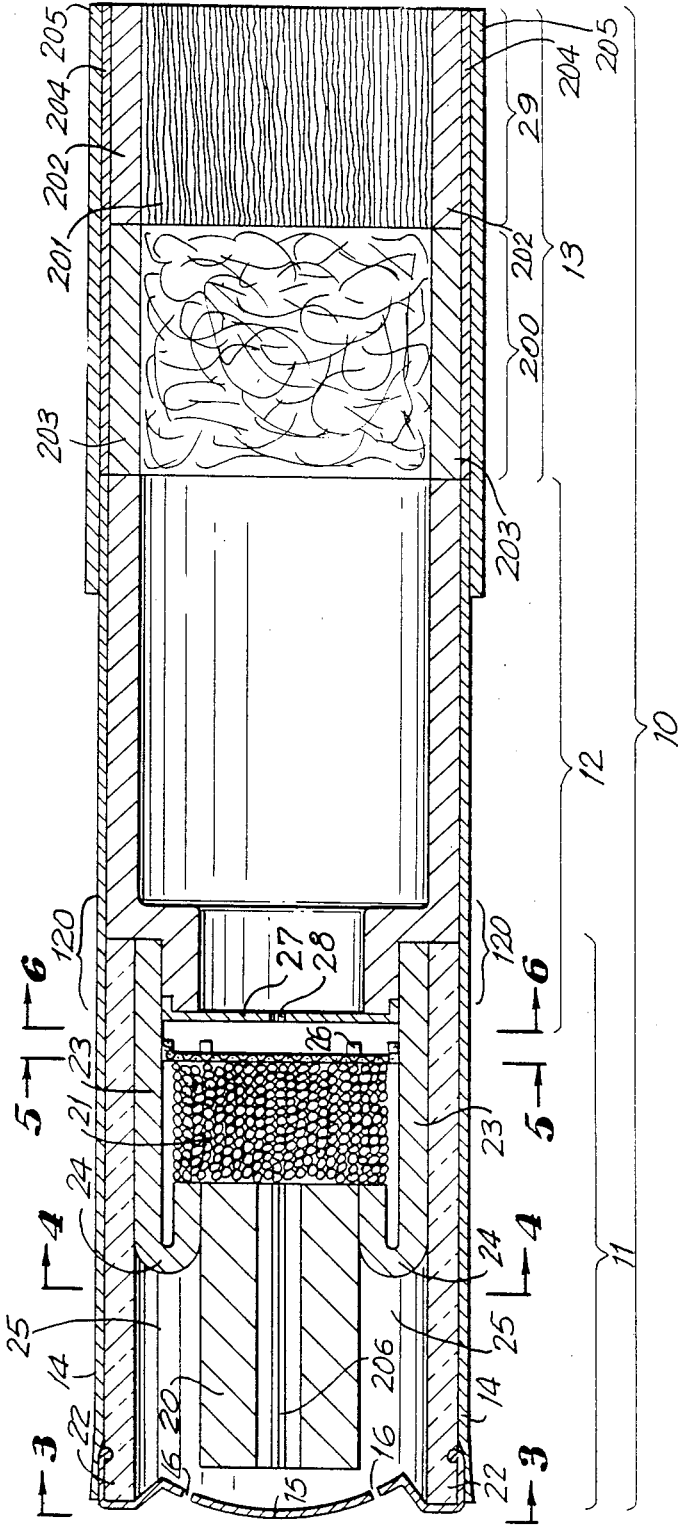


FIG. 3

FIG. 4



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