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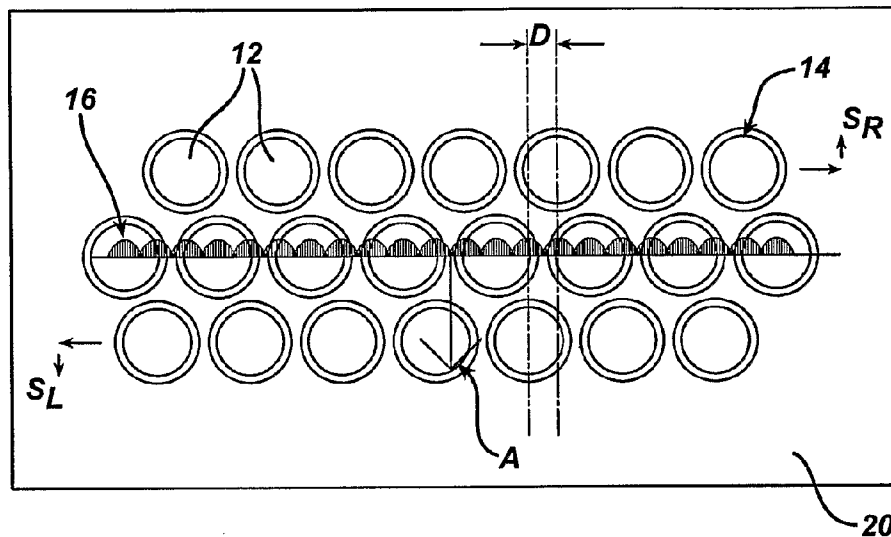
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(54) Title: SHAVING RAZORS



(57) Abstract: Razor blades (20) and razors are provided. The razor blades include apertures (12), the perimeter of each aperture forming a cutting edge. The razor blades and razors are constructed so as to minimize gaps between the effective shaving zones (14) of the apertures.

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1. claims: 1-12

razor blade and shaving system comprising a metallic foil sheet with apertures therein

2. claims: 13-18

a method of optimizing the shaving performance of a razor by oscillating a blade by means of a powered drive

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