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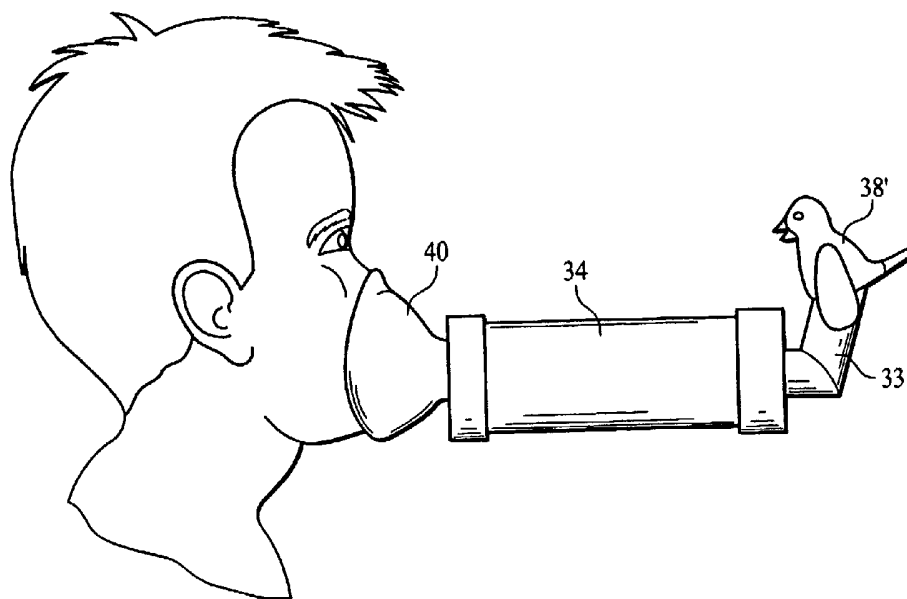
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(57) Abstract: An interactive character (50) associated with a metered dose inhaler that includes a medication dispensing canister and a canister holder. The interactive character includes a base portion (52) adapted to be coupled to a canister such that actuation of the canister to dispense a medication requires providing an actuating force on the base portion. An interactive element (56) is coupled to the base portion so that it that activates in a manner that is readily perceived by humans. The interactive element is actuated by an actuating system responsive to the actuating force being applied to the base portion to actuate the canister.

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