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(54) **PORTABLE DIAPER CHANGING STATION**

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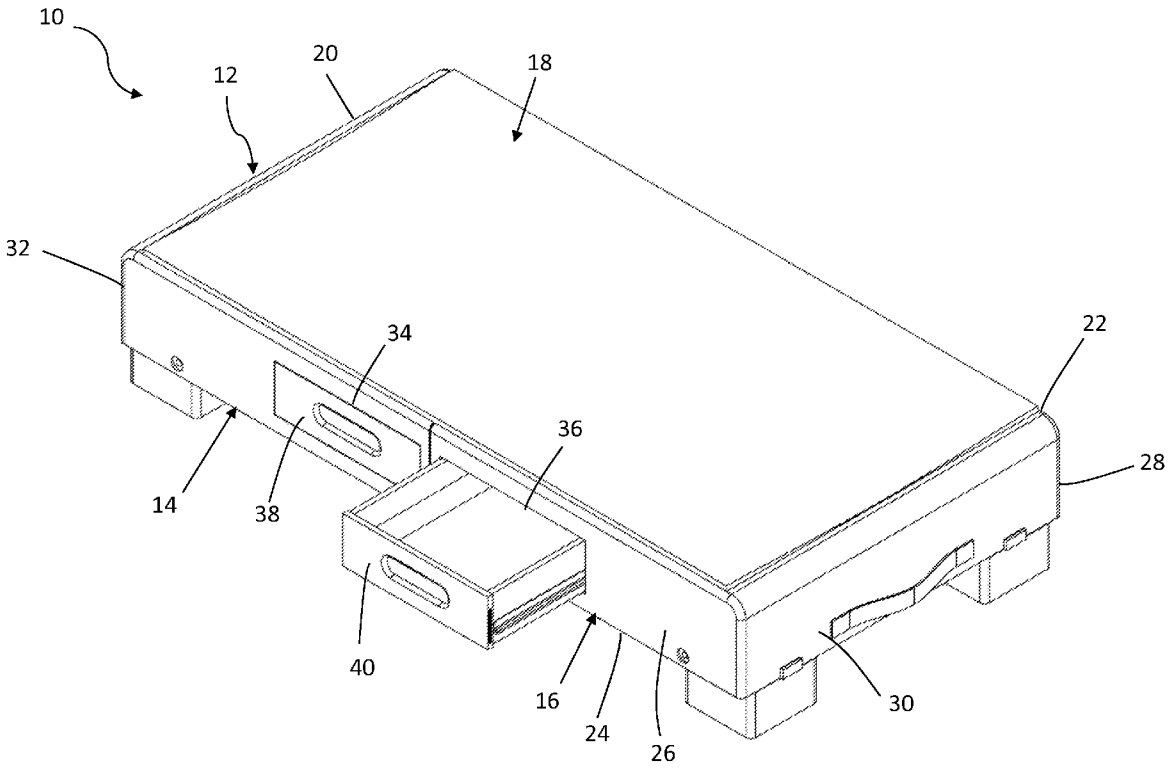
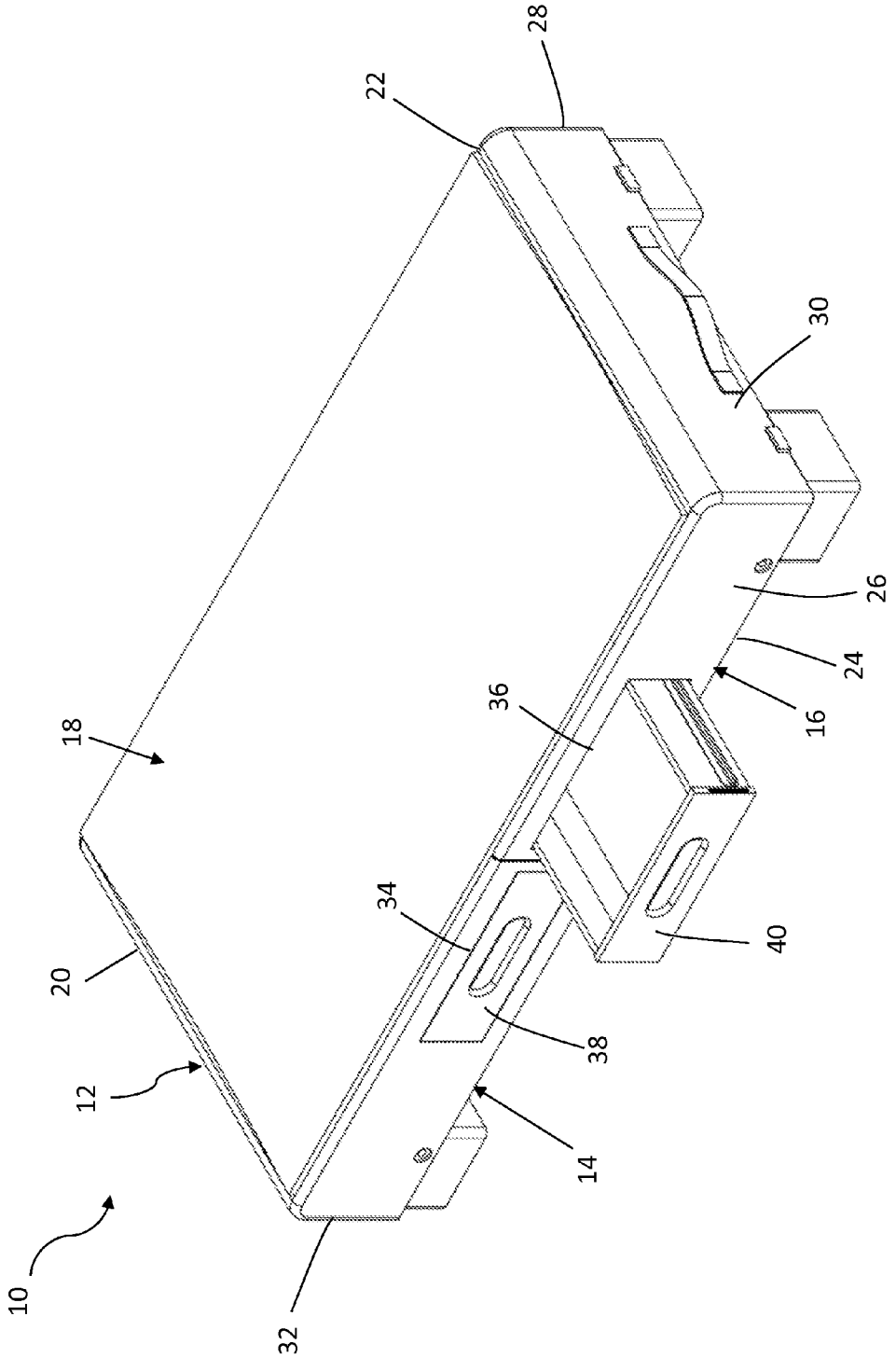
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A portable diaper changing station includes a housing defined by an exterior surface and have a housing top and a housing bottom spaced from the housing top. The housing top can define a baby changing surface configured for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process. In some embodiments, the portable diaper changing station can include first and second hingedly connected modules, one or more drawers, and/or storable housing feet.





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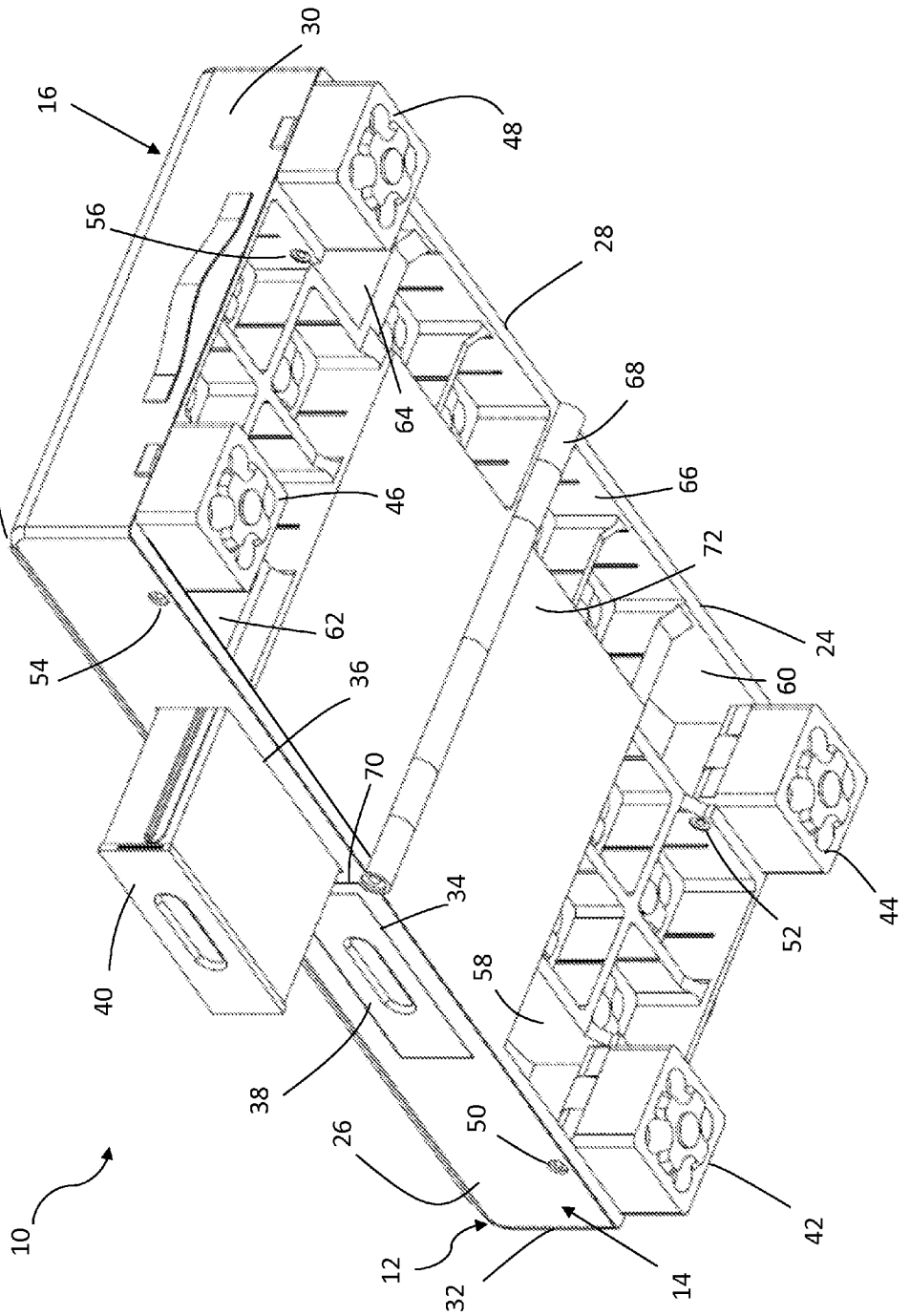
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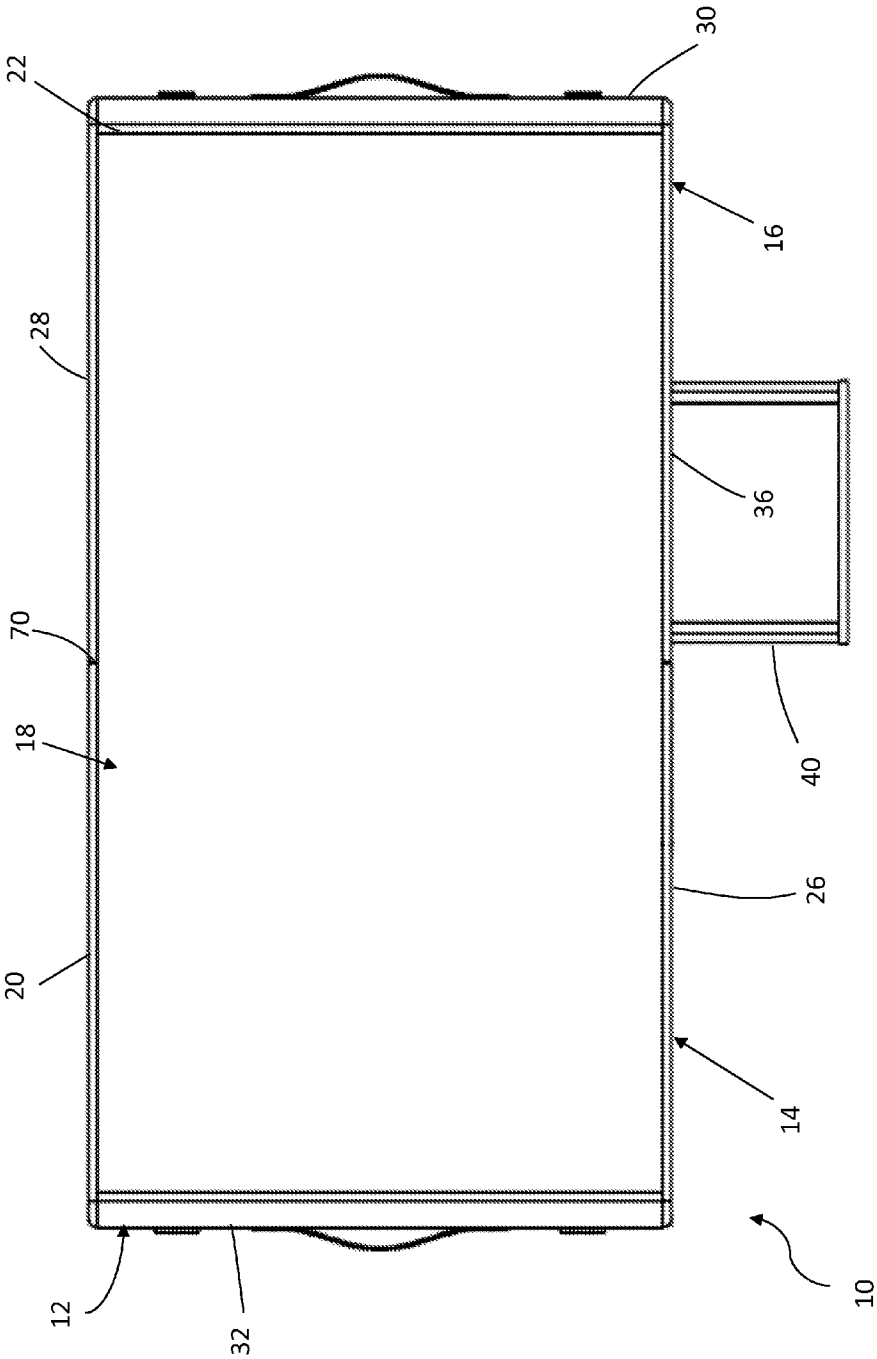

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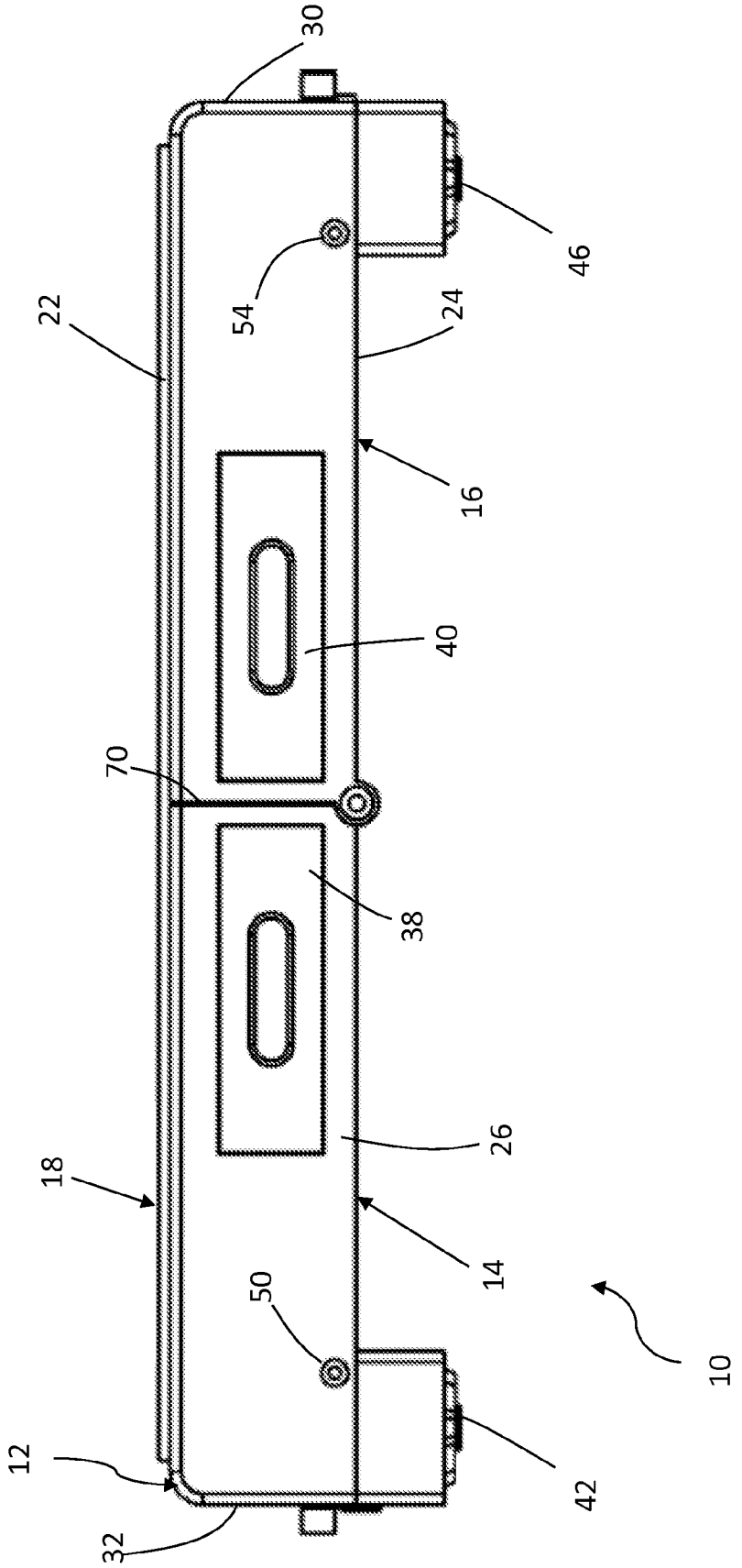

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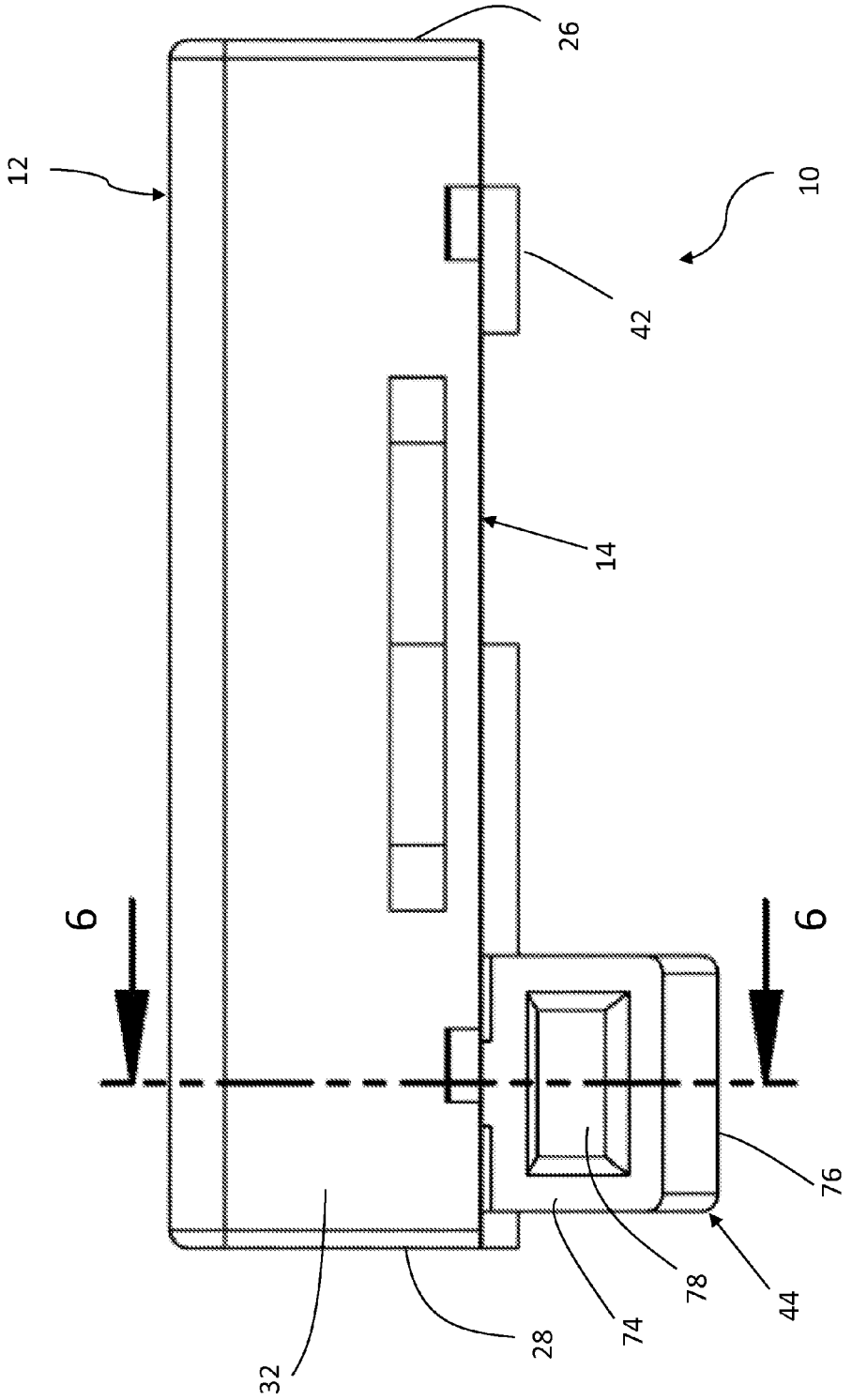

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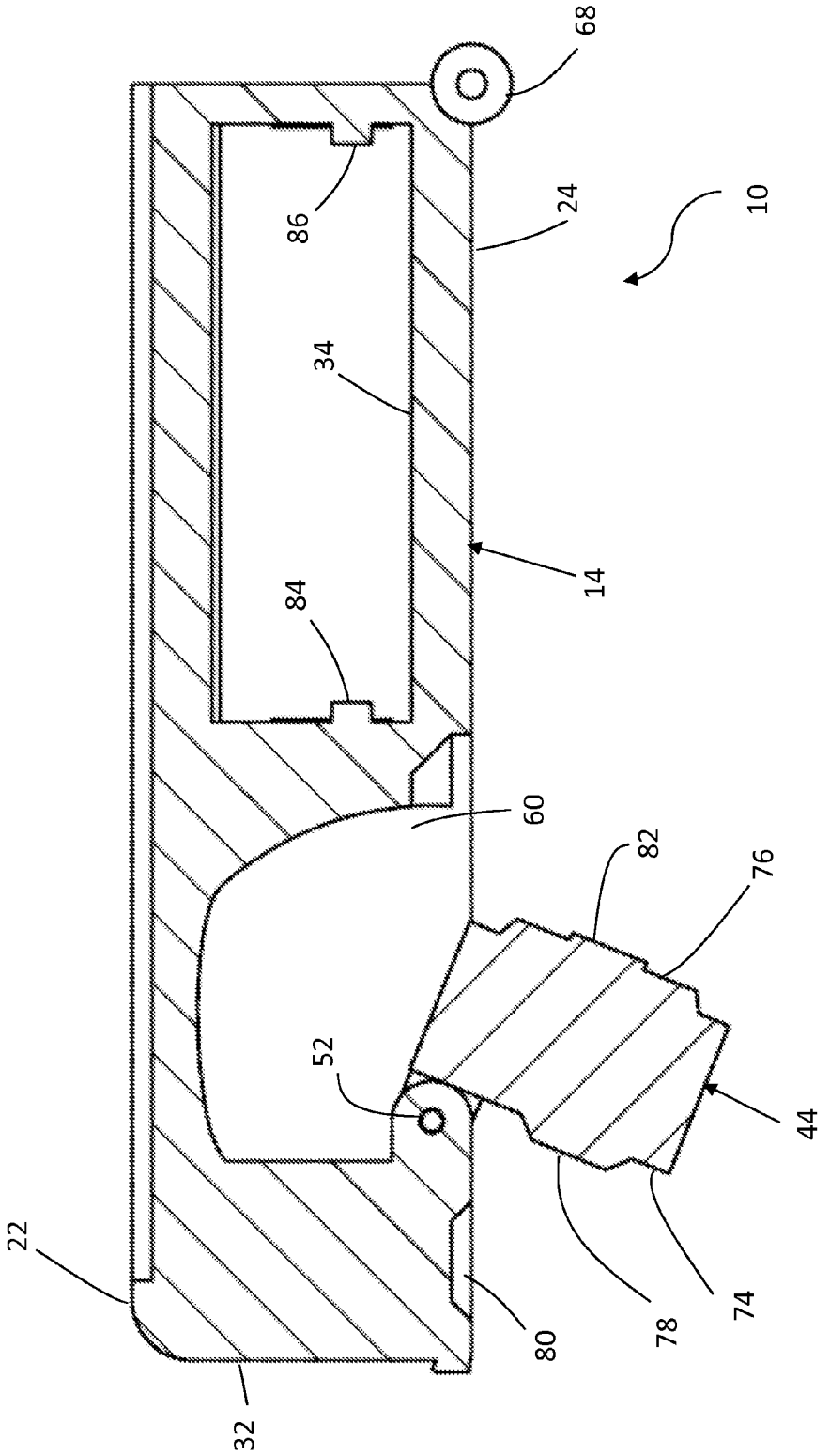

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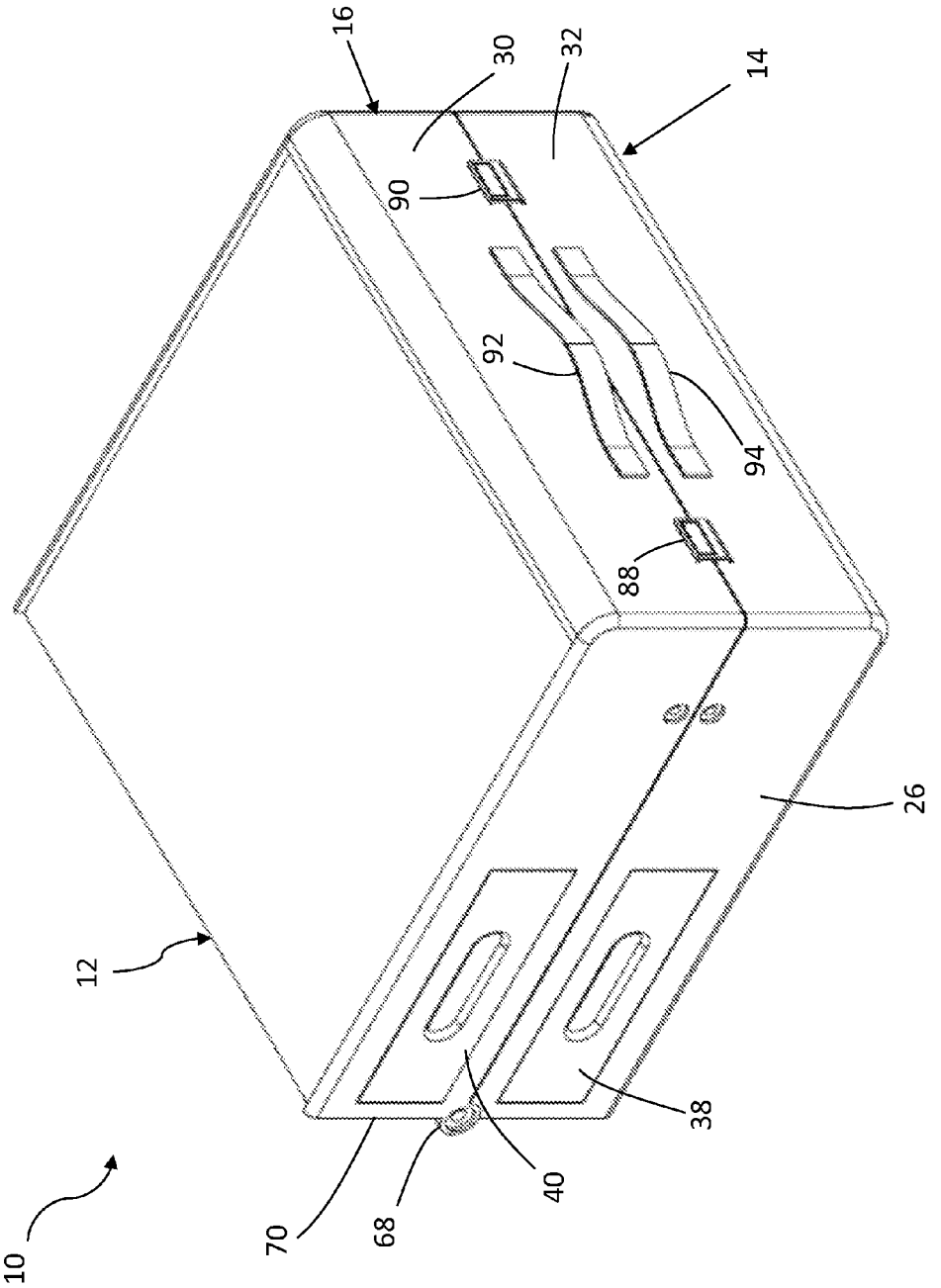

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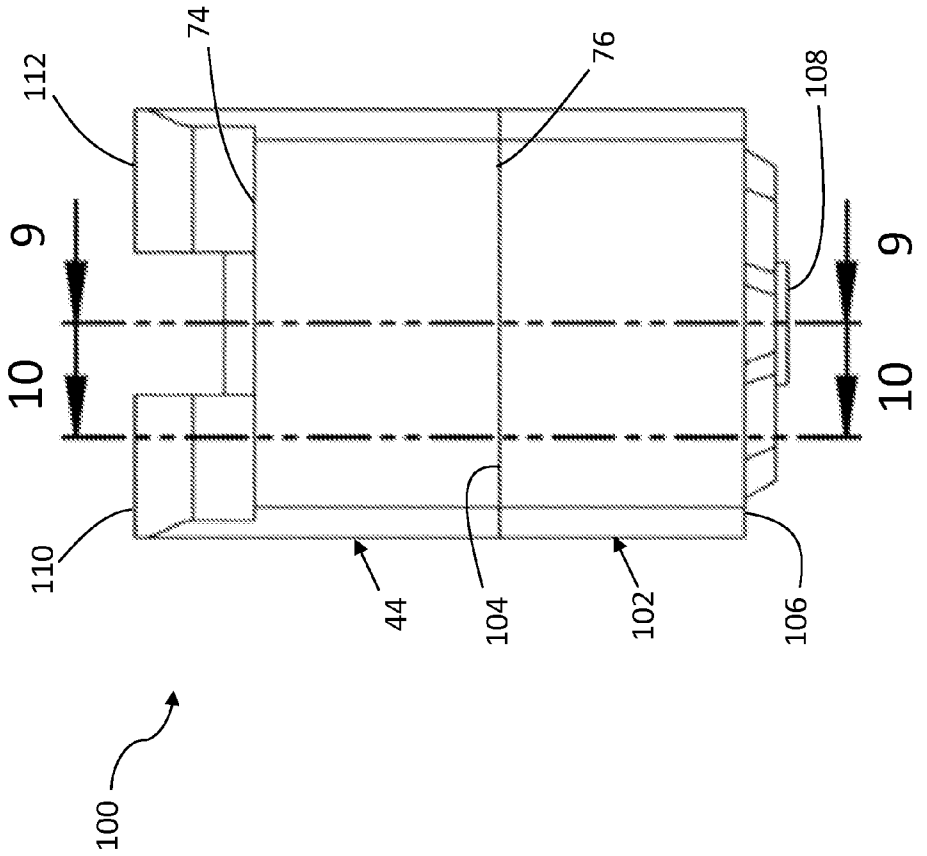

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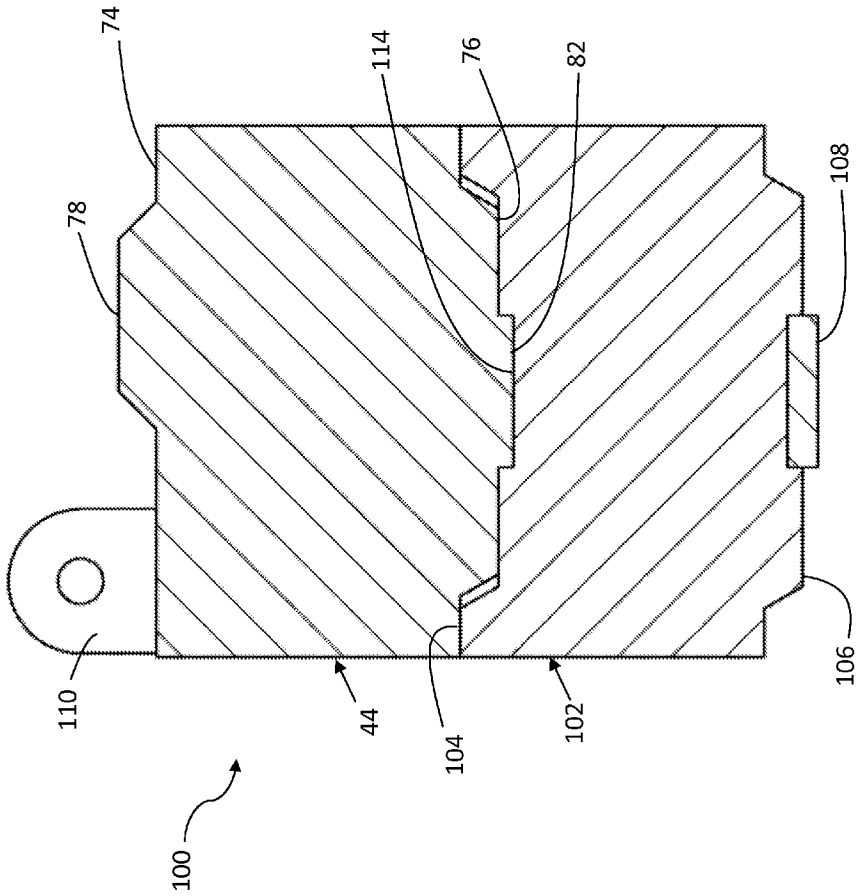

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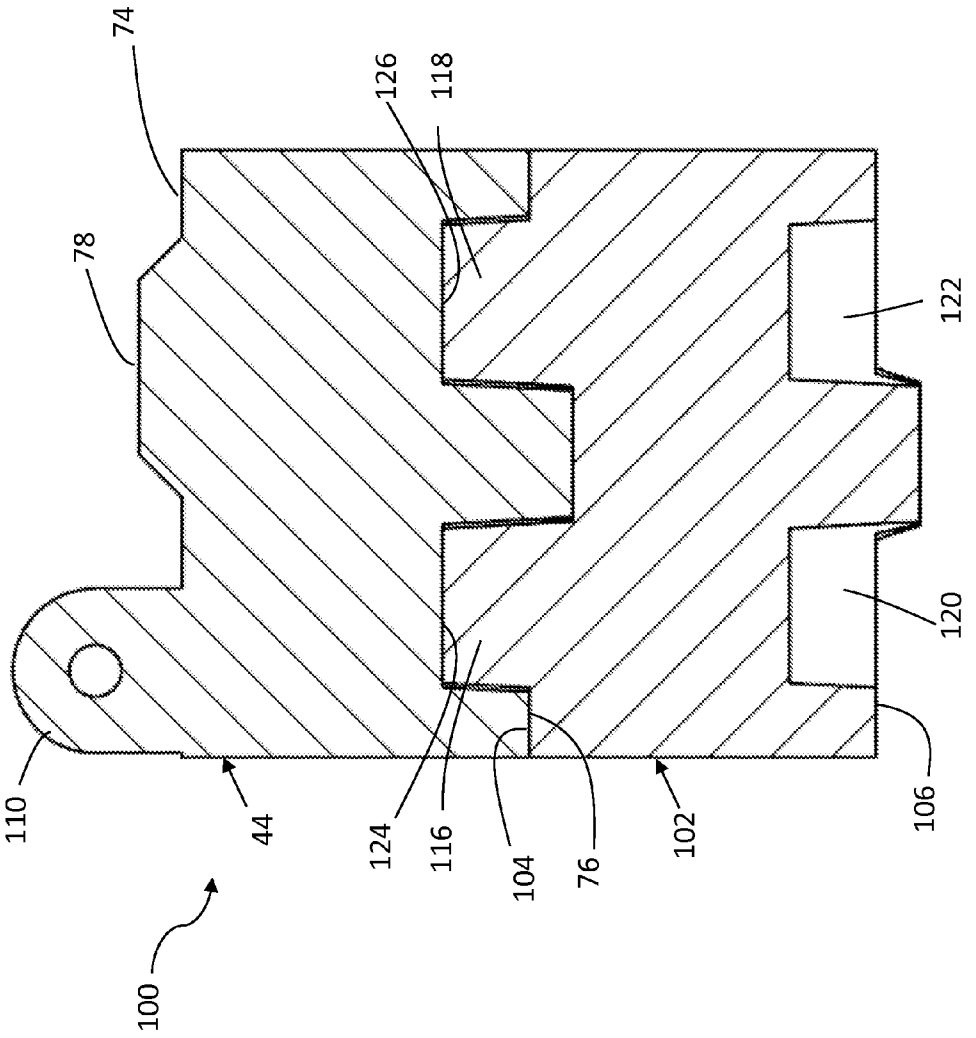

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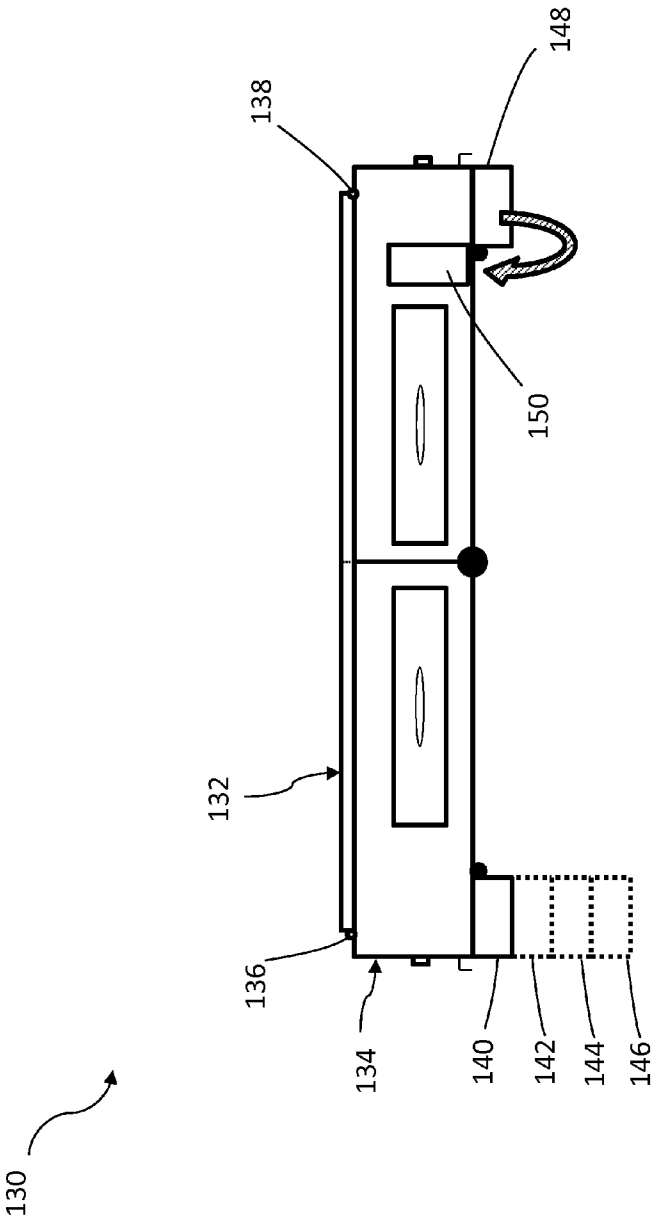

Fig. 11

PORTABLE DIAPER CHANGING STATION

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 61/982,100, filed Apr. 21, 2014, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] This invention relates to baby care products, and more particularly to a diaper changing station for use in changing a diaper of a baby.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Changing baby diapers is a common task of parents and other caregivers, and typically needs to be performed several times per day. In some cases, caregivers will use a diaper changing station as part of the diaper changing process. For example, a caregiver might set a baby on a changing area of a diaper changing station to support the baby during the changing process. In some cases, diaper changing stations can be pieces of furniture, or integrated with a piece of furniture, which can make it difficult or impossible for the caregiver to take the changing station with when leaving the home. Caregivers can also change a baby's diaper by placing the baby on the floor or another surface, but doing so can cause the diaper changing process to be more challenging.

SUMMARY

[0004] In general, one innovative aspect of the subject matter described in this specification can be embodied in a portable diaper changing station that includes a rigid housing. The rigid housing can be defined by an exterior surface and have a housing top and a housing bottom spaced from the housing top by a height. The housing top can define a baby changing surface configured for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process. The rigid housing can include a first module having a first module top defining a first portion of the baby changing surface and having a first module bottom opposite the first module top, and a second module having a second module top defining a second portion of the baby changing surface and having a second module bottom opposite the second module top. The first module can be hingedly connected to the second module so as to be movable from an open position to a folded position. The first portion of the baby changing surface can be aligned with the second portion of the baby changing surface so as to be suitable for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process when in the open position.

[0005] In another embodiment, a portable diaper changing station can include a housing and a drawer. The housing can be defined by an exterior surface, have a housing top and a housing bottom spaced from the housing top by a height, and be sized to be carried by a user for use while away from home. The housing can include a baby changing surface at the housing top that is configured for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process. The housing can include a drawer cavity extending through the exterior surface of the housing into an interior of the housing and a drawer can be slidably positioned in the drawer cavity. The drawer can be sized to house diapers for use in changing the baby.

[0006] In another embodiment, a portable diaper changing station can include a housing and a plurality of housing feet. The housing can be defined by an exterior surface and have a housing top and a housing bottom spaced from the housing top by a height. The housing top can define a baby changing surface configured for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process. The housing can define one or more recesses. The housing feet can be sized to fit in the one or more recesses of the housing. The housing feet can be movable from a storage position in which the housing feet are stored in the one or more recesses of the housing and a supporting position in which the housing feet are positioned adjacent the housing bottom for supporting the housing.

[0007] The details of one or more embodiments of the invention are set forth in the accompanying drawings and the description below. Other features, objects, and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the description and drawings, and from the claims.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0008] FIG. **1** is a perspective top view of a diaper changing station.

[0009] FIG. **2** is a perspective bottom view of the diaper changing station of FIG. **1**.

[0010] FIG. **3** is a top view of the diaper changing station of FIG. **1**.

[0011] FIG. **4** is a side view of the diaper changing station of FIG. **1**.

[0012] FIG. **5** is an end view of the diaper changing station of FIG. **1**.

[0013] FIG. **6** is a sectional view of a module of the diaper changing station taken along line **6-6** of FIG. **5**.

[0014] FIG. **7** is a perspective view of the diaper changing station of FIG. **1** with the diaper changing station in a folded position.

[0015] FIG. **8** is a side view of a foot assembly for use with the diaper changing station of FIG. **1**.

[0016] FIG. **9** is a sectional view of the foot assembly taken along line **9-9** of FIG. **8**.

[0017] FIG. **10** is a sectional view of the foot assembly taken along line **10-10** of FIG. **8**.

[0018] FIG. **11** is a side schematic view of an alternative embodiment of a diaper changing station.

[0019] Like reference symbols in the various drawings indicate like elements.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0020] FIG. **1** is a perspective top view of a diaper changing station **10**, which is a portable diaper changing station that includes a housing **12** having modules **14** and **16** and a pad **18**. The housing **12** is a rigid structure defined by an exterior surface **20** and has a housing top **22**, a housing bottom **24** opposite the housing top **22**, a housing side **26**, a housing side **28** opposite the housing side **26**, a housing end **30**, and a housing end **32** opposite the housing end **30**.

[0021] The housing top **22** extends substantially from the housing end **30** to the housing end **32** and extends substantially from the housing side **26** to the housing side **28**. The housing top **22** defines a baby changing surface configured for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process. In one embodiment, the baby changing surface defined by the housing top **22** can be substantially concave so as to retain the baby toward a center of the housing top **22**

during the diaper changing process. In another embodiment, the baby changing surface defined by the housing top **22** can be substantially flat, in which case the pad **18** can be substantially concave so as to retain the baby toward a center of the pad **18**. In further embodiments, both the housing top **22** and the pad **18** can be substantially flat or can have another shape suitable for the application.

[0022] In the illustrated embodiment, the diaper changing station **10** includes the pad **18** positioned on the housing top **22**. The pad **18** is a baby changing pad and can be relatively soft for providing a cushioned surface for the baby to rest on during the baby changing process. In the illustrated embodiment, the pad **18** is a removable pad that can extend from the housing end **30** to the housing end **32** and can be removably attached to the housing top **22**. In an alternative embodiment, the pad **18** can be integrally attached to the housing top **22**.

[0023] The housing **12** defines drawer cavities **34** and **36**. The drawer cavity **34** extends through the exterior surface **20** at the housing side **26** into an interior of the module **14**. The drawer cavity **36** extends through the exterior surface **20** at the housing side **26** into an interior of the module **16**. Drawers **38** and **40** are slidably positioned in the drawer cavities **34** and **36**, respectively, so as to be openable and closable by a user. The drawers **38** and **40** are storage receptacles that can be sized and configured to house items used during the diaper changing process. In the illustrated embodiment, the drawers **38** and **40** are sized to house diapers and baby wipes. The housing top **22** is spaced from the housing bottom **24** by a distance that allows the drawer cavities **34** and **36** to be sized sufficiently to receive the drawers **38** and **40**. In another embodiment, the drawers **38** and **40** can be sized to house diapers, baby wipes, baby clothing, and other baby-related items.

[0024] In the illustrated embodiment, the diaper changing station **10** includes two drawers **38** and **40** both extending into and accessible from the same housing side **26**. In alternative embodiments, the drawers **38** and **40** can be positioned elsewhere, such as the drawer **38** extending from the housing end **32** and the drawer **40** extending from the housing end **30**. In other alternative embodiments, there can be fewer than or greater than two drawers. For example, in one embodiment the diaper changing station **10** can include four drawers, including the drawers **38** and **40** substantially as illustrated as well as two additional drawers (not shown) extending into and accessible from the housing side **28** and positioned opposite and aligned with the drawers **38** and **40**. In further alternative embodiments, the drawers **38** and **40** can be omitted and replaced by one or more alternative storage receptacles.

[0025] FIG. **2** is a perspective bottom view of the diaper changing station **10**. As shown in FIG. **2**, the diaper changing station **10** includes housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** attached to the housing bottom **24**. The housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** are positioned at corners of the housing **12** for supporting the housing **12** during the diaper changing process. The housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** can be movable from a storage position in which the housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** are stored to a supporting position in which the housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** are positioned adjacent the housing bottom **24** for supporting the housing **12**. The housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** are in the supporting position as illustrated in FIG. **2**.

[0026] In the illustrated embodiment, the housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** are hinged housing feet. The housing feet **42** and **44** are pivotably connected to the module **14** via hinges **50** and **52**. The housing feet **46** and **48** are pivotably connected to the module **16** via hinges **54** and **56**. The module **14** includes recesses **58** and **60** positioned adjacent the hinges **50** and **52** such that the housing feet **42** and **44** can be pivoted and stored in the recesses **58** and **60**. The module **16** includes recesses **62** and **64** positioned adjacent the hinges **54** and **56** such that the housing feet **46** and **48** can be pivoted and stored in the recesses **62** and **64**. The housing **12** can also include a plurality of additional recesses **66** for receiving and storing a plurality of foot extensions (not shown in FIG. **2**). In the illustrated embodiment, the housing **12** includes twelve additional recesses **66** for storing twelve foot extensions. Including twelve foot extensions allows each of the four housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** to be extended three times. In some embodiments, the housing **12** can include fewer or more recesses **66** for storing less or more foot extensions.

[0027] In some embodiments, the housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** need not be hinged housing feet, but rather, can be otherwise movable from a storage position to a supporting position. For example, the housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** can have a snap-connection to the housing bottom **24** of the housing **12**. In some cases, the housing feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** can be connected to the housing bottom **24** of the housing **12** via hook and loop fasteners, such as those commonly called VELCRO available from Velcro USA Inc. of Manchester N.H.

[0028] In some embodiments, the diaper changing station **10** can be formed primarily of polymer materials. For example, housing **12** including the modules **14** and **16**, the drawers **38** and **40**, and the feet **42**, **44**, **46**, and **48** can each be formed of a polymer material via an injection molding process. The hinges **50**, **52**, **54**, **56**, and **68** can include metal (such as steel) rods about which the hinges **50**, **52**, **54**, **56**, and **68** pivot when the diaper changing station **10** is assembled. In other embodiments, the diaper changing station **10** can be formed of other materials and via other processes that are suitable for the application.

[0029] The housing **12** includes a hinge **68** that hingedly connects the module **14** to the module **16** so as to be movable from an open position (as illustrated in FIGS. **1** and **2**) to a folded position (as illustrated in FIG. **7**). The hinge **68** is positioned at a bottom edge of a division **70** between the module **14** and the module **16**. The module **14** is aligned with the module **16** when in the open position such that the housing top **22** of the module **14** and the module **16** are aligned so as to be suitable for receiving and supporting the baby during the diaper changing process.

[0030] The housing **12** is foldable about the hinge **68**, such that the housing **12** splits at the division **70** when in the folded position. The housing **12** can include a pad storage area **72** between the modules **14** and **16** for storage of the pad **18** (shown in FIG. **1**). In one embodiment, the pad **18** can be folded and stored in the pad storage area **72** when the housing **12** is in the folded position.

[0031] FIG. **3** is a top view of the diaper changing station **10**. FIG. **3** is shown with the housing **12** in the open position, with the modules **14** and **16** folded open and aligned. The pad **18** is positioned on the housing **12** and substantially covers the housing top **22**. The drawer **40** is slid open and the drawer **38** (not shown in FIG. **3**) is slid closed.

[0032] In one embodiment, the housing **12** can have a width extending from the housing end **32** to the housing end **30** of about 32 inches (about 81 centimeters) and a depth from the housing side **26** to the housing side **28** of about 16.5 inches (about 42 centimeters). Each of the modules **14** and **16** can

have a width that is approximately half of the width of the housing **12**, extending from each of the respective housing ends **32** and **30** to the division **70**. The pad **18** can have a width of about 30 inches (about 76 centimeters) and a depth of about 16 inches (about 41 centimeters). The drawer **40** can have a width of about 7.5 inches (about 19 centimeters) and a depth of about 12 inches (about 30 centimeters), although the drawer **40** is illustrated as extending only about 5 inches (about 13 centimeters) as shown in FIG. **3**. In alternative embodiments, dimensions of the diaper changing station **10** can be modified as suitable for the application.

[0033] In some embodiments, the housing **12** can have a width extending from the housing end **32** to the housing end **30** of between about 24 to 34 inches (about 61 to 86 centimeters) and a depth from the housing side **26** to the housing side **28** of about 13 to 20 inches (about 33 to 51 centimeters). The pad **18** can have a width of about 22 to 34 inches (about 56 to 86 centimeters) and a depth of about 12 to 20 inches (about 30.5 to 51 centimeters). The drawer **40** can have a width of about 5 to 16 inches (about 13 to 41 centimeters) and a depth of about 6 to 20 inches (about 15 to 51 centimeters).

[0034] In some embodiments, the housing **12** can have a width extending from the housing end **32** to the housing end **30** of less than 34 inches (about 86 centimeters) and a depth from the housing side **26** to the housing side **28** of less than 20 inches (about 51 centimeters). The pad **18** can have a width of less than 34 inches (about 86 centimeters) and a depth of less than 20 inches (about 51 centimeters). The drawer **40** can have a width of less than 16 inches (about 41 centimeters) and a depth of less than 20 inches (about 51 centimeters).

[0035] FIG. **4** is a side view of the diaper changing station **10**. FIG. **4** is shown with the housing **12** in the open position, with the modules **14** and **16** folded open with the housing top **22** being aligned.

[0036] In one embodiment, the housing **12** can have a height (or thickness) extending from the housing top **22** to the housing bottom **24** of about 4 to 4.2 inches (about 10.2 to 10.7 centimeters). The housing feet **42** and **44** can each have a height of about 2.2 to 2.4 inches (about 5.6 to 6.1 centimeters). The height of the pad **18** can be about 1.5 inches (about 3.8 centimeters). When the housing feet **42** and **44** are in the supporting position, the combined height of the housing **12** with the housing feet **42** and **44** can be between about 6.2 to 6.6 inches (about 15.7 to 16.8 centimeters) and between about 7.7 and 8.1 inches (19.6 to 20.6 centimeters) when including the pad **18**. This can allow the diaper changing station **10** to raise the baby to a height more comfortable to the user when performing the diaper changing process. The drawers **38** and **40** can each have a height of about 2.3 to 2.4 inches (about 5.8 to 6.1 centimeters), which is less than the height of the housing **12** and can be a suitable size for storing diapers, wipes, or other items. In alternative embodiments, dimensions of the diaper changing station **10** can be modified as suitable for the application.

[0037] In some embodiments, the housing **12** can have a height (or thickness) extending from the housing top **22** to the housing bottom **24** of about 2 to 6 inches (about 5 to 15 centimeters). The housing feet **42** and **44** can each have a height of about 1 to 6 inches (about 2.5 to 15 centimeters). The height of the pad **18** can be about 0.2 to 2 inches (about 0.5 to 5 centimeters). The drawers **38** and **40** can each have a height of about 1 to 5 inches (about 2.5 to 13 centimeters).

[0038] In some embodiments, the housing **12** can have a height (or thickness) extending from the housing top **22** to the housing bottom **24** of greater than 1 inch (about 2.5 centimeters). The housing feet **42** and **44** can each have a height of greater than 1 inch (about 2.5 centimeters). The height of the pad **18** can be less than 2 inches (about 5 centimeters). The drawers **38** and **40** can each have a height of less than 3 inches (about 7.6 centimeters). FIG. **5** is an end view of the diaper changing station **10**. As shown in FIG. **5**, the foot **42** is in the storage position and the foot **44** is rotated to a position between the storage position and the supporting position. The foot **44** has a top **74** and a bottom **76**. The foot **44** includes a projection **78** extending from the top **74** of the foot **44**.

[0039] FIG. **6** is a sectional view of the module **14** of the diaper changing station **10** taken along line **6-6** of FIG. **5**. The sectional view of FIG. **6** cuts through the foot **44** and the corresponding recess **60** to better illustrate how the foot **44** pivots about the hinge **52** from the storage position to the supporting position. The housing bottom **24** of the module **14** includes a cavity **80** aligned with the projection **78** on the top **74** of the foot **44**. The cavity **80** can receive the projection **78** when the foot **44** is pivoted to the supporting position. The bottom **76** of the foot **44** includes a pad **82** configured to rest on a surface (such as a trunk of a vehicle, a table, or the ground) for supporting the changing station **10**. In one embodiment, the pad **82** can be a rubber pad attached to the bottom **76** of the foot **44** via adhesive. In another embodiment, the pad **82** can be a felt pad attached to the bottom **76** of the foot **44** via adhesive. In a further embodiment, the pad **82** can be integrally formed with the foot **44**, for example, via an injection molding process.

[0040] The drawer **38** (not shown in FIG. **6**) has been removed from FIG. **6** to show the drawer cavity **34**, which is defined by the module **14**. The module **14** includes rails **84** and **86** that extend into the drawer cavity **34**. The rails **84** and **86** can support and guide the drawer **38** as it is slid into and out of the drawer cavity **34**.

[0041] FIG. **7** is a perspective view of the diaper changing station **10** in the folded position. The module **14** is parallel to and abutting the module **16** with the housing bottom **24** of the modules **14** and **16** in abutting contact when the diaper changing station **10** is in the folded position. The pad **18** (shown in FIGS. **1**, **3**, and **4**) can be folded and stored between the modules **14** and **16** when the diaper changing station **10** is in the folded position.

[0042] The diaper changing station **10** can include one or more latches **88** and **90** that latch the housing end **30** of the module **16** to the housing end **32** of the module **14** when the diaper changing station **10** is in the folded position. The diaper changing station **10** can include one or more handles **92** and **94** positioned on the housing ends **30** and **32** for carrying the diaper changing station **10** when the diaper changing station **10** is in the folded position.

[0043] FIG. **8** is a side view of a foot assembly **100** for use with the diaper changing station **10** (shown in FIGS. **1-7**). The foot assembly **100** includes the foot **44** and an extension **102**. The extension **102** includes a top **104** and a bottom **106**. The extension **102** connects to the foot **44** with the top **104** of the extension **102** abutting the bottom **76** of the foot **44**, thus effectively extending the foot **44** by a length equal to a height of the extension **102**. The extension **102** has a pad **108** on the bottom **106** of the extension **102**. The pad **108** can be substantially similar to the pad **82**, described with respect to FIG. **6**.

[0044] The foot **44** includes hinge knuckles **110** and **112** extending from the top **74** of the foot **44**. The hinge knuckles

110 and **112** form part of the hinge **52** (shown in FIGS. **2** and **6**) and can pivot about a pin (not shown in FIG. **8**) of the hinge **52**.

[0045] FIG. **9** is a sectional view of the foot assembly **100** taken along line **9-9** of FIG. **8**. The top **104** of the extension **102** includes a cavity **114** sized and shaped to receive the pad **82** on the bottom **76** of the foot **44**.

[0046] FIG. **10** is a sectional view of the foot assembly **100** taken along line **10-10** of FIG. **8**. The extension **102** includes prongs **116** and **118** extending from the top **104** of the extension **102** and includes sockets **120** and **122** recessed in the bottom **106** of the extension **102**. The foot **44** also includes sockets **124** and **126** recessed in the bottom **76** of the foot **44**. The sockets **124** and **126** can be sized and shaped similar to the sockets **120** and **122**. The prongs **116** and **118** can be sized and shaped complementary to the sockets **120**, **122**, **124** and **126**. As illustrated in FIG. **10**, the prongs **116** and **118** are positioned in the sockets **124** and **126** in a snap-fit relationship. The top **104** of the extension **102** is sized and shaped complementary to the bottom **76** of the foot **44** such that the extension **102** can have a snap-fit connection to the foot **44**. The top **104** of the extensions **102** can also be sized and shaped to have a snap-fit connection with the housing **12** when the extensions **102** are placed in the recesses **66** for storage.

[0047] The bottom **106** of the extension **102** can be sized and shaped similar to the bottom **76** of the foot **44**. This allows for additional extensions (not shown in FIG. **10**) that are sized and shaped similar to the extension **102** to be snapped and connected to the bottom **106** of the extension **102**. This allows a user to adjust the height of the foot assembly **100** by connecting more or fewer extensions **102** to achieve a desired height of the diaper changing station **10** (shown in FIGS. **1-7**). Bottoms of the housing feet **42**, **46**, and **48** can be sized and shaped similar to the bottom **76** of the foot **44**, such that extensions **102** can similarly be connected to the other housing feet **42**, **46**, and **48** to adjust the effective height of the diaper changing station **10**.

[0048] FIG. **11** is a side schematic view of a diaper changing station **130**, which can be similar to the diaper changing station **10** (shown in FIGS. **1-7**). The diaper changing station **130** includes a pad **132** attached to a housing **134** via fasteners **136** and **138**. The fasteners **136** and **138** can allow the pad **132** to be attached and detached to a top of the housing **134**, which can facilitate both use and storage of the pad **132**. In one embodiment, fasteners **136** and **138** can be snap connectors. In another embodiment, the fasteners **136** and **138** can be hook and loop fasteners.

[0049] The diaper changing station **130** includes a housing foot **140** in a supporting position, with a set of extensions **142**, **144**, and **146** attached in series to and extending from a bottom of the housing foot **140**. Use of the extensions **142**, **144**, and **146** can increase the effective height of the diaper changing station **130** to increase user convenience and comfort. For example, increasing the effective height of the diaper changing station **130** can reduce or prevent a user from having to bend his or her back during the diaper changing process and consequently reduce or prevent back strain. The diaper changing station also includes a housing foot **148**, which is shown being pivoted from a supporting position to a storage position in a recess **150**. A set of extensions, such as the extensions **142**, **144**, and **146**, can also be attached to the housing foot **148** to increase the effective height of the diaper changing station **130**.

[0050] In some embodiments, the extensions **142**, **144**, and **146** can each have a height of about 1 to 3 inches (about 2.5 to 7.5 centimeters). In some embodiments, the extensions **142**, **144**, and **146** can each have a height of about 1 to 2 inches (about 2.5 to 5 centimeters). In some embodiments, the extensions **142**, **144**, and **146** can each have a height of about 2 to 3 inches (about 5 to 7.5 centimeters). In some embodiments, the extensions **142**, **144**, and **146** can each have a height of about 1.5 to 2.5 inches (about 3.8 to 6.3 centimeters). In one embodiment, the extensions **142**, **144**, and **146** can each have a height of about 2 inches (about 5 centimeters). Thus, the user can increase the effective height of the diaper changing station **130** in 2 inch increments by adding one, two, three, or more extensions **142**, **144**, and **146** to the feet **140** and **148**.

[0051] Accordingly, various embodiments of the diaper changing stations described above can provide a relatively sturdy and convenient diaper changing station suitable for use both at home and when traveling. Including a rigid housing can help provide a sturdy structure for supporting a baby during a diaper changing process. Including drawers or other storage receptacles allows a user to store diapers and wipes for use during the diaper changing process. Including feet and extensions allows for adjustability of the diaper changing station to a height desirable by a user, which can vary depending on the height of the user, the location of use, and user preferences. The inter-connectablity of the feet and extensions described above allows for adjustable foot assemblies that are both sturdy and convenient. Including recesses in the housing for storage of feet and feet-extensions allows for a convenient and secure storage location of the feet and extensions when not in use. Including a removable pad can allow the diaper changing station to have a cushioned surface for the baby that is also removable and storable within the housing. Designing the housing to have first and second pivotably connected modules allows the housing to be folded and stored with a relatively small footprint. The housing can be sized and configured to include space for drawers and recesses for feet and extensions, allowing the diaper changing station to be a relatively self-contained unit. Various embodiments of diaper changing stations can include one, more, or all of these features as deemed appropriate for a given application.

[0052] In one embodiment, a diaper changing station can be designed for the trunk of a car (or any flat but low surface). The diaper changing station can be built from thick sturdy plastic with a hinge half-way through for easy folding, as well as thick sturdy blocks that can fit under each foot to change the elevation of the changing table as needed. A cushioned cover can attach easily via snaps or Velcro to provide a clean changing area for the baby. The main platform can also have a drawer for storing wipes, diapers, etc. The blocks can be stored inside the folded platform.

[0053] A number of embodiments of the invention have been described. Nevertheless, it will be understood that various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. For example, the size and shape of the housing and other components can be modified as suitable for a given application. Accordingly, other embodiments are within the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A portable diaper changing station comprising:

a housing defined by an exterior surface and having a housing top and a housing bottom spaced from the housing top by a height, wherein the housing top defines a baby changing surface configured for receiving and sup-

porting a baby during a diaper changing process, wherein the housing comprises:

a first module having a first module top defining a first portion of the baby changing surface and having a first module bottom opposite the first module top; and

a second module having a second module top defining a second portion of the baby changing surface and having a second module bottom opposite the second module top, wherein the first module is hingedly connected to the second module so as to be movable from an open position to a folded position, and wherein the first portion of the baby changing surface is aligned with the second portion of the baby changing surface so as to be suitable for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process when in the open position.

2. The portable diaper changing station of claim **1**, wherein the housing is a rigid structure that defines a drawer cavity extending through the exterior surface of the housing into an interior of the housing and defines one or more feet recesses and wherein the housing has a width of between about 24 to 34 inches and the height of between about 2 to 6 inches, the portable diaper changing station further comprising:

a drawer slidably positioned in the drawer cavity, wherein the drawer is sized to house diapers for use in changing the baby; and

a plurality of housing feet sized to fit in the one or more feet recesses of the housing, wherein the housing feet are movable from a storage position in which the housing feet are stored in the one or more feet recesses of the housing and a supporting position in which the housing feet are positioned adjacent the housing bottom for supporting the housing.

3. The portable diaper changing station of claim **2**, wherein the drawer cavity extends into a housing side that extends between the housing top and the housing bottom and is substantially perpendicular to the housing top and the housing bottom, wherein the one or more feet recesses extend into housing bottom, and wherein the drawer cavity is separate from and distinct from the one or more feet recesses.

4. The portable diaper changing station of claim **3**, wherein the plurality of feet are each hingedly connected to the housing and pivotable between the storage position and the supporting position and wherein the housing further defines one or more extension recesses, the portable diaper changing station further comprising:

a plurality of extensions configured for connecting to bottoms of the plurality of feet for increasing an effective height of the portable diaper changing station, wherein the plurality of extensions are sized and configured to be retained and stored in the one or more extension recesses.

5. The portable diaper changing station of claim **1**, wherein the housing defines one or more recesses, the portable diaper changing station further comprising:

a plurality of housing feet sized to fit in the one or more recesses of the housing, wherein the housing feet are movable from a storage position in which the housing feet are stored in the one or more recesses of the housing and a supporting position in which the housing feet are positioned adjacent the housing bottom for supporting the housing.

6. The portable diaper changing station of claim **1**, wherein the housing further comprises a drawer cavity extending through the exterior surface of the housing into an interior of the housing, the portable diaper changing station further comprising:

a drawer slidably positioned in the drawer cavity, wherein the drawer is sized to house diapers for use in changing the baby.

7. The portable diaper changing station of claim **1**, wherein the housing further comprises a first drawer cavity extending through the exterior surface of the housing into a first interior of the first module and a second drawer cavity extending through the exterior surface of the housing into a second interior of the second module, wherein the first drawer cavity is separate from the second drawer cavity such that the first drawer cavity is pivotable with respect to the second drawer cavity as the first and second modules move between the open position and the folded position, the portable diaper changing station further comprising:

a first drawer slidably positioned in the first drawer cavity; and

a second drawer slidably positioned in the second drawer cavity.

8. The portable diaper changing station of claim **1**, wherein the housing further comprises a receptacle extending through the exterior surface of the housing into an interior of the housing, wherein the receptacle is sized to house diapers, baby wipes, and clothing for use in changing the baby.

9. The portable diaper changing station of claim **1**, wherein the housing defines a pad storage area between the first and second modules when the first and second module are in the folded position, the portable diaper changing station further comprising:

a removable pad sized and configured to be positioned on and connected to the baby changing surface at the housing top of the housing when the first and second modules are in the open position and to be positioned in the pad storage area when the first and second modules are in the folded position.

10. The portable diaper changing station of claim **1**, wherein the housing has a housing division separating the first module from the second module, wherein the housing includes a hinge that hingedly connects the first module to the second module, and wherein the hinge is positioned along a bottom edge of the division that is adjacent the housing bottom and is spaced from the housing top by a thickness of the housing.

11. A portable diaper changing station comprising:

a housing defined by an exterior surface, having a housing top and a housing bottom spaced from the housing top by a height, and sized to be carried by a user for use while away from home, the housing comprising:

a baby changing surface at the housing top, wherein the baby changing surface is configured for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process; and

a drawer cavity extending through the exterior surface of the housing into an interior of the housing; and

a drawer slidably positioned in the drawer cavity, wherein the drawer is sized to house diapers for use in changing the baby.

12. The portable diaper changing station of claim **11**, wherein the housing has first and second housing sides extending between the housing top and the housing bottom with the first housing side positioned opposite the second housing side, wherein the drawer cavity extends into the

interior of housing through the first housing side, wherein the housing further defines a second drawer cavity extending into the interior of the housing through the first side, wherein the second drawer cavity is spaced from and extends substantially parallel to the first drawer housing, and wherein the portable diaper changing station further comprises a second drawer slidably positioned in the second drawer cavity.

13. The portable diaper changing station of claim **11**, wherein the housing has first and second housing sides extending between the housing top and the housing bottom with the first housing side positioned opposite the second housing side, wherein the drawer cavity extends into the interior of housing through the first housing side, wherein the housing further defines a second drawer cavity extending into the interior of the housing through the first side and that is spaced from and extends substantially parallel to the first drawer housing, a third drawer cavity extending into the interior of the housing through the second side and that is positioned opposite of and aligned with the drawer cavity, and a fourth drawer cavity extending into the interior of the housing through the second side, is positioned opposite of and aligned with the second drawer cavity and is substantially parallel to the third drawer cavity, the portable diaper changing station further comprising:

a second drawer slidably positioned in the second drawer cavity;

a third drawer slidably positioned in the third drawer cavity; and

a fourth drawer slidably positioned in the fourth drawer cavity.

14. The portable diaper changing station of claim **13**, wherein the housing is foldable such that the drawer and the third drawer pivot with respect to the second and fourth drawer when the housing is folded.

15. A portable diaper changing station comprising:

a housing defined by an exterior surface and having a housing top and a housing bottom spaced from the housing top by a height, wherein the housing top defines a baby changing surface configured for receiving and supporting a baby during a diaper changing process, and wherein the housing defines one or more recesses; and

a plurality of housing feet sized to fit in the one or more recesses of the housing, wherein the housing feet are movable from a storage position in which the housing feet are stored in the one or more recesses of the housing and a supporting position in which the housing feet are positioned adjacent the housing bottom for supporting the housing.

16. The portable diaper changing station of claim **15**, wherein the housing feet are hingedly connected to the housing so as to pivot between the supporting position with the housing feet positioned proximate corners of the housing and the storage position with the housing feet pivoted into the one or more recesses.

17. The portable diaper changing station of claim **15**, wherein the housing feet comprise housing feet assemblies having feet extensions configured to increase an effective height of the portable diaper changing station.

18. The portable diaper changing station of claim **15**, and further comprising:

a plurality of feet extensions sized to fit in the one or more recesses of the housing, wherein the feet extensions are movable from an extension storage position in which the feet extensions are stored in the recesses of the housing and an extension supporting position in which the feet extensions are connected to feet bottoms of the housing feet for raising and supporting the housing.

19. The portable diaper changing station of claim **18**, wherein the feet extensions have extension tops and extension bottoms and wherein the extension tops are sized and shaped for a snap-fit connection with the extension bottoms, with the feet bottoms, and with the recesses of the housing.

20. The portable diaper changing station of claim **18**, wherein the plurality of housing feet comprise at least four housing feet and wherein the plurality of feet extensions comprise at least twelve housing feet extensions configured for selectively increasing an effective height of the portable diaper changing station in multiple increments.

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