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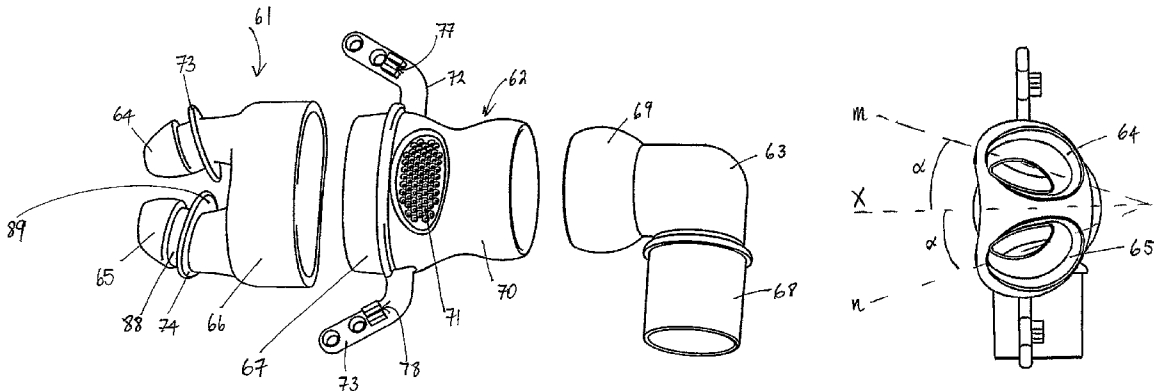
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

In one embodiment, a nasal cannula is shaped to fit within
a user's nares, where the nasal cannula includes at least one
prong allowing high flow delivery of humidified gases and
creates positive airway pressure in the patient's airway. The
prongs have angled ends such that, in use, gases flowing
through the prongs are directed to the user's nasal passages.
The nasal cannula body is partially swivelling and prefer-
ably has a ball joint connector. In another embodiment the
nasal cannula may have at least one flared end prong that
preferably seals within a patient's nares.

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