One way to improve quality, as well as decrease the length of examination, would be to have the Examiner cite all of the possible rejections and art in the first office action. A majority of the office actions I receive, only provide one rejection per claim based on Section 102 or Section 103. Particularly, with a Section 102 rejection, after successfully overcoming the rejection, by narrowing the claim, I often receive another 102 rejection in the next Office Action for the same claim number but citing another reference. If the second reference anticipates the narrowed claim, than it would have also anticipated the original broader form of the claim. Therefore, if both rejections were made in the initial office action, than the claim would have been narrowed to address both references in the first response. This would help me with the reduction of RCEs needing to be filed and would decrease the examination time, as everything would be cited from the outset and not in piecemeal.

Thank you for considering the above.

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