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Method for folding laundry

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Verfahren zum Falten von Wäschestücken

Title (fr)
Procédé destiné au pliage de pièces de linge

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Abstract (en)
[origin: US2015094195A1] In apparatuses for automatically folding items of laundry, items of laundry of different lengths usually are folded in an irregular sequence, resulting in idling and/or delays in particular in the longitudinal-folding station (13). The invention provides for determining the length of each item of laundry (10) upstream of the longitudinal-folding station (13) and for accelerating short items of laundry as they are transported through the longitudinal-folding station (13), whereas larger items of laundry are slowed down in the longitudinal-folding station (13). Following completion of the longitudinal-folding operation, the respectively folded item of laundry is located at the end of the longitudinal-folding station (13) and, immediately following completion of the longitudinal folding, is transported away out of the longitudinal-folding station (13). This avoids unnecessary idling times, and for relatively long items of laundry to be folded longitudinally during continuous, relatively slow onward transportation through the longitudinal-folding station (13).

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