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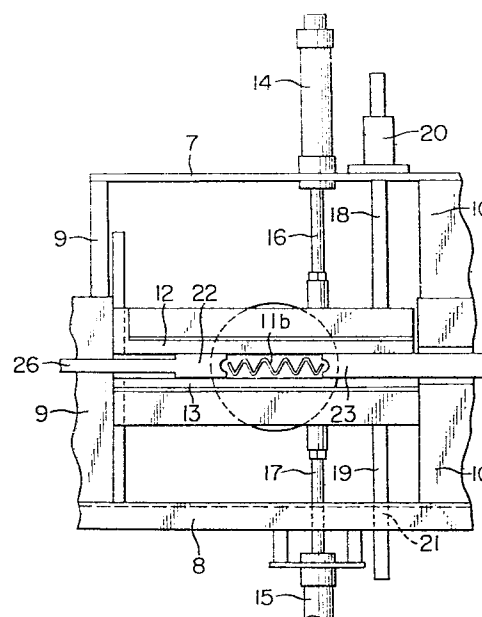
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54 **Method of and apparatus for gathering end portions of wrapping tubes.**

57 A circular open end portion of a ham-wrapping tube, before clipping the same with rings, is compressed by regulating elements (12, 13) at two diametrically opposite regions thereof toward the center of a cross section of the tube-end, until the distance between these regions has been shortened to a level equal to the width of each of folds to be formed in the tube-end.

Thereafter, the narrowed tube-end is compressed by gathering rods (22, 23) at two opposite corner regions thereof at once toward the center of a cross section of the narrowed tube-end.

Thus, the tube-end can be gathering in zigzags (11b).





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