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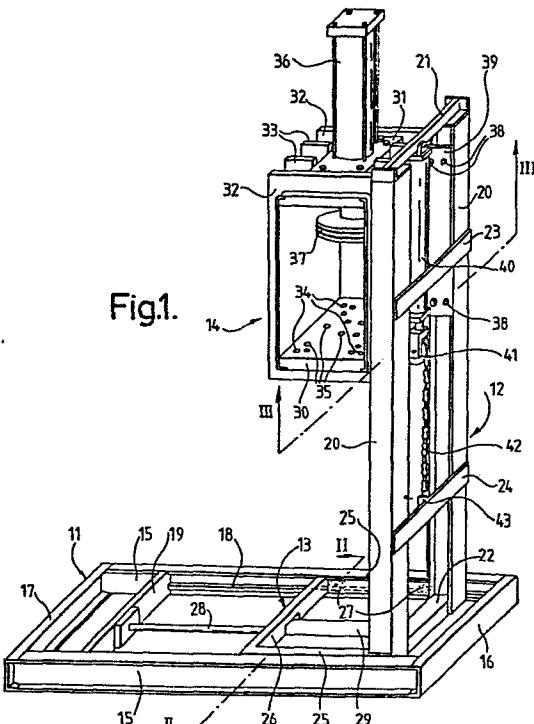
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54 Extrusion process and apparatus.

(57) Formable material such as pigment filter cake is extruded in filamentary form for drying by means of a ram extruder which eradicates local zones of inhomogeneity. Pressure may be applied by the ram in two stages; a lower pressure to homogenise the material followed by a higher pressure to extrude it.

Apparatus for carrying out the process comprises a container transportable in cage between a loading/unloading station and an extrusion station.

Fig.1.



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