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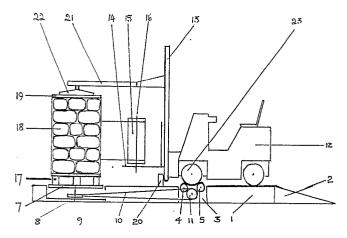
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Packaging or wrapping assembly.

5 Packaging assembly characterised by using a vehicle, especially a fork-lift truck (12), as power source for packaging operation. Primarily intended for wrapping loads (18) with plastics film, but can use any conventional materials or combinations, including those applied using spraying (cocooning or lacquering). Power offtake from vehicle can be hydraulic or electrical but is preferably mechanical, using vehicle's drive wheels (23) to engage rollers (4, 5) or turntable (7) to operate the load manipulator (usually supporting turntable or rollers) through intermediate transmission (10). Packaging material is preferably supplied from dispenser (15) mounted on the vehicle (12), together with optional ancillaries (heaters, load stabilisers). Variants include making the load manipulator able to tilt to allow wrapping in several directions, making the assembly as separate modules, including folded stiff sheeting within packaged load as disposable strengthener (substitute for pallet), and operating two manipulators by one vehicle. Improves vehicle utilisation and advantageous in hazardous areas, restricted space, or remote from power sources.





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