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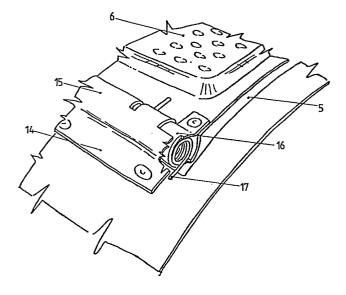
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54 Drum for a washing machine.

A drum for a washing machine of the top-loading type has a peripheral access opening (5) provided with a pair of door flaps (6, 7) hinged to opposite lateral edges thereof and mutually engageable for retainment in the closed position. The hinge connection between each door flap and the respective edge portion of the opening is formed by a rounded edge portion (16) of the door flap (6, 7) rotatably received in a correspondingly rounded portion (15) of a hinge element secured to the drum along the respective edge portion of the opening. The rounded portions (16) of the door flaps (6, 7) and hinge elements (14, 15) each present a rectilinear profile, thus precluding the danger of the laundry being caught therebetween.



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