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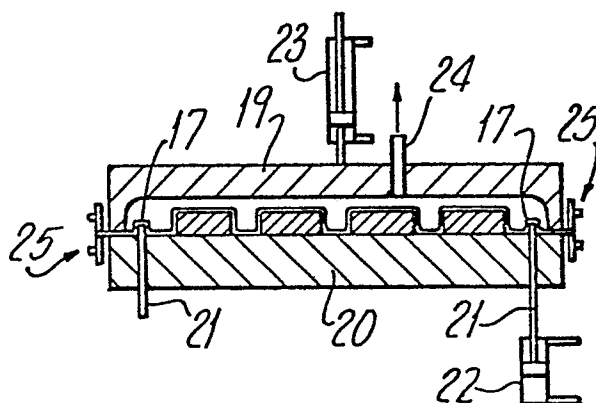
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54 Improvements in or relating to vacuum packaging.

57 The invention provides a method of vacuum packing by defining a "dummy product" (17), or a recess alongside a product article (14) on a support sheet (10) to form a cover sheet "collector" formation so that any "webbing" (18) is to the side of that "collector" formation (17) which faces away from the adjacent product article (14). That "collector" formation (17) can subsequently be trimmed to leave a webbing-free pack. Cutting down webbing reduces the risk of leakage of the pack. Preferably "collector" formation is a projection (17) the height of which is adjusted in response to the height of a product article (14) so that the extent of such webbing (18) is at a minimum.





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