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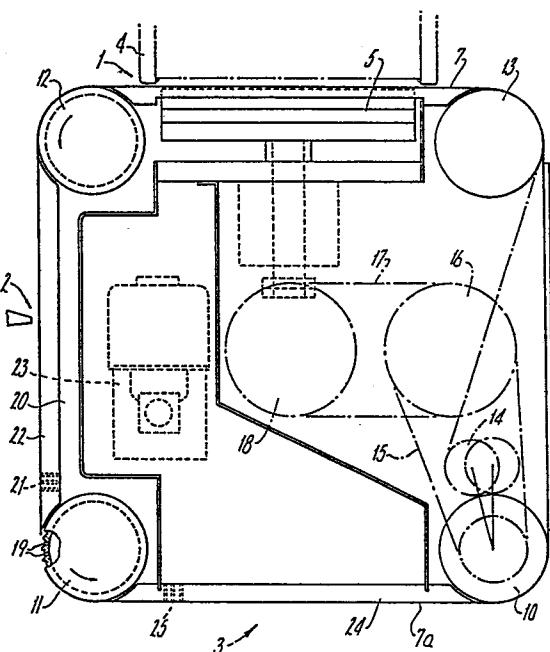
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㉓ **Labelling apparatus and method.**

㉔ The invention provides labelling apparatus and a method of applying labels to articles. The labelling apparatus comprises an adhesive applying station (2) and a label applying station (3), means (7) for successively transporting plain paper labels from a supply thereof first to the adhesive applying station (2) and then to the label applying station (3), means at said adhesive applying station for applying adhesive to a surface of each label, means for successively transporting articles to be labelled to said label applying station, and means at said label applying station for applying the labels with adhesive thereon to said articles.



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X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

- 1) Claims 1-7,17: Labelling apparatus with transport means using vacuum
- 2) Claims 1,8-14: Adhesive applying means comprising jet printing means and means for directing the droplets
- 3) Claims 1,15,16: Label applying means

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