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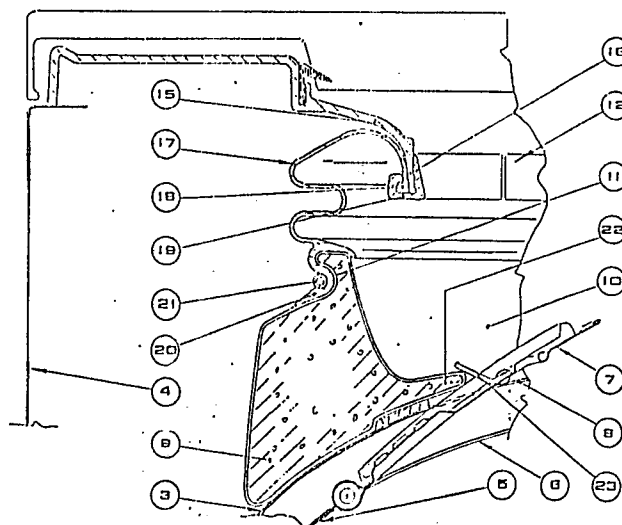
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54 **Laundry washing machine of the top-charging type provided with a counterweight.**

57 Described is a laundry washing machine of the top-charging type, particularly for domestic use, comprising a tub-drum assembly resiliently suspended within a frame, and a counterweight (9) for the dynamic equilibration of the tub-drum assembly. According to the invention, the counterweight (9) is mounted on the top portion of the tub (3) and formed with a central through-opening (10) registering with a charging port (12) in the frame of the machine and an access opening (8) of the tub (3), a flexible element (17) being connected between said charging port (12) and said central through-opening (10). The described location of the counterweight (9) permits the weight and dimensions thereof to be considerably reduced as compared to known constructions.





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