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(54) **Method and apparatus for reducing the liquid content of gas-permeable material.**

(57) A tube (12) of gas-permeable material (22) has its liquid content reduced by passing the tube through a frame (20) which surrounds the tube and which defines a suction slot (6) which is at least substantially continuous in the direction around the tube.

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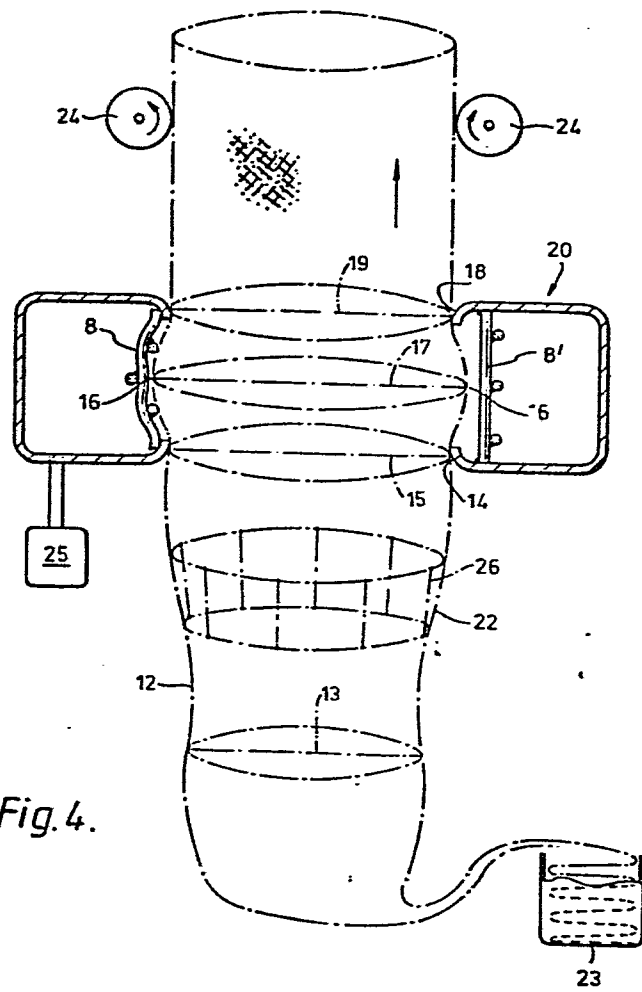


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