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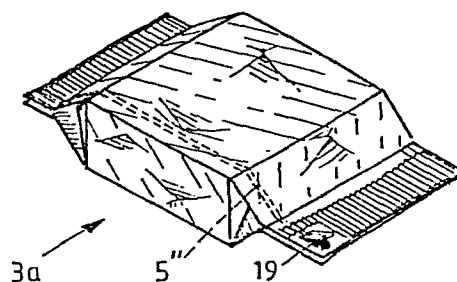
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**A method and device for wrap packaging of articles.**

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This invention relates to a method of wrap packaging of an article, comprising the steps of adhering a tear tape onto a wrap film web, making cuts in the tear tape area of said film so as to form at least one tear tab, folding the film web into a tube around the article to be wrapped, closing said tube in the longitudinal direction by connecting the longitudinal edges of said tube one to another and closing the tube ends by flat squeezing and cross-sealing the tube end portions, the improvement consisting therein, that the tab forming cuts are made in a location such that the tear tab (19) falls within a cross-sealing area, the cross-sealing procedure being performed in such a way, that the tear tap is kept loose from the underlying tube wall portion in said area.

**FIG. 3**



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