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54 Improvements to an automatic machine for the continuous packing of articles.

57 A centralized microprocessor, (100), controls the means which operate the magazine (6) of articles (3), the said magazine being designed to discharge a present number of articles into trays (5) on an infeed line, the electromechanical means (13) for adjusting the height of the detection devices (8) which detect the number of articles present in each tray (5), electromechanical means (19) for adjusting the height of the magazine (16) which houses the containers (4) in flat tubular state, the electromechanical means (26, 27) for adjusting the height of the latter magazine, (16), the electromechanical units, (36), for adjusting the height of longitudinal bars (34) which serve to guide the containers (4) sliding along an underlying article infeed line, (2), and, lastly, the electromechanical means (52) for adjusting the height of the coding assembly (50).

The devices for lifting the longitudinal bars (34) are located at station S where the articles (3) are inserted into the containers (4).

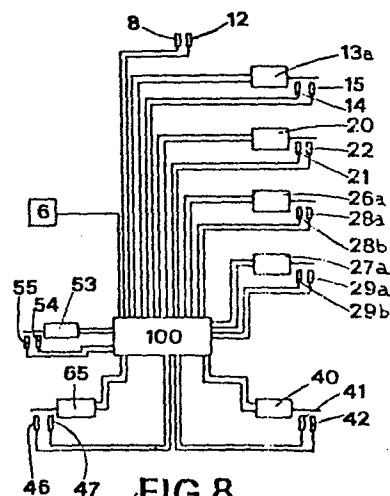


FIG.8

Improvements to an automatic machine for the continuous
packing of articles

The invention belongs to the vast technical field concerned with automatic machines, such as, for example, machines for the continuous packing of articles (e.g. medicines or cosmetics) in containers (e.g. cases), of the kind comprising two coplanar lines, side by side, one line being for the infeeding of the articles and the other for the infeeding of the containers, in the region of a station where the articles are inserted into the containers. .

- 0 The article infeed line consists of a number of trays, integral with a pair of looped chains moving in a line perpendicular to the axis of the trays. The trays are designed to receive, from a magazine, (for example, of the kind defended in Italian patent application No.3597A/81) a
5 preset number of articles (for example, 1,2,3, etc.). This means that the device which "unlatches" the articles from the magazine has to be adjusted (by the operator on the spot) and a detector provided, between the magazine and the
0 aforementioned station, to detect the height of the pile of products in each tray.

- The detector is mounted so that it can be adjusted in height when the number of articles in each pile is varied. The container magazine (for example, located under the aforementioned container infeed line as described in the Italian
5 patent application No.3357/80) where the containers are housed, in flat tubular state, consists basically of two sloping bars and two angles, on the outside of the bars. When the number of articles in each pile is varied, it is

necessary to select a suitable container size and adjust the mutual distance between the said angles, this adjustment being still today carried out manually by the operator.

- 5 The container infeed line comprises, amongst other things: a longitudinal track serving both to support the containers and guide the bottoms thereof; means (such as: pegs of at least two chains) for transferring the containers from the insertion station to an outfeed station; two longitudinal
10 bars, located over the aforementioned track and serving to guide the containers moving along underneath.

- The height of the said bars above the track is adjusted by suitable means whenever it is necessary to change the size
15 of the parallelepiped containers (or cases) obtained by "erecting" the flat tubular container blanks. In a known solution, the said devices consist of hand-operated mechanical means placed beside and/or above the conveyor: the problem with these is that they obstruct assembly, setup and maintenance
20 operations on the lines.

- The need for automatic machines to have centralized controls which can be driven entirely or partly by a microprocessor has compelled machine designers to provide electromechanical
25 means (with centralized drive) for the actuation of the aforementioned bars.

- In the known solutions which achieve the above, the electro-mechanical means just referred to consist of a variety of
30 mechanisms of varying complexity located over the conveyor with the result that the difficulties with the traditional solution (that is, hand-operated mechanical devices) are not

alleviated but accentuated.

Thanks to modern automation techniques, tending to reduce dead times and minimize production costs wherever possible, it is already possible to time the containers and articles with respect to each other, with the aforementioned infeed lines moving side by side in a straight line at a uniform speed and zero relative velocity.

Obviously, these peculiarities make it necessary to envisage some means by which to provide the synchrony that is fundamental for all movements to occur with exact timing.

In the presence of all rigid articles, this unavoidable condition is correlated to process tolerances only.

In the aforementioned case, on the other hand, the presence of deformable bodies, such as cases or case-like containers, for instance, makes it necessary to use a series of guides and/or stop plates to prevent the containers from being deformed. Thus, the bottoms of the containers rest on the aforementioned longitudinal track and the grooves in the track serve to seat the aforementioned pegs which hold the containers in place on the sides, while the aforementioned longitudinal bars (serving as top guides) theoretically remove any possibility of movement: "theoretically" because, in practice, it is quite easy for the containers to get jammed, especially at the insertion station.

Whenever a jam occurs, the operator has to intervene to remove the longitudinal bars and restore working conditions. Removing the longitudinal bars means releasing also those

containers downstream of the insertion station that already have articles inserted in them and are waiting for the subsequent steps in the process. The problem with this is that it creates the risk of upsetting the delicate timing referred to earlier and, consequently, of causing more jams.

In the machine for packing articles (defended in the aforementioned Italian patent application no.3357A/80), there is located downstream of the insertion station and near one of the longitudinal bars a coding unit designed to stamp a preset combination of letters and/or figures on one side of the containers. When container size is changed, the height of the coding unit must be adjusted, at present manually, by the operator.

The object of this invention is to make available such improvements to an automatic machine for the continuous packing of articles as to centralize the control of the aforementioned hand-operated means, of the aforementioned devices and of the "setting" of the number of articles fed by the magazine to the trays on the article infeed line.

As part of these improvements just referred to, the invention envisages suitable electromechanical means interfaced with a microprocessor mounted on the machine itself or a microprocessor outside the machine in common with other automatic machines.

The invention also envisages that the devices to operate the longitudinal bars be of such shape and form as not to encumber the area above the bars, which constitutes an improvement in that assembly and maintenance operations on the

aforementioned lines are facilitated.

A further improvement envisaged by the invention is the provision of means to enable the operator to handle the containers at the article insertion station without negatively affecting the full containers downstream that have already gone through the station.

The above objects are achieved through improvements to an automatic machine for the continuous packing of articles, comprising amongst other things: two lines, one for the infeeding of the articles and the other for the infeeding of the containers, coplanar and side by side, in the region of a station where the articles are inserted into the containers; a magazine, located upstream of the article infeed line, designed to feed the trays on the article infeed line with a preset number of articles; means, located in between the said magazine and the insertion station, for detecting the number of articles present in each tray, the said means being movable vertically; a second magazine for housing the containers in flat tubular state and located under the container infeed line and upstream thereof; a device between the second magazine and the article infeed line designed to transform the containers from flat tubular blanks into parallelepiped containers; at least two longitudinal bars, placed over the aforementioned container infeed line, for locating and guiding the containers underneath sliding on a longitudinal track under the action of drive means; a device for the linear adjustment of the height of the said longitudinal bars; a coding unit on the container line, downstream of the insertion station, for stamping on the containers with articles already inserted in

them, a preset combination of letters and/or figures; the improvements to the machine being characterized by their comprising: first electromechanical means for adjusting the height of the said detection devices, wired to sensors which
5 measure the said height; second electromechanical means for adjusting the height of the aforementioned second magazine, wired to sensors which measure the said height; third electromechanical means for adjusting the width of the aforementioned second magazine, wired to sensors which
10 measure the said width; at least two electromechanical units for adjusting the height of each of the said longitudinal bars, wired to sensors which measure the said height; fourth electromechanical means for adjusting the height of the aforementioned coding unit, wired to sensors which measure
15 the said height; one microprocessor to which are wired all the electromechanical means and units just referred to, with their associated sensors, as well as the operating means of the first magazine which discharges a preset number of articles into the trays on the article feed line, the said
20 microprocessor being designed to monitor the said electromechanical means and units through a pre-established programme in accordance with electrical signals received from the aforementioned sensors.

25 Moreover, each longitudinal bar consists of two segments, one fixed and one movable, hinged to each other, the said movable segment, which is located at the insertion station, being movable vertically between two extreme points and adjustable when it is at the bottom position so that its
30 alignment in relation to the fixed segment can be adjusted. The characteristics of the invention are emphasized hereinafter with particular reference to the accompanying

drawings, namely:

- Figure 1 which shows diagrammatically a plan view of an automatic packing machine with the improvements envisaged by this invention;
- 5 - Figure 2 which shows diagrammatically a perspective view of the device for adjusting the height of the longitudinal bars and the coding unit;
- Figure 3 which shows a close-up perspective view of the phase preceding the insertion of a pile of articles into a
10 container;
- Figure 4 which shows a sectional view of one of the units of the aforementioned device;
- Figure 5 which shows diagrammatically a perspective view of the electromechanical means for operating the coding unit
15 and a part of the electromechanical means of the aforementioned device;
- Figures 6a and 6b which show perspective views of the electromechanical means for adjusting the height and width, respectively, of the magazine housing the containers in flat
20 tubular state;
- Figures 7a and 7b which show perspective views of the electromechanical means for detecting the presence of a pile of articles at the article infeed line;
- Figure 8 which shows diagrammatically the centralized
25 wiring of the improvements that are the object of the invention;
- Figure 9 which shows a perspective view of the means used for lifting the longitudinal bars at the article insertion station;
- 30 - Figure 10 which shows a partially sectional view of the hinged articulation joining the fixed segment to the movable segment illustrated in Figure 9.

With reference to Figure 1, means 1 and 2 indicate two in-feed lines, the former for the infeeding of the articles to be packed 3 and the latter for the infeeding of the cases (or containers) 4. The two lines are coplanar and side by side in the region of a station S.

Line 1 is made up of a number of trays 5 (translating through H), adjustable in width, into each of which a magazine of known kind (and therefore named generically) discharges a preset quantity (number) of the said articles 3. The means operating the magazine (not illustrated) must therefore be "set" for the required number of articles: the setting is controlled through a centralized microprocessor 100 (Figure 8).

At the station S, the lines 1 and 2 run at the same speed, which is also the speed at which the push-rods 7 move, the said push-rods being movable also perpendicularly to direction H so as to push the pile of articles 3 into cases 4.

On line 1, between the station S and the magazine 6, there is a sensor 8 (of inductive type, for example) carried by an element 9, rotatably mounted on a slide 10 and able to rotate perpendicularly to direction H. When at rest, the said movable element settles (under its own weight) on a stop stud 11 that is integral with slide 10 (Figure 7b): there is a sensor 12 attached to the movable element.

The vertical translational movement of slide 10 is achieved through electromechanical means 13 (Figure 7b); the "zero" of the slide stroke is detected by a sensor 14, while another sensor, 15, detects (i.e., "measures" by means of

electrical signals) fractions of a revolution of the drive shaft 13a, the latter being a component of the said means 13.

5 Sensors 8, 12, 14, and 15 and motor 13a are controlled by microprocessor 100. Sensor 8 detects the presence of a preset number of articles 3 in trays 5. If the number of articles in a tray is less than the preset number, sensor 8 detects the anomaly. If the number is greater than the
10 preset number, sensor 8 intercepts the top article of the pile and gives an "O.K." signal which is in fact wrong; this is picked up (and the signal cancelled) by sensor 12 when movable element 9 rotates as a result of the lifting of sensor 8 consequent on its having intercepted the top
15 article.

Magazine 16, which houses containers 4 in flat tubular state, is located upstream of the line 2, under station S (Figure 6b). A suitable device 17 (such as defended in
20 Italian patent application No.3357A/80) "erects" the blanks to form cases (of parallelepipedal shape, for example) and transfers them to line 2.

The magazine 16 is carried on a stem 18, driven by a motor, 20, through electromechanical means 19 which impart vertical translational motion through F1, F2; a limit sensor 21 detects the "zero" of the stroke of stem 18, while another sensor, 22, "gauges" the fractions of a revolution of the drive shaft 20. Motor 20 and sensors 21 and 22 depend on
30 microprocessor 100.

The magazine 16 has two oblique bars 23 and two sides 24a and 24b, parallel to the bars and freely supported by a

crossbar 25 (Figure 6a). The aforementioned sides are moved in directions K1, K2 by electromechanical means 26 and 27 driven by motors 26a and 27a. Means 26 and 27 are associated to sensor pairs 28a, 28b and 29a, 29b. Sensors 28a and 29a
5 define the "zero" of the slides of the associated slides 24a and 24b, while the remaining sensors 28b and 29b, "gauge" the fractions of a revolution of the drive shafts of motors 26a and 27a respectively.

10 Sensors 28 a and b and 29 a and b, as well as motors 26a and 27a, are controlled by microprocessor 100.

The line 2 for the infeeding of cases 4 comprises, amongst other things, a longitudinal track 30 with longitudinal
15 grooves which pegs 31 slide in, the said pegs being fastened to chains 31a and equally spaced to form receptacles 32 for the containers.

Track 30 serves to support and guide the bottoms of cases 4,
20 while the tops thereof are guided by two longitudinal bars 34 (Figure 3).

Bars 34 are cantilevered to four crosspieces, 35a, 35b, 35c and 35d, facing the outside of the line and moved up and
25 down by electromechanical means 36 a,b,c,d.

With reference to Figure 4, (which illustrates unit 36a), 37 indicates an internally threaded sleeve guided axially by structure 38 of the machine. A threaded stem 39 is screwed coaxially to the said sleeve 37 in such a way as to be prevented from moving vertically but carried in rotation by
30 electromechanical means 79 driven by motor 40 (or manually by means of a knob, 39a).

The "zero" of the stroke of the sleeve is defined by a limit sensor 41, while another sensor, 42, "gauges" the fractions of a revolution of the motor 40.

5 The assembly of sprocket 43 (splined to stem 39) and toothed belt 44 drives the electromechanical unit 36b which is the same as that described above, is linked to sensors 41 and 42 and driven by the aforementioned motor 40.

10 The unit 36c is similar to units 36a and b and is provided with a motor, 65, and sensors 46 and 47 (Figure 8). The electromechanical unit 36d, associated arm 35d, has a bracket 48 containing suitable means for transmitting motion, not illustrated, driven as described above by motor
15 65. The said unit is linked to sensors 46 and 47 and is driven by motor 65.

Motors 40 and 65, as well as sensors 41, 42 and 46, 47 are controlled by microprocessor 100.

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It is emphasized that units 36a, b, c, and d are located under and to one side of line 2 and that electromechanical means 79, with associated motors 40 and 65 are located in the bottom section of structure 38. Thus, the space over
25 line 1 (and station S) is not encumbered by the said units, with obvious advantages.

The longitudinal bars consist each of two segments, 34a and 34b, one fixed and one movable, respectively, hinged together by means 81, the movable segment being located at the
30 insertion station, S.

As stated above, each push rod 7, actuated in synchrony with

lines 1 and 2, inserts a preset number of articles 3 into the corresponding case 4 from the open end, 4a, of the case.

5 With reference to Figure 10, 82c indicates a portion of the aforementioned fixed segment 34a and 82d a space in movable segment 34b.

The top 83 of the said portion 82c matches with a rest of the said space 82d.

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An adjusting screw, associated with movable segment 34b, goes up against the aforementioned top 83 of the fixed segment 34a, thus permitting the alignment of the fixed and movable segments to be adjusted. The movable segment has an
15 associated block 86 with a ball 87 pushed out partially from one end by spring 88. When segment 34b is in "lowered" position, the said ball goes into a socket 89 made in the aforementioned portion 82c of the fixed segment 34a. The lifting action exerted on the segment 34b when the insertion station
20 S is called into operation overcomes the resistance of spring 88, thus enabling the ball 87 to come free of the socket 89.

When the "raised" position is reached (the dashed line in
25 the illustration) the ball 87 intercepts the aforementioned top 83 of the fixed segment 34a, exerting, thanks to the action of the aforementioned spring 88, sufficient force to keep the movable segment 34b in "raised" position.

The movement of the movable segments from "lowered" to
30 "raised" position, and vice versa, is facilitated, in the case of manual operation, by square elements 90 (shown in a dashed line in Figure 9) attached to the movable segments

34b. In the event of a jam at the insertion station S, the operator can stop the machine associated to lines 1 and 2, and raise the movable segment 34b of the aforementioned bars 34, so as to correct the position of, or remove, the container (or containers) that is causing the jam. After doing this, the operator can move the aforementioned movable segment back to "lowered" position to start the machines up again.

The means just referred to (Figures 9 and 10) make it quick and easy for the operator to set things right at the insertion station S without negatively interfering with the cases already downstream of the station and waiting for subsequent operations. Another notable advantage is that the movable segment 34b is adjustably mounted to be aligned with the fixed segment 34a. This makes it possible to increase or decrease the pressure of the bars on the cases 4, as necessary, which increases or decreases the "stiffness" of the cases only at the most critical point, i.e., in the region of the insertion station, without affecting the smoothness or timing accuracy of the rest of the line.

Besides manual operation, the movable segments 1b may also be operated by electromechanical, pneumatic or other similar means, the said means being controlled by suitable sensors (not illustrated) designed to detect when the movable segments get jammed. The feature just referred to is particularly interesting as it permits the movable segments to be lifted automatically and to control their operating means through the aforementioned microprocessor 100.

With reference to figures 1 and 2, part number 50 indicates

the coding unit, located downstream of the station S and designed to stamp a preset combination of numbers and/or figures on the side of each case 4 (after insertion of the articles 3).

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Unit 50 is carried on a mounting block 51 (which rotates about a vertical axis from a work to a rest position, perpendicular to each other). the said unit 50 being moved up and down by electromechanical means 52 driven by an electric motor 53. In this case too there are a limit sensor (defining the "zero" of the stroke of the mounting block 51), and another sensor 55 for measuring fractions of a revolution of the shaft 56, the turning of which - by known means - transmits the vertical translational movement to the said mounting block. Motor 53, as well as sensors 54 and 55, are connected to microprocessor 100.

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In short, the improvements to the machine consist of original, machine-mounted mechanisms each operated by an electromechanical means or unit, each of the said electromechanical means or unit having two sensors, one for measuring the fractions of a revolution of the drive shaft - each fraction of a revolution giving rise to a preset displacement of the movable part of the corresponding mechanism - and one stroke limit sensor for defining the "zero" reference point of each shaft used by the microprocessor 100 to locate and monitor the drive shafts of the mechanisms. This has the notable advantage of allowing the said microprocessor 100 to be used to automate either one machine only or several machines at once.

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In other words, since the improvements that are the object

of this invention envisage both electromechanical operating means and displacement detectors, the microprocessor 100 can be used to control several machines, though there is nothing to prevent its being used only for the one machine which the improvements refer to.

The operation of the improvements is an obvious consequence of what has been described above.

10 The size setting (i.e. length x breadth x height of the containers) of the microprocessor 100 is correlated to the number and/or size of the articles to be inserted into the containers. In fact, in the programme of the microprocessor 100 are stored the dimensions of the articles and on these
15 depend the height of sensors 8, magazine 16, bars 34 and coding unit 50 and the spacing of the sides 24 a and b (defining the width of magazine 16).

The operator enters in the microprocessor 100 the number of
20 articles to go into each container 4 and the microprocessor accordingly adjusts the aforementioned electromechanical means to suit the size of the corresponding containers. To do this, the microprocessor runs in accordance with a preset programme, using the electrical signals sent to it by the
25 displacement detectors and with reference to the "zero" points defined by the aforementioned limit sensors.

Once the microprocessor has been set, it is necessary to "load" the magazine 16, either manually or automatically, with container blanks of corresponding size.

30 It is understood that the description given herein is purely an unlimited example and thus that eventual variations in

the constructional details described all fall within the framework of protection afforded to the invention as claimed hereinafter.

Claims:

1) Improvements to an automatic machine for the continuous packing of articles, the said machine comprising, amongst other things: two lines 1 and 2, the former for infeeding articles 3 and the latter for infeeding containers 4 coplanar and side by side in the region of a station S for the insertion of the said articles 3 into corresponding containers 4; a magazine 6, located upstream of the article 3 infeed line 1 and designed to place in trays 5 with which the said line is provided a preset number of articles 3; devices, located between the said magazine 6 and the said insertion station S, for detecting the number of articles present in each tray, the said detection devices being movable vertically; a second magazine 16 in which the containers 4 are housed in a flat tubular state, located beneath the container 4 infeed line 2 and upstream thereof; a device 17 located between the second magazine 16 and the article 3 infeed line and designed to erect the flat container blanks to form parallelepiped containers; at least two longitudinal bars 34, located above the container 4 infeed line 2 and designed to locate and guide the underlying containers that slide over a longitudinal track 30 under the action of drive means 31; a device for linearly adjusting the height of the said longitudinal bars 34; a coding unit 50 connected to the container 4 infeed line, downstream of the aforementioned station S and designed to stamp on the containers, with articles inside them already, a preset combination of letters and/or figures; the improvements to the automatic machine being characterized by their comprising: first electromechanical means 13 for adjusting the height of the said detection devices, wired to

sensors 14 and 15, for measuring the said height; second electromechanical means 19 for adjusting the height of the said second magazine 16, wired to sensors 21 and 2, for measuring the said height; third electromechanical means 26
5 and 27 for adjusting the width of the said second magazine 16, wired to sensors 28a, 28b, 29a and 29b for measuring the said width; at least two electromechanical units 36 for each of the said longitudinal bars 34, for the adjustment in height thereof, wired to sensors 41, 42 - 46, 47, for
10 measuring the said height; fourth electromechanical means 52 for adjusting the height of the said coding unit 50, wired to sensors 54 and 55, for measuring the said height; a microprocessor 100 to which are electrically connected the said electromechanical means 36 and the sensors wired
15 thereto, as well as the means for operating the first magazine 6 designed to discharge a preset number of articles 3 into the trays 5 of the article infeed line 1, the said microprocessor being designed to control the operation of the said operating means and of the said electromechanical
20 means in accordance with a pre-established programme and with the aid of electrical signals sent to it by the aforementioned sensors.

2) Improvements to an automatic machine characterized by the
25 fact that each longitudinal bar 34 is made up of two segments, 34a and 34b, fixed and movable respectively, joined to each other by a hinge 81, the said movable segment 34b, which is located at the insertion station, being movable vertically between two extreme points, namely,
30 "raised" and "lowered"; and characterized also by means 85 for adjusting the alignment of the said movable segment 34b in relation to the fixed segment 34a when the former is at

the "lowered" position.

3) Improvements to an automatic machine according to Claim 1
characterized by the fact that each of the said
5 electromechanical units 36 comprises: a crossbar 35 locked
to a corresponding longitudinal bar 34 and turned towards
the outside of the container 4 infeed line 2; a sleeve 37 to
the upper extremity of which is cantilevered the said
crossbar able to slide guided vertically by a housing made
10 in the structure of the automatic machine and extending
beneath the said line 2; a stem 39 inserted coaxially in the
inside of the sleeve 37 and screw coupled thereto;
electromechanical means 79 that are provided with a motor 40
controlled by a microprocessor 100 and exert an effect on
15 the lower end of stem 39 in order to carry this in rotation;
a sensor 41 for detecting the stroke limit of the said
sleeve 37, wired to the aforementioned microprocessor 100;
another sensor 42 for measuring predetermined fractions of a
revolution of the stem, wired to microprocessor 100.

20 4) Improvements to an automatic machine according to Claim 1
characterized by the fact that the said detection devices
comprise: a first sensor 8, wired to the microprocessor 100,
located at the side of the trays 5 on the article 3 infeed
25 line 1 and mounted on a movable element 9 carried by a slide
10 able to move vertically and actuated by the said first
electromechanical means 13 including motor 13a mounted on
the said slide to which are wired a sensor 14 for defining
the stroke limit thereof and another sensor 15 for measuring
30 the vertical displacements thereof, the said motor 13a being
controlled by the microprocessor 100 and the sensors 8, 14
and 15 wired to this; a second sensor 12 mounted on the said

movable element 9 and wired to the microprocessor 100, the said second sensor being designed to detect the rotation of the said movable element 9 consequent to the raising of the first sensor as a result of the interception of this against the stack of articles 3 underneath, in order to cancel, in accordance with predetermined logic the data supplied to the microprocessor 100 by the first sensor 8.

5) Improvements to an automatic machine according to Claim 1 characterized by the fact that the said means for the defining of the "raised" and "lowered" positions of the said movable segment 34a comprise: a spherical element 87 partially projecting through the action of spring 88, from one end of a block 86 secured to the said movable segment 34b, the said spherical element 87 being designed to both to fit into a socket 89 and to intercept a surface 83 belonging to the fixed segment 34a, in order to define the said lowered and raised positions of the said movable segment 34b.

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6) Improvements to an automatic machine according to Claim 1 characterized by the fact that the said means 85 for adjusting the alignment of the movable segment 34b, in the said "lowered" position, in relation to the fixed segment 34a, consists of an element that is operated from the outside connected to the said movable element 34b, the said element being designed to go flush up against a surface 83 on the said fixed segment 34a in order to adjust the alignment between the said fixed segment 34a and the said movable segment 34b.

FIG.1

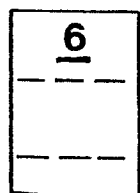


FIG.2



FIG. 5

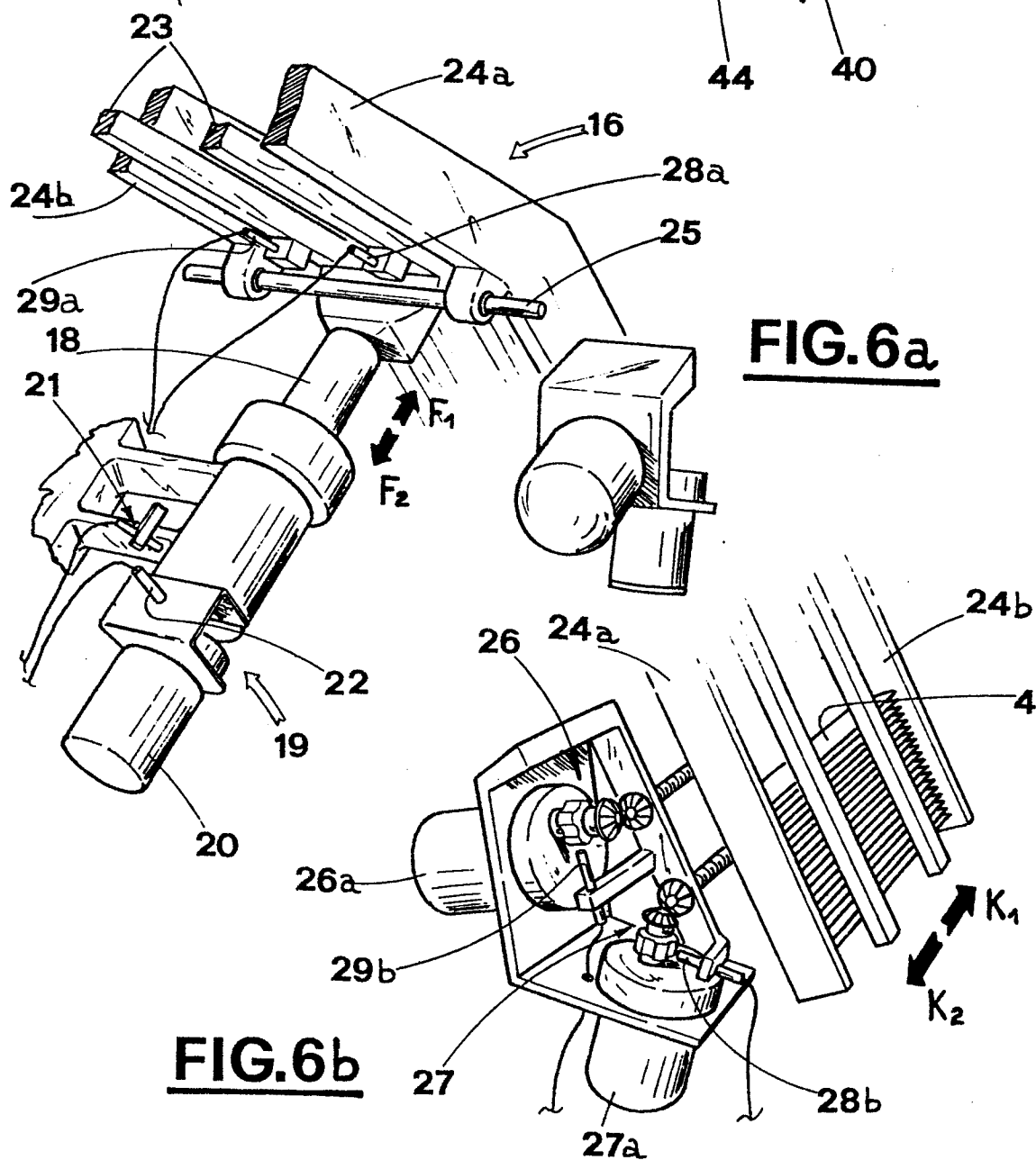
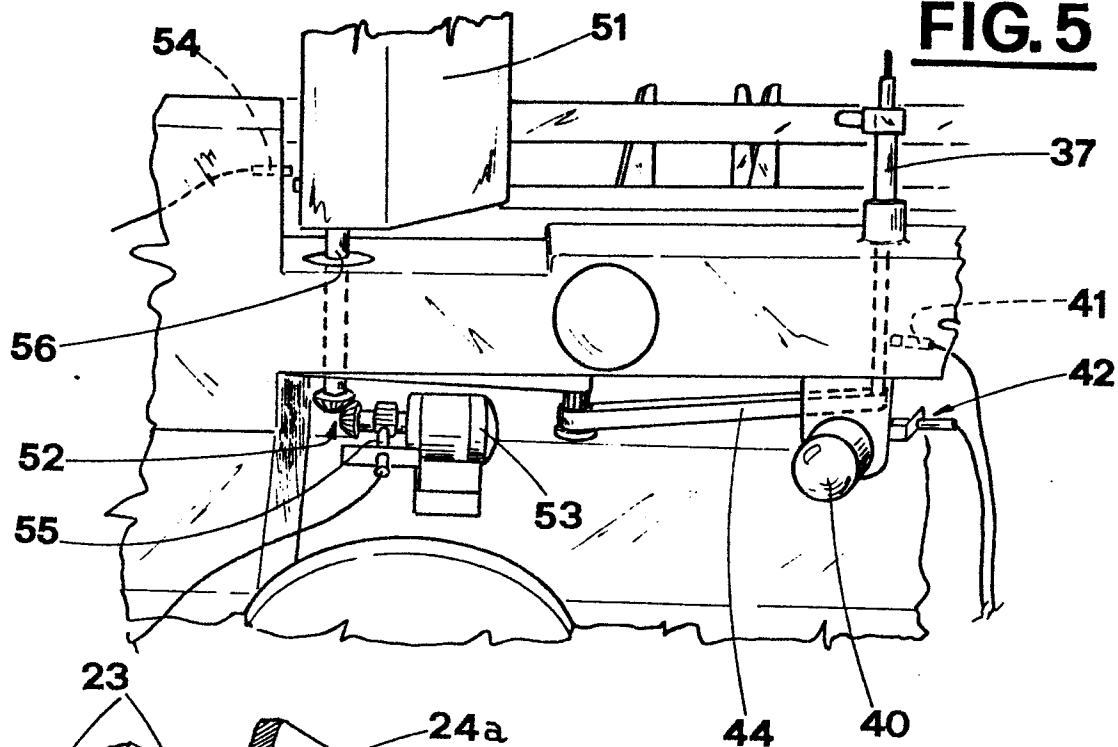


FIG. 6b

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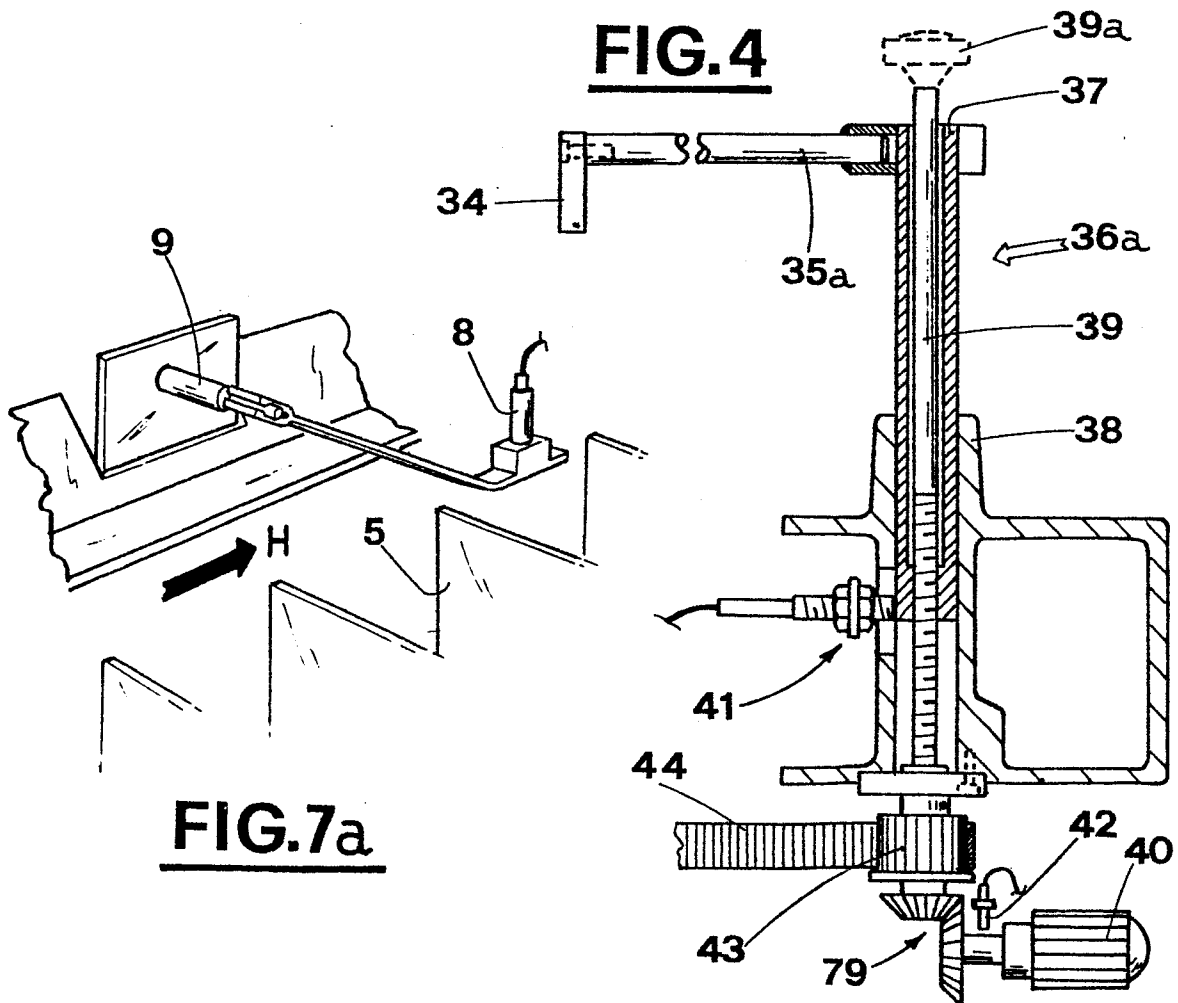
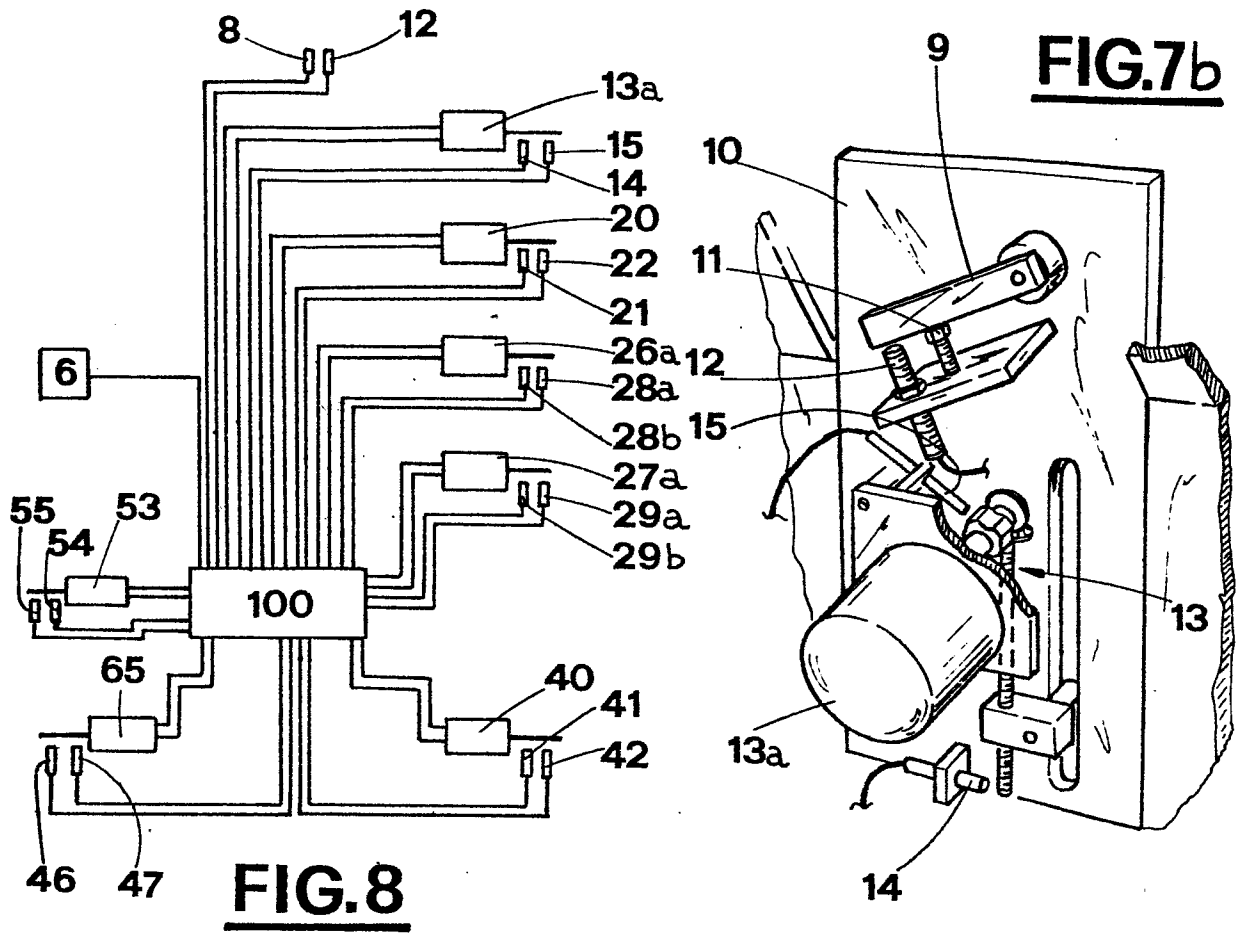
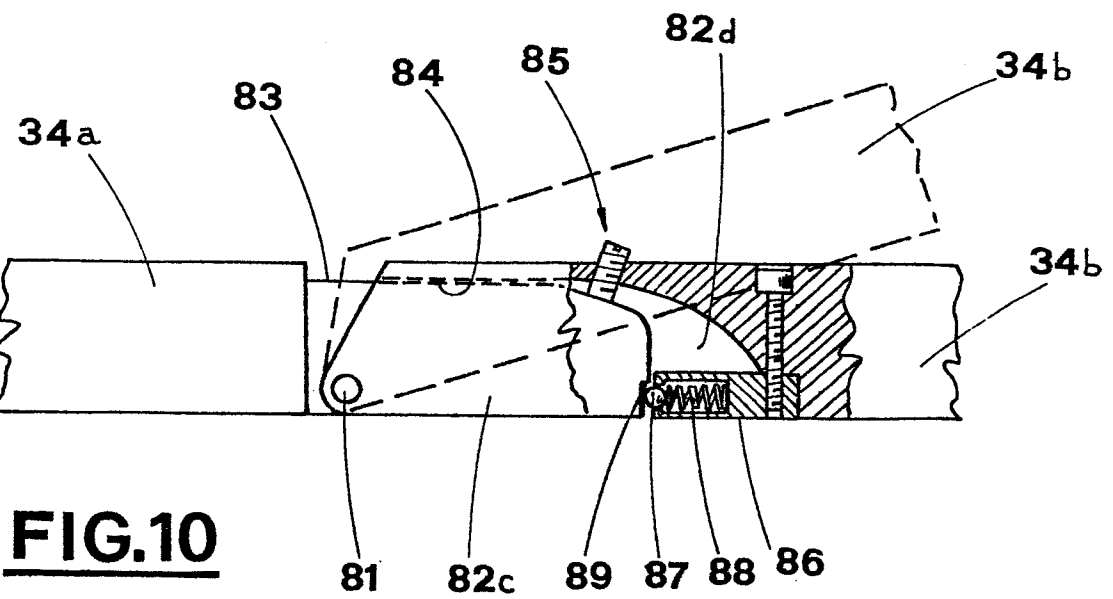
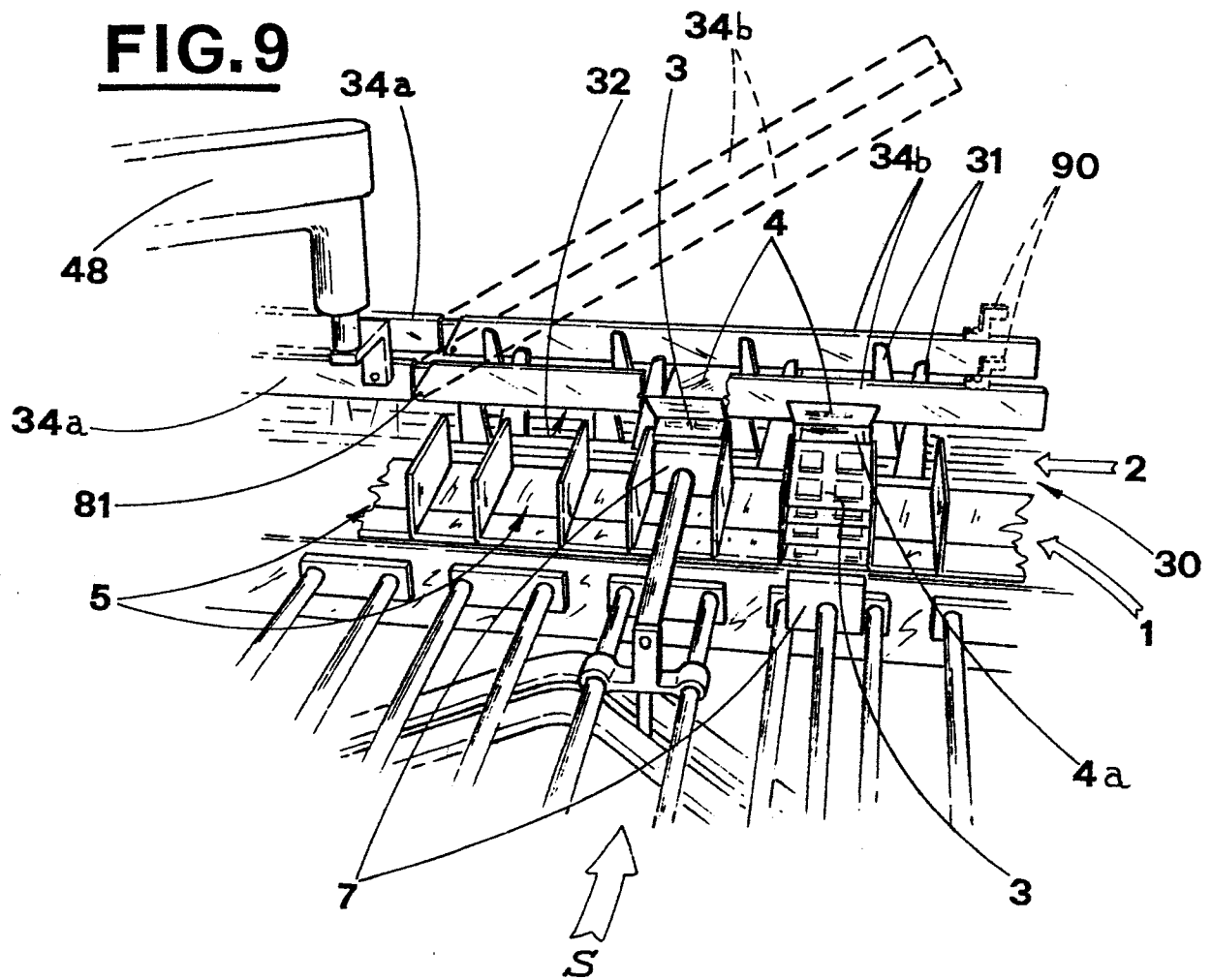


FIG.9





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