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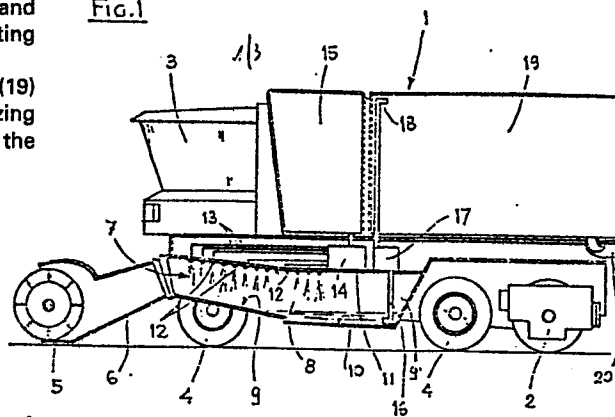
54 **Machine for melting the snow.**

57 A machine particularly suitable for melting the snow accumulated on the roads, comprising a self-propelled vehicle (1) provided with burners (12) heating a chamber (8) wherein the snow is collected and melted.

A multi-shovel roller (5), connected to a collecting and conveyor tin (6), provides to feed the snow to the melting chamber (8).

The machine is also provided with a collecting tank (19) and, optionally, with a tank (23) containing an anti-freezing agent which is mixed with the water when it is released on the route.

Fig.1





CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ All claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- ☐ Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claims:
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

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 1-6: Machine for melting snow having a melting chamber at the bottom, a snow collecting device, a water removal device and an unloading device
- 2) Claims 1,7,8: Machine for melting snow having a pannel attached to the front side for melting purposes
- 3) CLaims 1,9,10: Machine for melting snow with burners mounted in a roller
- 4) CLaims 1,11: Machine for melting snow with a shovel and a collecting tank on top

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namely claims:

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namely claims: 2-6 and 1 partially