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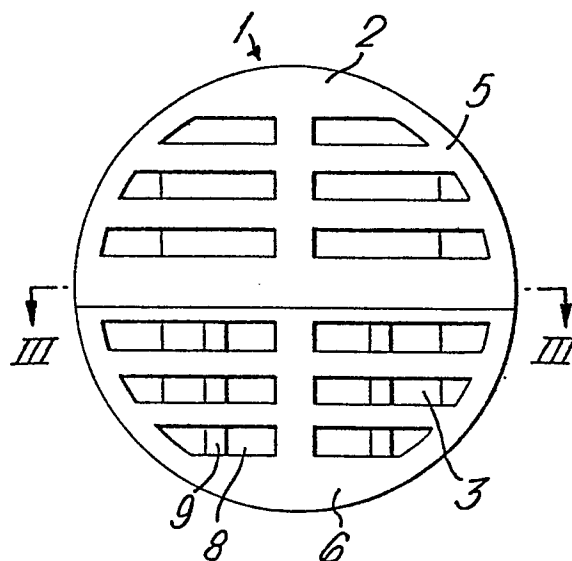
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⑤④ **Method and device for conditioning fabrics in a tumble-dryer.**

⑤⑦ A method for conditioning fabrics in the tumble-dryer comprises applying to the fabrics a fabric conditioner in fine free-flowing powder form and comprising at least 80% by weight of a specified water-soluble soap blend and from 5-20% by weight of C₁₆-C₂₂ aliphatic alcohol 5-30EO ethoxylate. The soap blend contains significant proportions of C₁₂, C₁₄, C₁₆ and C₁₈ soaps, and is preferably a blend of 45-85% tallow soap and 15-55% coconut soap: the ethoxylated alcohol is advantageously tallow alcohol 25EO. The powder may be applied from a sprinkling device that moves freely among the fabrics.





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