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54 **Storage and transport tray and tray packing system.**

57 Individual beverage cans 16 are transported by conveyor track 14A to conveyor track 14B along which they are advanced by parallel chains 34 carrying flight bars 44. Trays 26 to receive the cans are advanced by an inclined conveyor running on drums 28A and 28B and having projections 30 to engage the trays. A hinged flap 56 at the end of track 14B controls the deposit of the cans in the trays.

Special trays are used having inward projections on their side walls to define recesses between the projections into which the curved surfaces of the cans fit so that they are held upright.

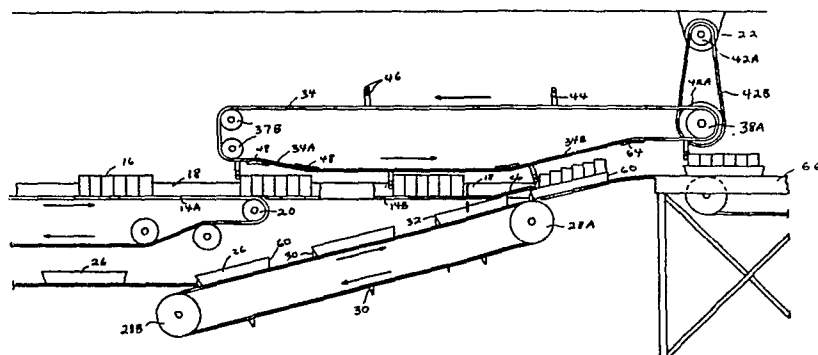


FIG. 38



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namely:

1. claims: 1-4 Tray for storing and transporting a plurality of cylindrically-shaped articles
2. claims: 5-10 Systems for packing containers into corresponding transport trays

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