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54 **A method for packing articles of clothing, in particular women's hose, and a machine performing the same method.**

57 The invention regards a method and machine (1) for packing articles of clothing (2), wherein the single articles are arranged laid-out in succession, on two first conveyor belts (107, 108), are then fed alternately to respective laying stations (110') of cardboard stiffening sheets (110) around which the articles are wound in a predetermined way, and are fed in alternate succession into respective container elements (11), mobile in step, and deposited in a free space (54) defined by a belt (52) of wrapping material folded longitudinally at its half-point and longitudinally mobile in step; the belt (52) is welded transversally and cut immediately upstream of a position which can be occupied, during the course of a pause phase, by each container element (11), and each wrapper (53) obtained following the operation, containing an article of clothing (2) and exhibiting one side still open, is extracted from the relative

container element (11) and sent towards a cutting-welding device (34) which completes its closure.

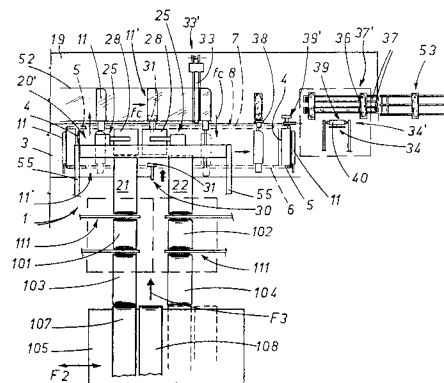


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