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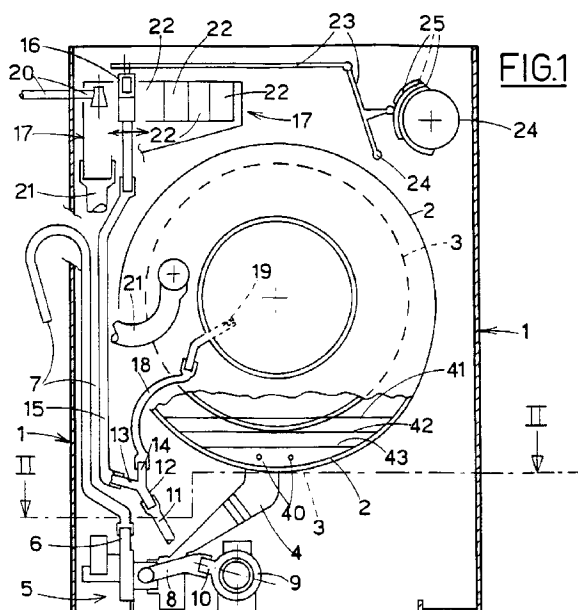
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**(54) Method of washing for washing machine**

(57) A method of washing for a washing machine comprises at least one washing phase (L1-L3) which includes a cycle of work at high speed and recirculation of water during which a drum (3), containing the laundry to be washed and rotatably housed in a washing tub (2), is made to rotate at a first speed, sufficiently high to generate a centrifugal force which causes arrangement of the laundry along the periphery of the drum (3) and, simultaneously, the water in the washing tub (2) is taken from said tub (2) and is returned therein by spraying at a central part of the drum (3). A subsequent work cycle

at low speed then takes place, during which the drum (3) is made to rotate at a second speed, lower than said first speed and such as to allow remixing of the laundry, while the recirculation of water is substantially interrupted. The cycle of work at high speed and recirculation of water has a duration limited to the time necessary for the complete removal of detergent from a detergent container (22) and during its performance part of the water taken from the tub (2) is made to pass through the container (22) of detergent and subsequently reintroduced into the tub (2).

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