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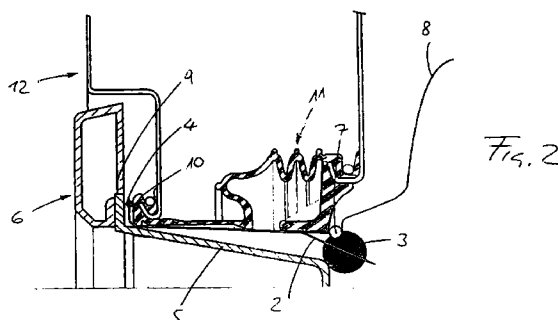
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(54) **Transport packaging element for a household-type washing machine**

(57) Transport packaging element for a household-type washing machine, said element being constituted by at least two coaxial and elastically deformable parts (3, 4) that are mutually connected through flexible connecting means (2). One of these parts (3) is adapted to be retained between a zone (5) of the loading door (6) and the rotating drum (8). In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the other one of said parts (4) is adapted to be retained between another zone (9) of the same loading door (6) and the outer casing (12) of the washing machine, said two parts having preferably a toroidal shape in such a case.



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