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(54) Cushioning conversion machine/method and packaging system

(57) A cushioning conversion machine/method characterized by a stock roll support assembly and/or a stock supply assembly which accommodates a variety of orientations of the machine. The stock roll support assembly may be positioned in a plurality of orientations and includes a stock roll support bracket having a slot forming a stock roll rod cradle which is compatible with the plurality of orientations. The stock supply assembly includes a constant entry bar may be mounted in a plurality of positions.

A cushioning conversion packaging system characterized by mounting components which provide a high degree of fine-tuning ability and/or 90° pivot brake points. Additionally or alternatively, the packaging system is characterized by certain mounting components being located with the interior cavity defined by the machine's housing whereby these components could, for the sake of manufacturing ease and consistency, be included all on cushioning conversion machines, regardless of whether they will be incorporated into a packaging system.

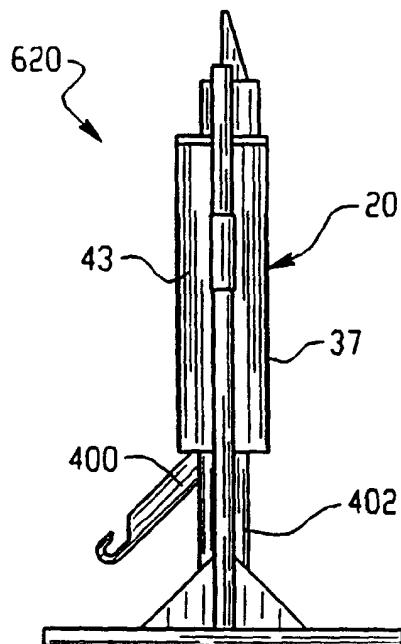


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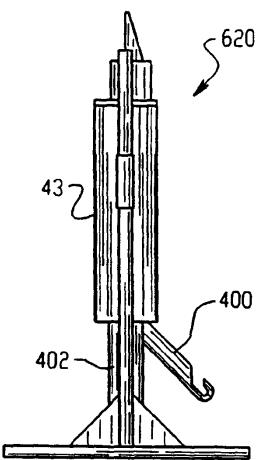


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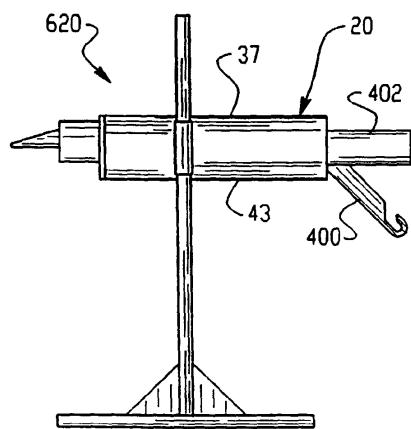


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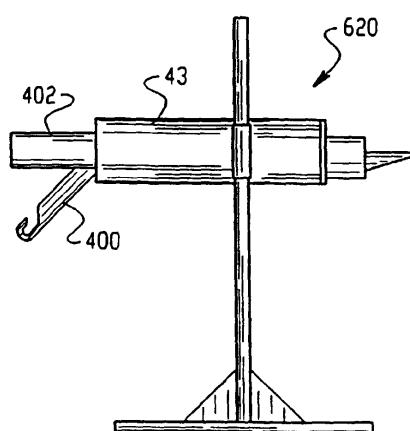


Fig. 8D



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1-5,10,11,17



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-5,10,11,17

Cushioning conversion machine with a stock roll support assembly which can be mounted at different positions.

2. Claims: 6-9,18

Cushioning conversion machine with a cradle to mount a stock roll

3. Claims: 12-16,19-21

Cushioning conversion machine which is pivotable on a mounting stand

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