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(54) **Method and unit for supplying flat articles**

(57) A method and unit (6) for supplying articles (7), each defined by a central panel (8) and two lateral wings (9) connected to the panel (8) along respective pre-formed bend lines (10), whereby the articles (7) are fed continuously from a pickup station (S4) to a supply station (S2); the articles (7) reaching the pickup station (S4) at a given first speed (V2) and in a given first direc-

tion (D2); and the articles (7) being supplied, at the supply station (S2), at a given second speed (V1) to respective products (5) traveling through the supply station (S2) at the second speed (V1) and in a given second direction (D1) parallel to the first direction (D2).

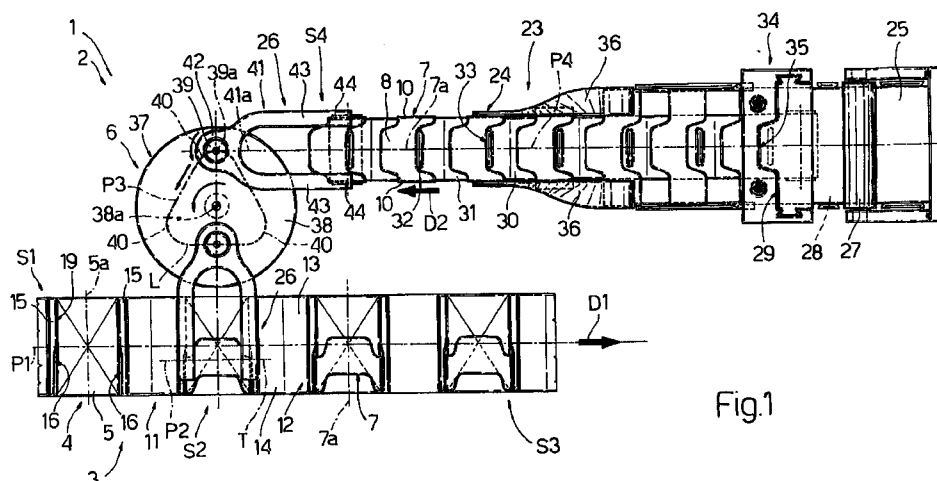


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