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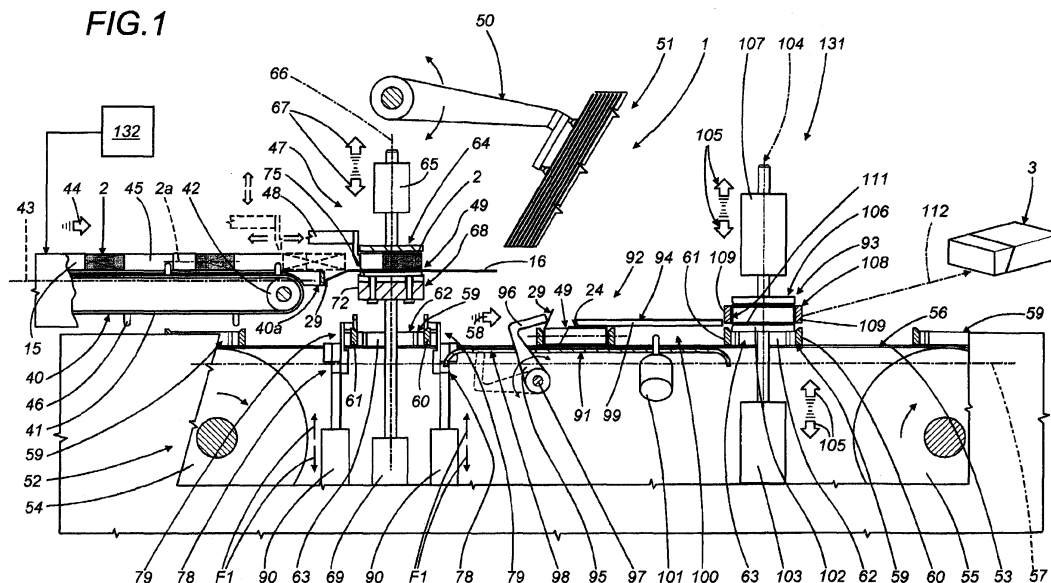
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(54) **A method and device for packaging products in rigid packets**

(57) The method and device (1) for packaging products (2) in packets (3), according to which groups (2) of cigarettes are fed by a first conveyor (40;113), along a first path (43) and in a first direction (44), towards a processing station (47) located between the first conveyor (40;113) and a second conveyor (52) fitted with a plurality of equidistant dies (59); at the station (47) each

group (2) meets a substantially rectangular blank (16), forming a set which is picked up by a counterpusher (68) and pusher (64), which make a first fold in the blank (16) about the relative group (2) and transfer the set (49) into a die (59) which makes a second fold in the blank (16); the folding of each blank (16) is completed by feeding each set (49) in a second direction (58) parallel with the longitudinal axis (16a) of the blank (16).

FIG. 1





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