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(54) **Method for controlling washload drying in a clothes drying or similar apparatus**

(57) Method for controlling washload drying in a clothes drying apparatus, in which an air flow (18) is heated up and used to remove moisture from the washload and convey the same moisture into a collecting container (11).

The variation in the level (L) of the water so removed from the washload is repeatedly detected at pre-set time intervals (t) and the heating of the air flow (18) is turned off in response to said variation being detected to show a decrease below a pre-determined value during at least one (tx) of said time intervals.

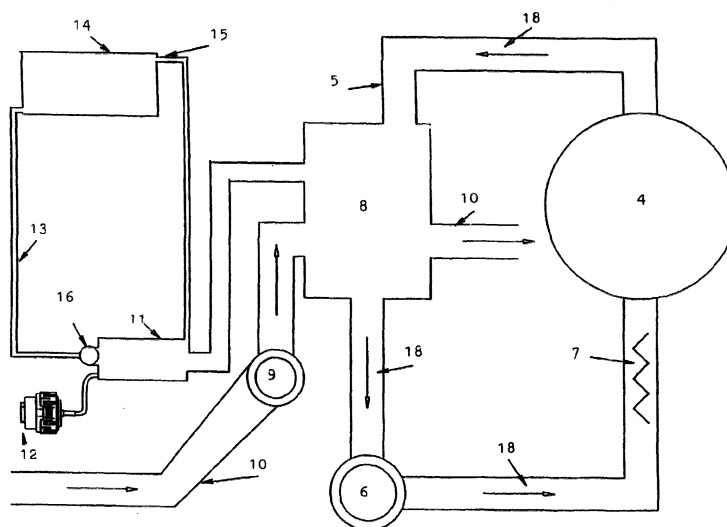


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