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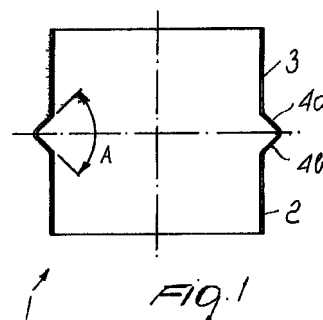
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(54) **Tubular bellows joint for dry-cleaning machines**

(57) A tubular bellows joint (1) for dry-cleaning machines which is made of a material which is resistant to perchloroethylene and is constituted by two tubular segments (2,3) which are connected by at least two elements (4a,4b) which are shaped like a diverging frustum whose inclination is adapted to hinder stagnation of fluff or the like.



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