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(54) **Automatic vending apparatus with improved cooling system**

(57) Automatic vending apparatus for goods of different kind, featuring an improved cooling system.

The items to be sold are arranged on the shelves (26) of a drum (25) adapted to rotate about a central hollow column (27).

The cooling medium is caused to flow through the column (27), while flow adjusting means (60-63) are provided in correspondence of the various shelves (26). The possibility is thereby provided to create zones at homogenous, but differentiated temperatures inside the vending apparatus.

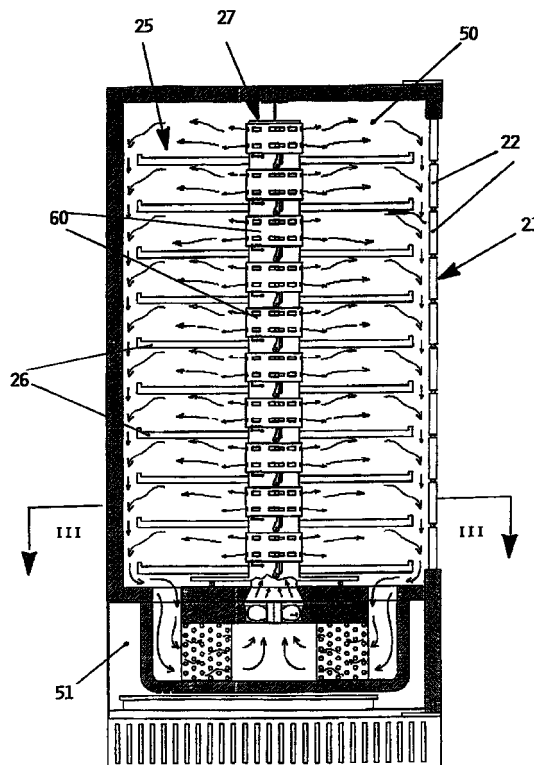


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