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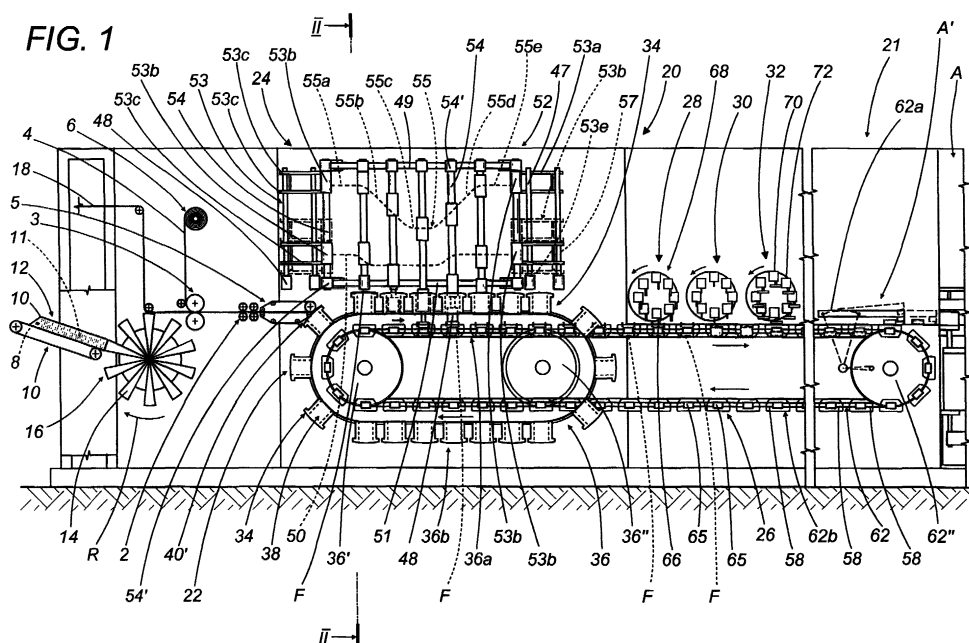
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(54) **Process and apparatus for packaging a food product, especially a pasty food product**

(57) A process and apparatus for packaging a food product, in particular a pasty food product such as a processed cheese portion, a stock cube, butter, margarine and the like, in a wrapper made from a blank of suitable shape which is folded to make the package to receive the product. The apparatus comprises means (22) for feeding a blank from which the product is made, means (24) for folding the blanks into a shape suitable

for receiving the product, means (26) for feeding the wrapper in the folded state, means (28) for inserting the product into the folded wrapper, and means (30, 32) for closing the wrapper containing the product. The advantage of the present invention is that the wrapper feeding, folding, filling and closing means (22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32) form the wrapper without stopping, as the latter moves forward along the wrapping line.





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