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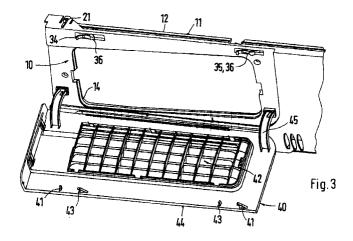
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(54) Closure means for front panel of heat exchanger for condensation tumble dryer

(57) The invention relates to a condensation laundry dryer, having a drum and a heat exchanger, wherein a loading aperture for the drum and, therebeneath, an inlet aperture for access to the heat exchanger are provided in the front panel, and wherein the inlet aperture is closable and openable by means of a downwardly pivotable screen (40), a control rod (20) being used for locking and releasing the screen (40), which rod is vertically adjustable to a limited extent and is retained between loading aperture and inlet aperture on the rear side of the front panel (10), said rod being accessible in the loading aperture with one operating end and controlling the locking and releasing of the screen (40) in the region of the upper edge of the inlet aperture with one operating

end. Independently of the offset arrangement of the inlet aperture relative to the loading aperture, even when the screen has a horizontal and/or vertical profile geometry, the screen (40) is easily controlled because, in the region of the upper edge of the inlet aperture, a closing rod (30), which is horizontally adjustable to a limited extent, is retained in a spring-loaded manner in a closed position, in which it can be brought into operative connection, by at least two spaced-apart closing hooks (34,35), with associated closing members (41,43) of the screen (10), and because, with one operating end of the control rod (20) configured as a sliding extension, the closing rod (30) is displaceable from the closed position into an open position in opposition to the action of the spring (33).





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