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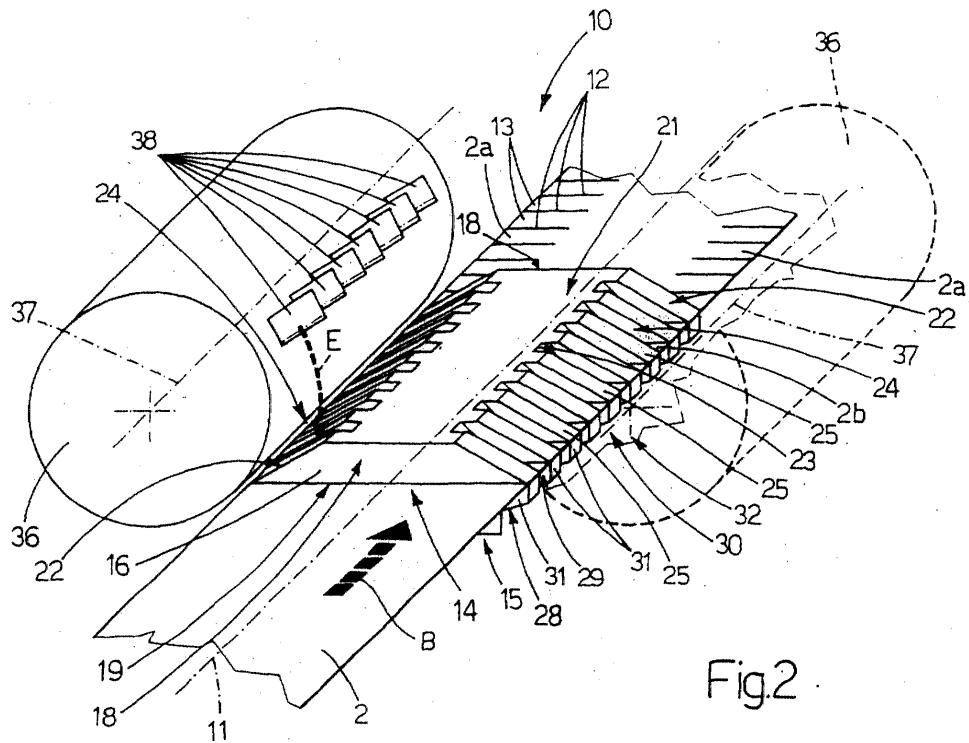
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### (54) Method and unit for fringing sheet wrapping material

(57) A method and unit (1) for longitudinally fringing a strip (2) of wrapping material, wherein the strip (2) is step-fed through a fringing device (10), and, at each stop, the portion (2b) of the strip (2) at the fringing device

(10) is gripped between two jaws (14, 15) defining at least one comb (32), which extends along a longitudinal edge (2a) of the strip (2) and is engaged by a series of blades (38) arranged combfashion along a fringing roller (36).





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1. Claims: 1-3, 5-8; 9, 10, 12-19

Method and apparatus for fringing sheet material having gripping means

2. Claim : 1+3+4; 9+10+11

Method and apparatus for fringing sheet material having a fringing roller with spirally arranged blades

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