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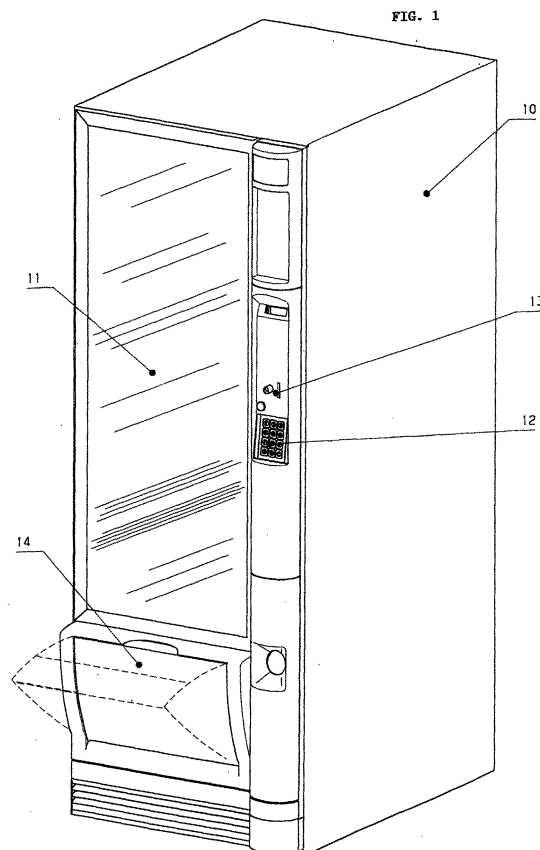
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(54) **Packaged product vending machine equipped with anti-theft provision**

(57) Packaged-product vending machine comprising a cabinet-like outer casing (10) containing the products to be dispensed and provided with a hopper (14), or the like, for delivering and collecting the selected products.

The hopper (14) is connected to both the cabinet (10) and a swinging partition (25) by means of a toggle-lever mechanism (16), and the partition (25) is adapted to shut off the aperture through which the vended products pass from the interior of the cabinet (10) into the dispensing hopper (14), when the latter is in its open position.

The described solution according to the invention has outstanding characteristics as far as both ergonomics, i.e. convenience of use, and security are concerned.



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