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(54) **Device with a vacuum drying chamber equipped with mechanisms for an adjustable compression of the product to be dried**

(57) A device with a chamber for drying materials under vacuum conditions, in which, thanks to the presence of an adjustment and compensation chamber (4) and of a

flexible membrane (5), it is possible to exercise a finely tuned compression on the material to be dried (7), which is independent of the degree of vacuum created in the drying chamber (3).

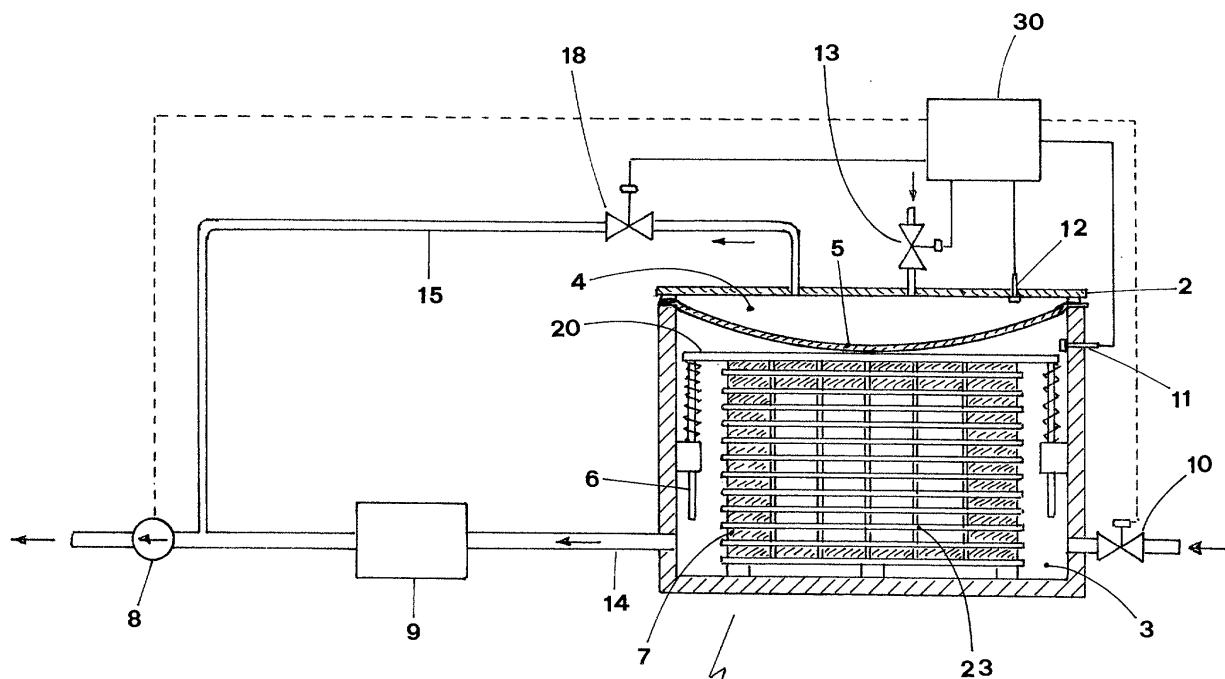


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