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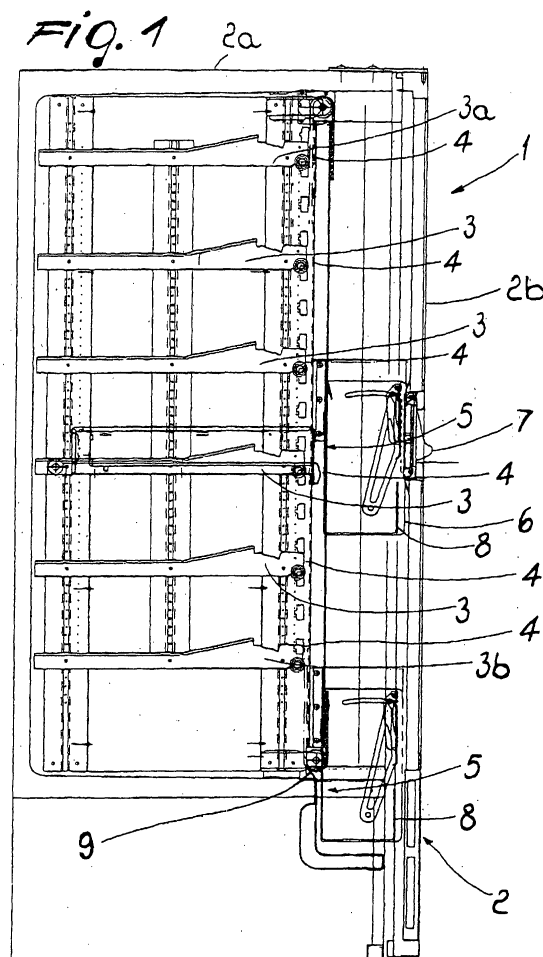
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(54) **Vending machine**

(57) A vending machine comprising an outer body provided with side walls and a front panel provided with means for accessing a removal region located inside said outer body, the vending machine further comprising a plurality of stacked shelves comprised between a lower shelf and an upper shelf, at least one compartment for each shelf, at least one exit device for a respective compartment designed to convey at least one product at an exit position, conveyance means designed to transfer said at least one product from said exit position to a removal position at said internal removal region, said access means being arranged at an intermediate portion between said lower shelf and said upper shelf.



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