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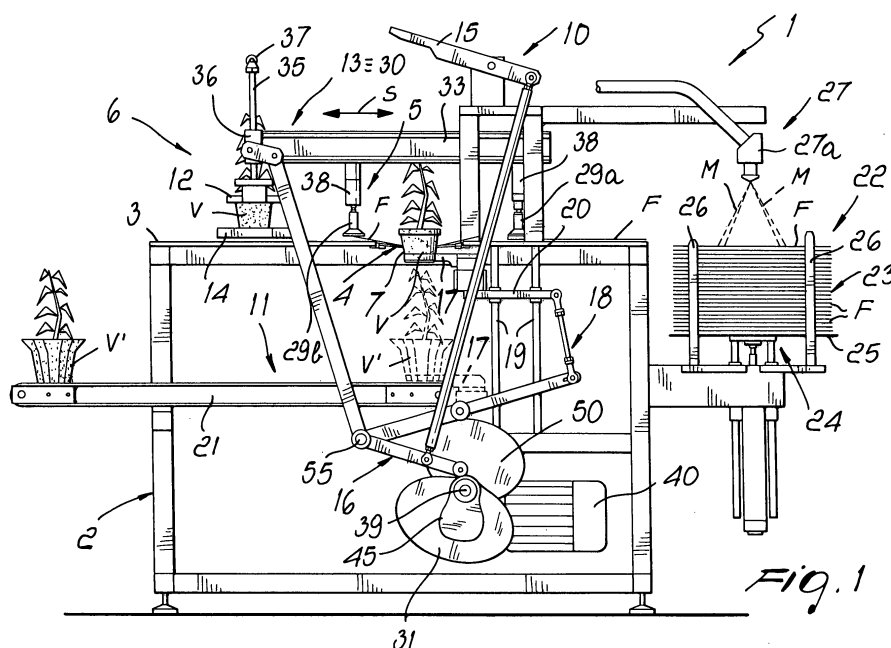
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(54) **Machine for packaging products, particularly flowerpots**

(57) A machine (1) for packaging products, particularly flowerpots, comprising a frame (2) for supporting a worktop (3) that comprises at least one drawplate (4) for the passage of a corresponding product (V) to be packaged, means (5) for feeding at least one decorative and/or protective sheet (F) for packaging the product on the worktop at the drawplate, means (6) for releasing the

product onto the sheet at the drawplate (4) and presser means (10) that are suitable to force the product and the sheet to pass through the drawplate. Moreover, adhesion means are associated with the sheet and the product, are adapted to keep them in mutual contact following passage through the drawplate, and comprise at least one layer of adhesive material (M) that is interposed between the product (V) and the sheet (F).



*Fig. 1*

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1. claims: 1-7,26,27

Means for feeding the products to and through the drawplate,  
means for removing the packaged product from the drawplate,  
construction of the drawplate

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2. claims: 1,8-11,21,22,25

Feeding the sheets of packaging material

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3. claims: 1,12-20

Means for applying adhesive material

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4. claims: 1,23,24

Means for applying an adhesive label

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