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(54) **Vending machine for items substantially of cylindrical shape such as bottles, cans and the like**

(57) It is disclosed a vending machine for items of substantially cylindrical shape such as bottles, cans and the like, comprising a plurality of storage compartments (2) each of them adapted to house said items (3), and dispensing devices (4) adapted to dispense the items

coming from at least two respective storage compartments (2). The machine further comprises a multiple loading chute (11) adapted to channel the items themselves towards at least two storage compartments (2) disposed in mutual side by side relationship.

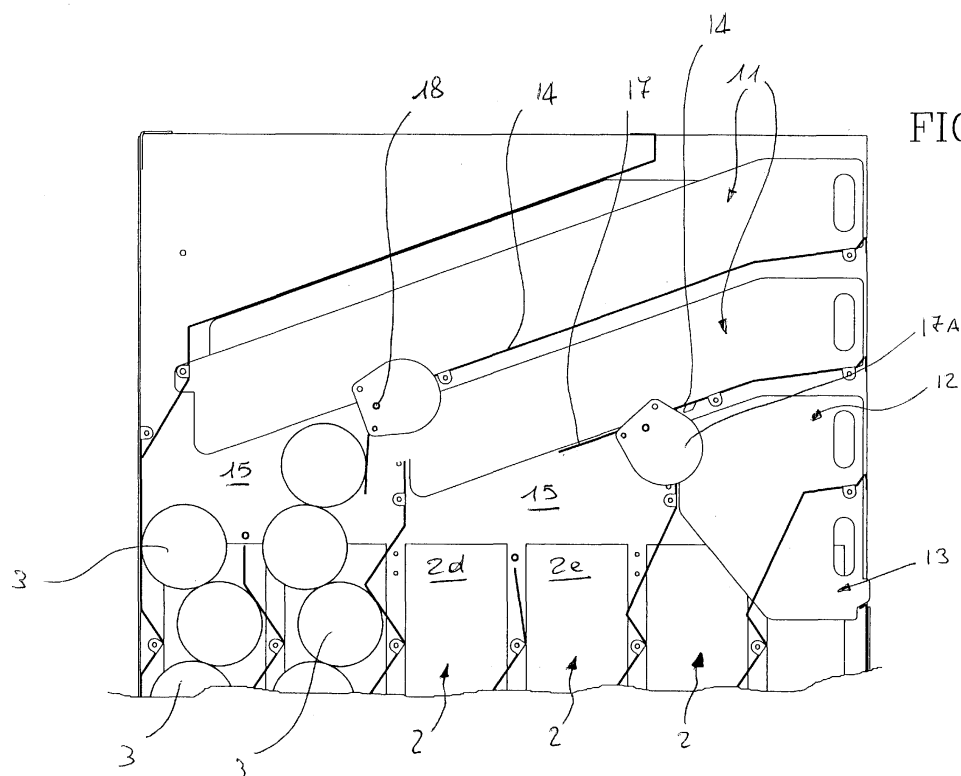


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