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(54) **Method and device for the finishing treatment of a fabric**

(57) Method and device for the finishing treatment of fabrics (11), in which a damp fabric (11), mechanically constrained, is subjected to at least a heating treatment inside a substantially sealed chamber (19) with pressurized steam in order to dry it from an initial value of hu-

midity to a final one. The temperature of the fabric (11) from the beginning to the end of the treatment is regulated in such a manner that, in relation to its initial humidity content, the fabric (11) is always maintained at a temperature above a level corresponding to the permanent fixing temperature (T2).

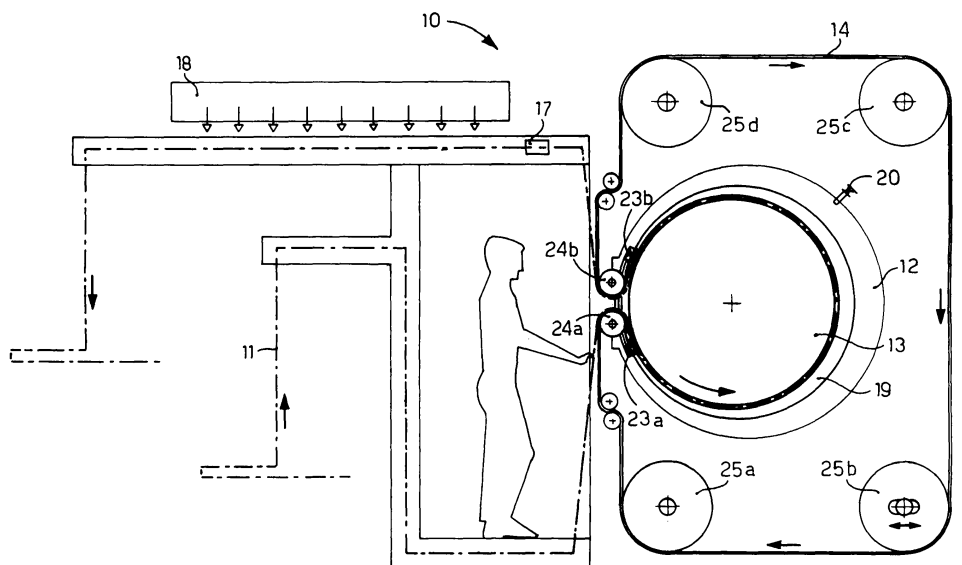


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