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(54) **Cigarette packing machine**

(57) A cigarette packing machine (1), wherein a packing device (2) has at least one conduit (5; 5, 70) extending through a loading station (11; 11, 68) for loading a respective succession of sheets (4; 4, 69) of packing material, and along which groups (3) of cigarettes are fed in steps in a given travelling direction (7) by a push device (12); and wherein the conduit (5; 5, 70) has folding devices (14, 49, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60; 14, 49, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 14', 49', 54', 55') for folding each sheet (4; 4, 69) of packing material about the relative group (3) of cigarettes; and the push device (12) has a number of pushers (31, 32, 36, 37, 38; 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 32', 36', 37'), each of which is integral with the other pushers, and moves each group (3) of cigarettes forward one respective step in a sequence of steps of each group (3) of cigarettes along the conduit (5; 5, 70).

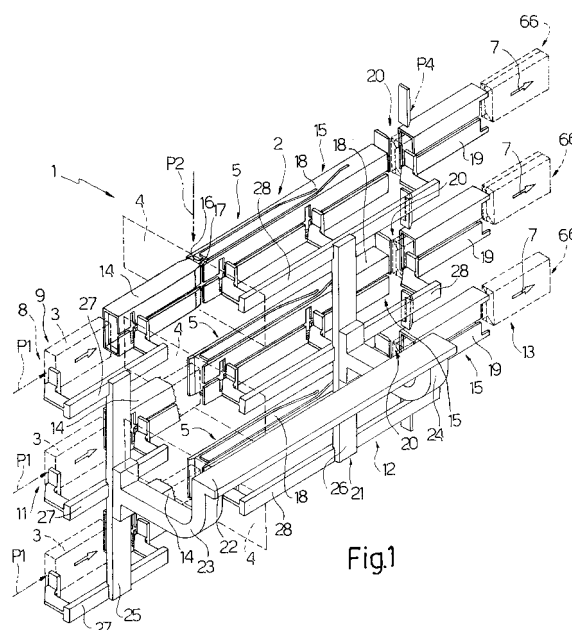


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