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(54) **Method and machine for folded concertina stacking of cards made into a strip**

(57) A machine for folded stacking of cards made into a strip comprises a stacking station (13) to which a supplying conveyor (11) sends the strip of cards to be folded concertina-fashion. The stacking station (13) comprises at least a first plane (19) that is tilted upwards in the supplying direction of the strip and is vertically movable downwards to constitute a receiver that receives the

strip of cards that folds thereupon to form a stack of cards. Above the tilted plane (19) there is arranged first blowing means (26) blowing downwards. A control unit (30) controls the advance of the strip and drives the blowing means (26) intermittently in a manner synchronised with the advance of the strip to cause the strip to fold towards the tilted plane (19).

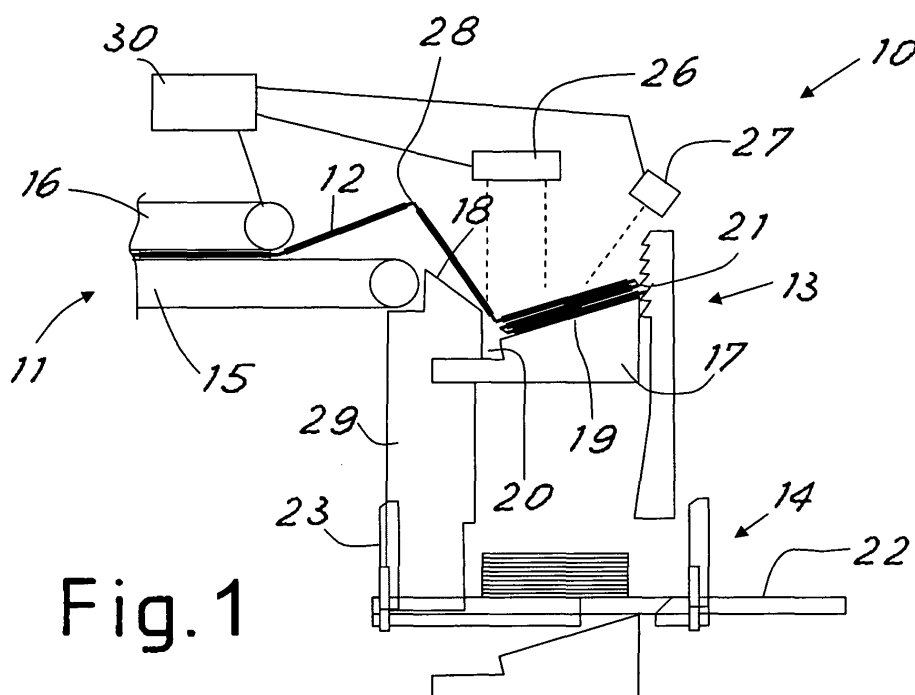


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