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(54) **Wrapping method and unit for folding a sheet of wrapping material about a group of cigarettes**

(57) A wrapping method and unit (12) for producing a package (1) containing a group (2) of cigarettes and having a cigarette extraction opening (3); a sheet (6) of wrapping material, complete with the cigarette extraction

opening (3), is fed into a pocket (19) of a wrapping wheel (18) so that the sheet (6) of wrapping material folds into a U inside the pocket (19); then the group (2) of cigarettes is fed into the pocket (19) containing the U-folded sheet (6) of wrapping material.

