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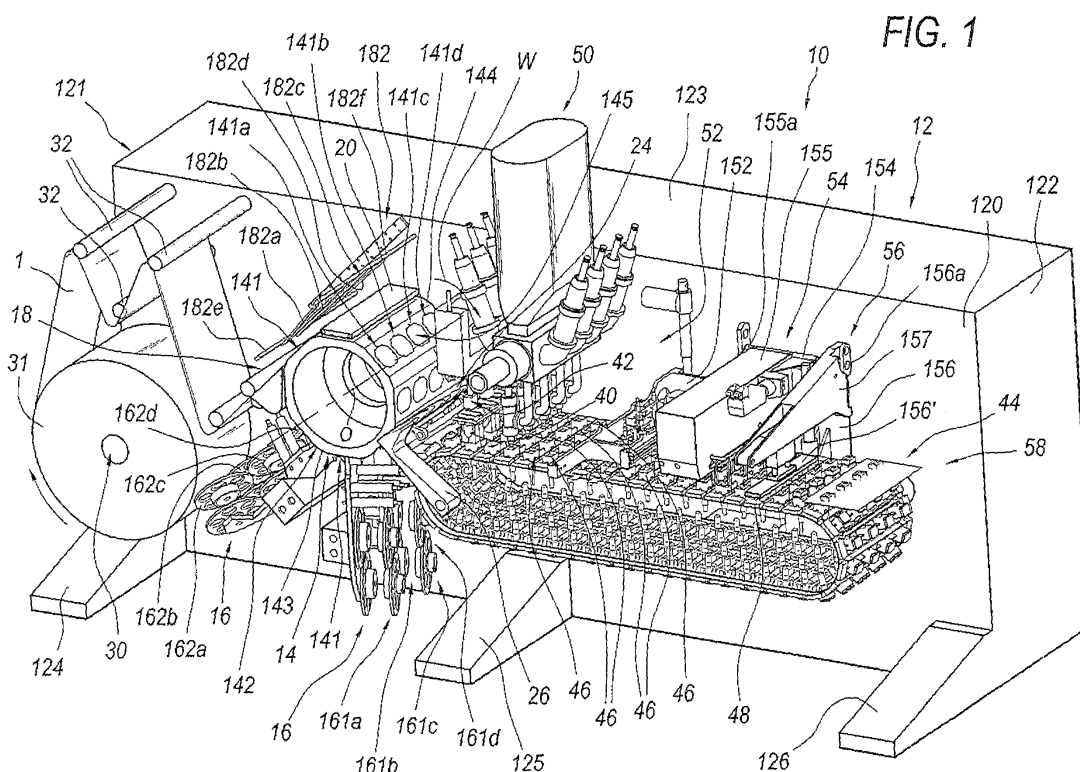
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(54) **Apparatus for packaging a product**

(57) An apparatus (10) for packaging pasty food products such as processed cheese, stock cubes, butter, margarine and the like, by wrapping in a suitable wrapper comprises a mounting frame (12), apparatus operating means, and means for driving said operating means. The

mounting frame (12) comprises partition means (120) which extend lengthways along the apparatus in the direction in which the packages being formed are fed, and which separate the operating means from the respective drive means.





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1. claims: 1-9

A packaging apparatus according to the preamble of claim 1 comprising means for positioning the cup-shaped filled wrapper at a height such that the top of the product is at a predetermined height

2. claim: 10

A packaging apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the means for feeding the cup-shaped wrappers comprise pockets and lateral belts for mounting the pockets

3. claims: 11, 13

A packaging apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the cap application means move between a lowered working position and a raised second position

4. claims: 12, 13

A packaging apparatus according to claim 1 comprising means for folding the cap retaining tabs

5. claim: 14

A packaging apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the means for feeding the parts of the wrapper comprise a plurality of circumferentially distributed sites designed to accomodate the wrapper parts

6. claim: 15

A packaging apparatus according to claim 1 having specifically designed wrapper shaping means

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