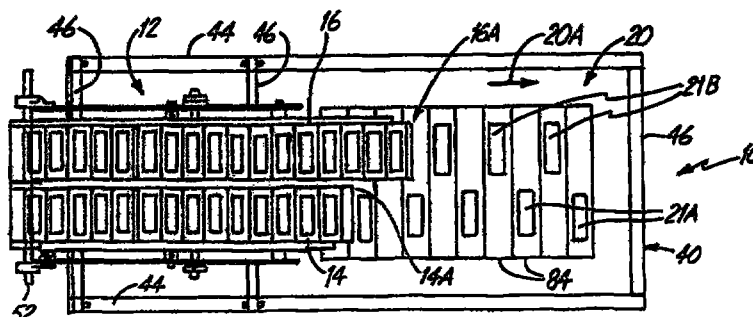




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(57) Abstract

An apparatus and a method for dough handling includes a first conveyor (14) for receiving dough and having a first discharge end (14A) for discharging dough. A second conveyor (16) receives dough and is positioned alongside the first conveyor (14) to convey in the direction of the first conveyor (16). The second conveyor has a second discharge end (16A) that is spaced-apart from the first discharge end (14A). The first and second conveyors (14, 16) can be used to separate dough pieces (21) from an elongated dough product (25) such as a roll and/or phase individual dough pieces (26) to provide them in succession for packaging or further processing.