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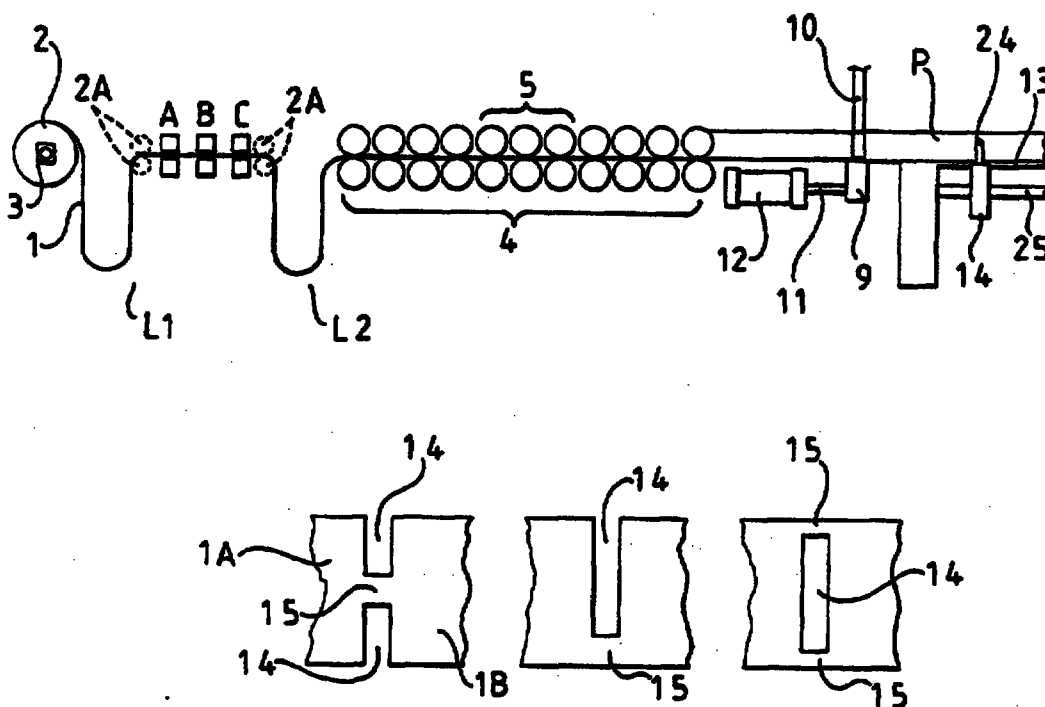
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(57) Abstract

A method of producing articles in continuous succession by forming from strip material (1) includes partially dividing the strip prior to completion of the forming, to leave adjacent strip portions (1A, 1B) joined by a small connecting portion (15) and parting-off a pair of successive formed articles by severing the portion (15). Apparatus for performing the method includes forming means (5) for forming the strip to the desired profile, means (C) for partially dividing the strip to leave the connecting portion (15), and means (9, 10) for parting-off of a pair of successive formed articles by severing the connecting portion.