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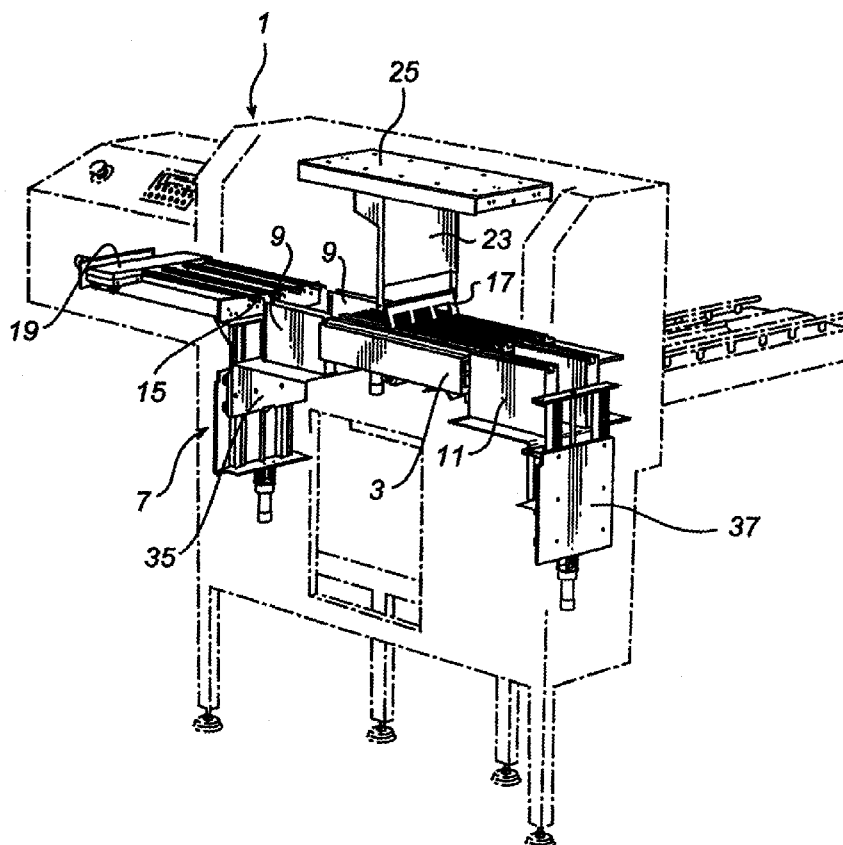
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for handling boards in a component mounting machine comprising the steps of: a) moving a plurality of boards substantially simultaneously from a first plurality of cassettes, arranged in parallel at the machine, onto a board carrier; b) processing said plurality of boards by mounting components thereon; c) moving said plurality of boards substantially simultaneously and in parallel from the board carrier into a second plurality of board cassettes arranged in parallel at the machine and moving a next plurality of boards from said first plurality of cassettes onto the board carrier; g) repeating steps b-c- until said first plurality of cassettes are empty; and h) exchanging cassettes and repeating the method from step a. The invention also relates to a component mounting machine, which is arranged to perform the method.

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