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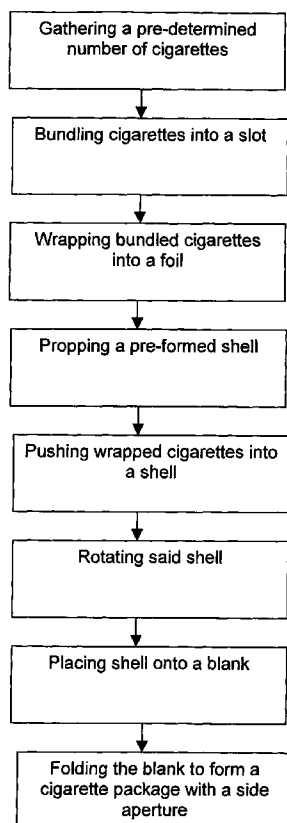
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(57) Abstract: A method and a device of constructing a side-opening cigarette pack-
age. The method comprises gathering cigarettes into a bundled charge. A flat shell (10)
is propped open to facilitate insertion of the bundled cigarettes. The shell containing the
cigarettes is rotated and placed in a desired orientation onto a blank. The blank is folded
to form the side opening cigarette package.

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