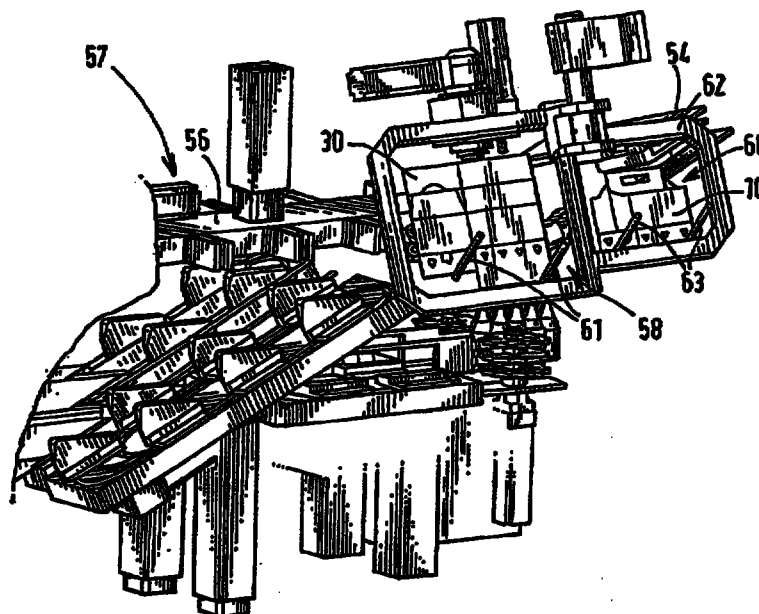




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(57) Abstract

An apparatus and method for storing two different types of carton, and for selecting and transferring cartons (10, 30) to be packaged, which apparatus comprises a first hopper (58) for storing a first carton type, a second hopper (60) for storing a second carton type, carton engaging means incorporating means to provide a first position for engaging cartons from the first hopper and a different second position for engaging cartons from the second hopper and transfer means to transfer the cartons from its respective first or second hopper from the infeed end of a packaging machine.