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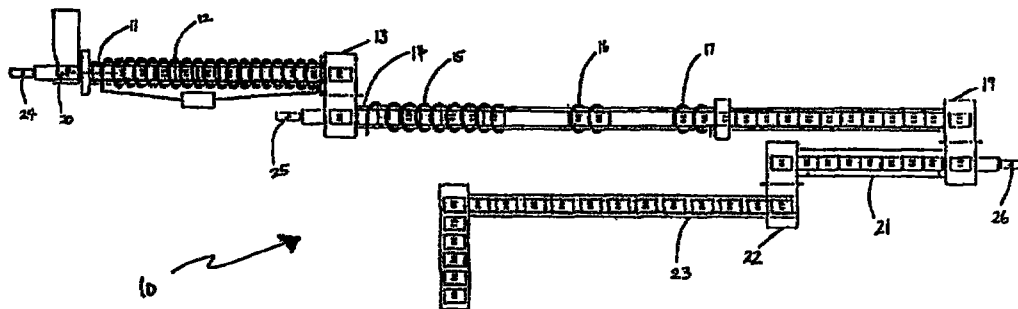


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(57) Abstract

A method and apparatus (10) for the heating of convective material contained within the lumen of an inductive heating coil (12, 15, 16, 17) such that the cans (20) are rotated about their axes as they are heated. When the cans (20) are to be heated above the boiling point of their contents the cans (20) are passed through a rotary pressure lock (13, 19, 22) so that the heating of the contents of the cans (20) occurs under a super-atmospheric pressure.