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(54) Title: PACKAGING MACHINE FOR MULTI-PACKS ✓ The drawing is a perspective view of a packaging machine. It shows a long conveyor system with two parallel tracks. Various rollers, guides, and structural components are labeled with numbers and letters. Labels include 42, 42a, 42b, 44, 44a, 44b, 46, 48, 52, 40a, 40, 50, 501, 24-28, 16, 18, 38, and 39. The machine appears to be designed for handling multiple cartons simultaneously. (57) Abstract A packaging machine for packaging articles into cartons has a carton conveyor including an endless series of carton conveying elements in which adjacent carton conveying elements are carried in similar but independant first and second endless series, the first endless series being adjustable relative to the second endless series so that the spacing between adjacent conveying elements can be varied in accordance with the size of a carton to be processed through the machine, the first and second endless series being adapted to operate in synchronism during processing of cartons through the machine.		

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