Abstract

The invention concerns an apparatus for strapping an article by means of a flat tape (2), comprising at least one tape guide frame (9) having a flat tape guide passage (17), and a tape drive (6) for feeding the tape (2) into the tape guide passage (17), wherein arranged at the tape guide frame (9) is an opening device which opens a narrow side of the tape guide passage (17), and a method of strapping an article with such an apparatus.

The object of the invention is to provide an apparatus and a method which permit a greater operating speed.

That object is attained in that the opening device includes at least one cover element (16) which is movably secured to the tape guide frame (9) and which is movable from a closed position in which it covers the narrow side of the tape guide passage (17) into an open position in which it opens the narrow side of the tape guide passage (17). In that way a fresh tape loop can be introduced into the tape guide passage (17) before the welding operation is concluded.