

CHUTE MECHANISM & METHOD

ABSTRACT

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The invention relates to a chute mechanism adapted to allow objects to pass therethrough without breakage, including a main passage through which objects are able to pass, and a side entrance associated with an entrance-
10 mechanism that is operable between a closed and an open state, only in which open state further objects are able to enter through the side entrance into the main passage wherein the mechanism further includes a fall retard mechanism for temporarily obstructing objects in the main passage so that the
15 rate of fall of these objects is reduced.

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FIGURE 1