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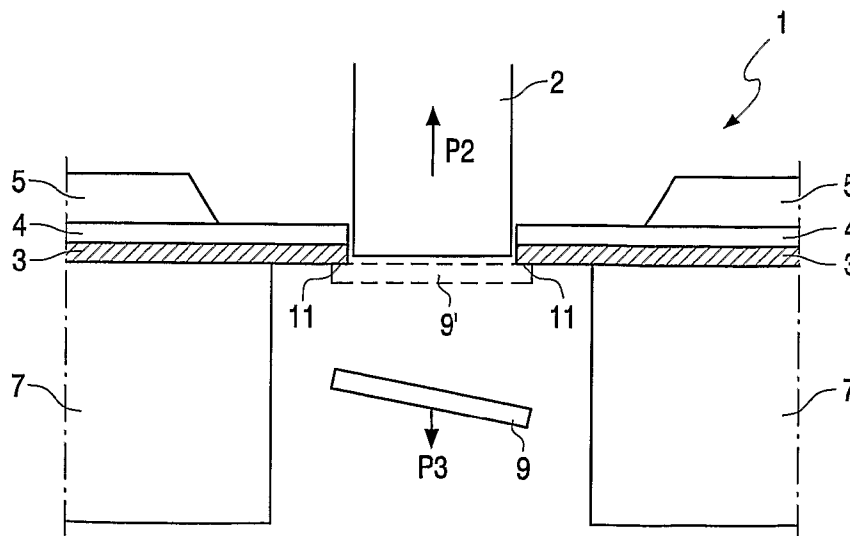
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for releasing slug adhering to a stamp in a punching machine, by carrying the stamp, after performing a punching operation on a sheet material, with the active stroke at least partially through a cutting opening in a cutting plate supporting the sheet material, and carrying the stamp during the return stroke back again through the cutting opening in the cutting plate which close-fittingly encloses the stamp. The invention also relates to a punching machine for releasing slug adhering to a stamp according this method.

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