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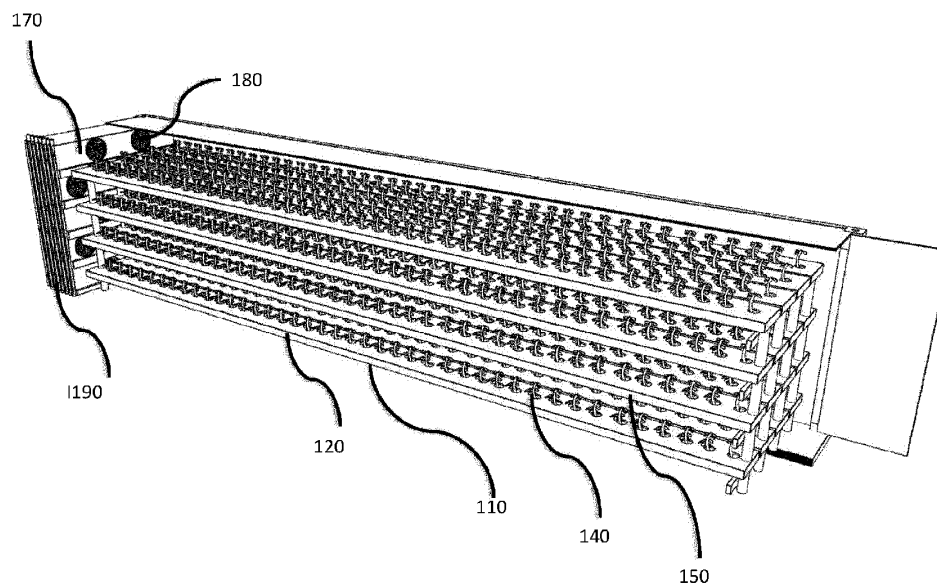


Figure 14b

(57) Abstract: A growing system is described where living organisms are grown within containers (10) in stacks (12). Above the stacks (12) run load handling devices (30). The load handling devices take containers (10) from the stacks (12) and deposit them at service area stations where goods may be picked out. The containers (10) may be provided with one or more of the following services: power, power control, heating, lighting, cooling, sensing means, and data logging means. The provision of these services within individual containers rather than across the system as a whole, allows for flexibility in storage whilst reducing cost and inefficiency.

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