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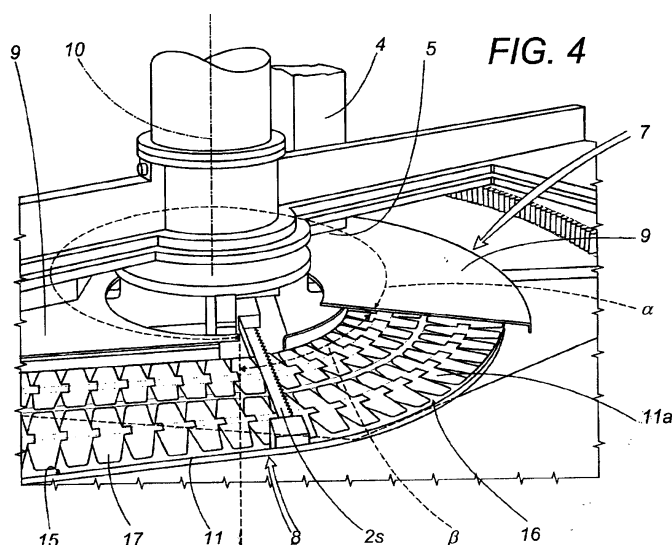
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(54) **Continuous slicing machine with blade rotating in a horizontal plane**

(57) A slicing machine (1) with its blade (2s) rotating in a horizontal plane (6) comprises fixed product conveyors (4) having a discharging section (5) opposite to the plane (6) of rotation of the blade (2s) and a first and second elements (7, 8) bearing the products respectively situated between the conveyor (4) and the blade (2) and inferiorly to the plane (6) of rotation of the blade (2s). The first bearing element (7) is provided with a surface (9) able to rotate with periodically intercepts the discharge section (5) of the conveyors (4) sustaining and bearing the products contained therein. The second bearing element (8) is provided with a surface (11) able

to rotate about the axis of rotation (10) of the blade in synchrony with the first bearing element (7). The bearing elements (7,8) are provided with continuous motion and are angularly offset from each other in such a way as to subdivide the total angle of rotation of the blade (2s) into two angle fractions (b, a); in the first (b) whereof the products are subdivided into two parts initially kept in superposed contact, which are then separated by sending one towards a discharge section while the other one is loaded on the first bearing element (7) which then sustains it and bears it in sweeping the second angle fraction (a).



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