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(54) **Method and apparatus for producing individual rolls of packing material**

(57) Apparatus for expanding slit sheet material into a cushioning material includes expander rolls (702, 704) and drive rolls (706, 708), at least one of the expander

rolls having means on its surface for gripping the slits, and being run at a higher rotational speed than the drive rolls.

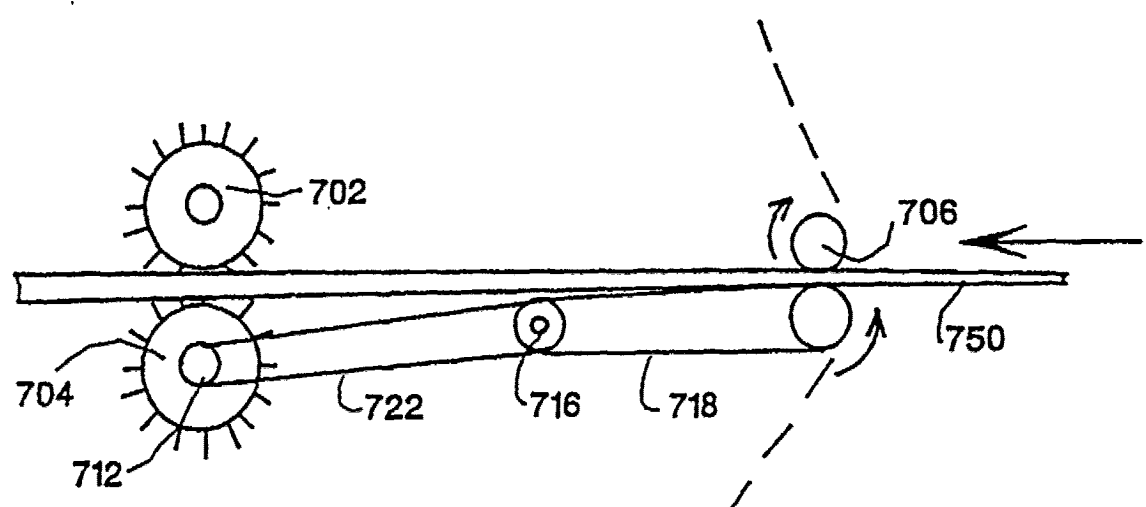


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