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(54) **Method and device for handling bulk material**

(57) Method wherein a conveyor belt (3) advances (arrow A) across a container train (1) and pours bulk material onto a bridging conveyor belt (4) above said container train and moving with said belt (3), wherein

the operation of said bridging conveyor belt (4) is controlled such that it prevents that bulk material falls between two adjacent containers (1) if said conveyor belt (3) pours bulk material above the gap (12) between said adjacent containers (1).

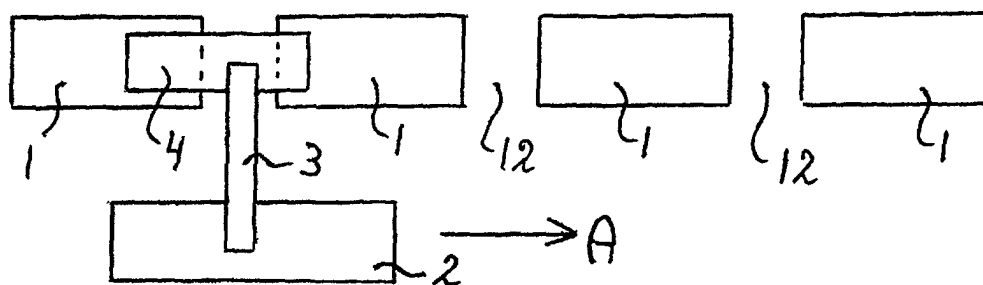


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