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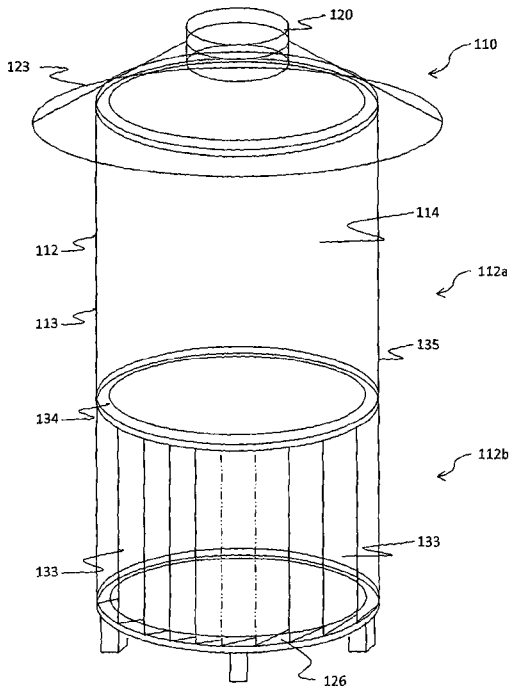


Figure 5

(57) Abstract: A laundry dryer (10) for use in drying laundry such as clothing and linen outdoors, the dryer comprising an enclosure (12) which defines a drying chamber (14) into which wet or damp laundry may be arranged. The enclosure (12) includes a side wall (13) provided with a series of movable elements (30) which are movable from a first position to a second position to permit air to flow into the drying chamber (14) through the side wall (13) of the enclosure (12). The dryer (10) includes a vent (20) arranged above the drying chamber (14) for exhausting air upwards from said drying chamber (14).

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