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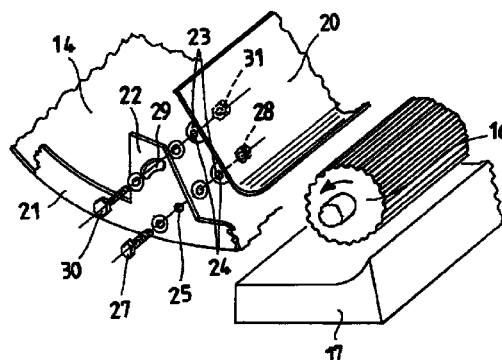
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(54) **Improved guide means for fibres in the form of a mat supplied to a carder**

(57) Guide means for the flock fibres (15) supplied to a carder, comprising a guide slide (14) for the fibres in the form of a mat, in the passage between the supply roller (16) and the plate (20), in which the end part of the slide is superimposed by an element (50) to restrain the lap of the mat, which delimits the height available for passage of the mat.

**Fig.2A**



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