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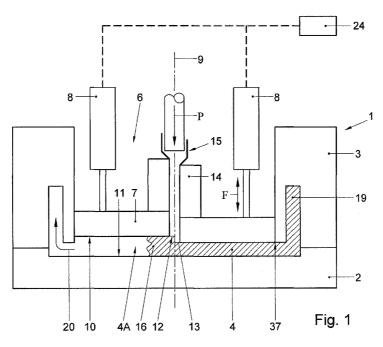
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Apparatus and a method for the manufacture of products, wherein the mold comprises at least two movable wall parts.

2. claims: 8,9

Apparatus for the manufacture of products, wherein a longitudinal edge of at least one movable wall part is rounded off.

3. claim: 12

Apparatus for the manufacture of products, wherein control means are provided for driving the at least one movable wall part into a first position, a second position and an intermediate position.

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