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LOADING ASSEMBLY FOR PACKAGING SYSTEM

Abstract

The present disclosure relates to a loading assembly including a cartoning section (100) for processing a plurality of cartons (114) and cartoning a plurality of blister leaflets (110) in the plurality of cartons (114) simultaneously. The cartoning section (100) includes a conveyor belt (106) for conveying the cartons (114) and the blister leaflets (110) thereon. Processing stations (116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 116g) are located on the conveyor belt (106), each of which processes the plurality of cartons (114) and inserts the plurality of blister leaflets therein. Shuttles (104) carry at least one of a blister leaflet (110) and a carton (114). The shuttles (104) are guided on the conveyor belt (106) to pass through the plurality of processing stations for processing the plurality of cartons (114) and inserting the plurality of blister leaflets (110) into the plurality of cartons (114).

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The application claims priority to Indian Patent Application number 202221012823, filed on Mar. 9, 2022, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates generally to the field of the packaging industry, more particularly, the present disclosure relates to a loading assembly for a packaging system.

BACKGROUND

[0003] The packaging industry has been in place for a long and is segmented by product type, material type, and end-user industry. The demand for packaging is growing with the growth of population, increase in income levels, everchanging lifestyles, and growing economies. Further, the packaging industry is one of the strongest growing sectors worldwide. The manufacturers of packaging cartons have been working all this time to keep the workflow of the packaging industry consistent for most essential products like food and other consumer products, medical and pharmaceutical products, tissue and hygiene products, etc.

[0004] Generally, the packaging systems comprise blister leaflets and cartons as the most used packaging means and are manufactured using blister manufacturing and cartoning systems. The conventional blister manufacturing and cartoning systems process approximately three hundred cartons per minute, each carton having three blister leaflets. However, the conventional blister manufacturing and cartoning systems have two separate lines in a single assembly, for manufacturing blister leaflets, and cartoning the blister leaflets in the cartons so manufactured. This utilizes more space as individual stations involved in the manufacturing process and the packaging process is quite big. Further, such conventional systems require time, and as a system, more maintenance at the time of changeover.

[0005] Therefore, there is a requirement for a compact and high-speed loading assembly for the packaging system, which is easy to install and maintain, thereby having low maintenance costs and being more operator friendly.

SUMMARY

[0006] This summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts, in a simplified format, that are further described in the detailed description of the invention. This summary is neither intended to identify key or essential inventive concepts of the invention and nor is it intended for determining the scope of the invention.

[0007] The present disclosure relates to a loading assembly for a packaging system. The loading assembly includes a cartoning section for processing a plurality of cartons and cartoning a plurality of blister leaflets in the plurality of cartons simultaneously. The cartoning section includes a conveyor belt adapted to convey the plurality of cartons and the plurality of blister leaflets thereon. A plurality of processing stations are located on the conveyor belt, each of the plurality of

processing stations adapted to process the plurality of cartons and insert the plurality of blister leaflets into the plurality of cartons. A plurality of shuttles is adapted to carry at least one of a blister leaflet and a carton. The plurality of shuttles is adapted to be guided on the conveyor belt to pass through the plurality of processing stations for processing the plurality of cartons and inserting the plurality of blister leaflets into the plurality of cartons.

[0008] The present disclosure also relates to a loading assembly for a packaging system. The loading assembly includes a cartoning section for processing a plurality of cartons and cartoning a plurality of blister leaflets in the plurality of cartons simultaneously. The cartoning section includes a moveable platform adapted to convey the plurality of cartons and the plurality of blister leaflets thereon. A plurality of processing stations is located randomly on the moveable platform. Each of the plurality of processing stations is adapted to perform a preassigned task for processing the plurality of cartons and inserting the plurality of blister leaflets into the plurality of cartons. A plurality of shuttles is adapted to carry at least one of a blister leaflet and a carton. The plurality of shuttles is adapted to be guided on the conveyor belt to pass through the plurality of processing stations for inserting the plurality of blister leaflets into the carton and closing the carton thereafter.

[0009] The present disclosure further relates to a blister manufacturing and packaging system. The blister manufacturing and packaging system includes a blister manufacturing section adapted to manufacture a plurality of blister leaflets, and a cartoning section located downstream to the blister manufacturing section. The cartoning section is adapted to process a plurality of cartons and carton a plurality of blister leaflets in the plurality of cartons simultaneously. The cartoning section includes a conveyor belt adapted to convey the plurality of cartons and the plurality of blister leaflets thereon. A plurality of processing stations is located on the conveyor belt. Each of the plurality of processing stations is adapted to perform a preassigned task for processing the plurality of cartons and inserting the plurality of blister leaflets into the plurality of cartons. A plurality of shuttles is adapted to carry at least one of a blister leaflet and a carton. The plurality of shuttles is adapted to be guided on the conveyor belt to pass through the plurality of processing stations for inserting the plurality of blister leaflets into the carton and closing the carton thereafter.

[0010] The blister manufacturing and cartoning system disclosed herein includes a blister manufacturing section and the cartoning section which function simultaneously. This helps in providing a compact and high-speed blister manufacturing and cartoning system while producing the same orientation of blister leaflets and cartons as that of conventional cartoning systems. The cartoning section is easy to install and maintain due to its less complex nature, thereby having low maintenance costs and being more operator friendly.

[0011] To further clarify advantages and features of the present invention, a more particular description of the invention will be rendered by reference to specific embodiments thereof, which is illustrated in the appended drawings. It is appreciated that these drawings depict only typical embodiments of the invention and are therefore not to be considered limiting of its scope. The invention will be described and explained with additional specificity and detail with the accompanying drawings.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0012] These and other features, aspects, and advantages of the present invention will become better understood when the following detailed description is read with reference to the accompanying drawings in which like characters represent like parts throughout the drawings, wherein:

[0013] FIG. 1A illustrates a cartoning section with dual pocket shuttles, according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0014] FIG. 1B illustrates a dual pocket shuttle, according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0015] FIG. 2A illustrates a cartoning section with single pocket shuttles, according to another embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0016] FIG. 2B illustrates a single pocket shuttle, according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0017] FIG. 3 illustrates a cartoning section with no pocket shuttles, according to another embodiment of the present disclosure; and

[0018] FIG. 4 illustrates a cartoning section with a random arrangement of stations on a planar motor, according to yet another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0019] Further, skilled artisans will appreciate that elements in the drawings are illustrated for simplicity and may not have necessarily been drawn to scale. Furthermore, in terms of the construction of the device, one or more components of the device may have been represented in the drawings by conventional symbols, and the drawings may show only those specific details that are pertinent to understanding the embodiments of the present invention so as not to obscure the drawings with details that will be readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art having benefit of the description herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0020] For the purpose of promoting an understanding of the principles of the invention, reference will now be made to the embodiment illustrated in the drawings and specific language will be used to describe the same. It will nevertheless be understood that no limitation of the scope of the invention is thereby intended, such alterations and further modifications in the illustrated system, and such further applications of the principles of the invention as illustrated therein being contemplated as would normally occur to one skilled in the art to which the invention relates.

Unless otherwise defined, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skilled in the art to which this invention belongs. The system, methods, and examples provided herein are illustrative only and not intended to be limiting.

[0021] For example, the term “some” as used herein may be understood as “none” or “one” or “more than one” or “all.” Therefore, the terms “none,” “one,” “more than one,” “more than one, but not all” or “all” would fall under the definition of “some.” It should be appreciated by a person skilled in the art that the terminology and structure employed herein is for describing, teaching, and illuminating some embodiments and their specific features and elements and therefore, should not be construed to limit, restrict or reduce the spirit and scope of the present disclosure in any way.

[0022] For example, any terms used herein such as, “includes,” “comprises,” “has,” “consists,” and similar grammatical variants do not specify an exact limitation or restriction, and certainly do not exclude the possible addition of one or more features or elements, unless otherwise stated. Further, such terms must not be taken to exclude the possible removal of one or more of the listed features and elements, unless otherwise stated, for example, by using the limiting language including, but not limited to, “must comprise” or “needs to include.”

[0023] Whether or not a certain feature or element was limited to being used only once, it may still be referred to as “one or more features” or “one or more elements” or “at least one feature” or “at least one element.” Furthermore, the use of the terms “one or more” or “at least one” feature or element do not preclude there being none of that feature or element, unless otherwise specified by limiting language including, but not limited to, “there needs to be one or more . . .” or “one or more elements is required.”

[0024] Unless otherwise defined, all terms and especially any technical and/or scientific terms, used herein may be taken to have the same meaning as commonly understood by a person ordinarily skilled in the art.

[0025] Reference is made herein to some “embodiments.” It should be understood that an

embodiment is an example of a possible implementation of any features and/or elements of the present disclosure. Some embodiments have been described for the purpose of explaining one or more of the potential ways in which the specific features and/or elements of the proposed disclosure fulfil the requirements of uniqueness, utility, and non-obviousness.

[0026] Use of the phrases and/or terms including, but not limited to, “a first embodiment,” “a further embodiment,” “an alternate embodiment,” “one embodiment,” “an embodiment,” “multiple embodiments,” “some embodiments,” “other embodiments,” “further embodiment”, “furthermore embodiment”, “additional embodiment” or other variants thereof do not necessarily refer to the same embodiments. Unless otherwise specified, one or more particular features and/or elements described in connection with one or more embodiments may be found in one embodiment, or may be found in more than one embodiment, or may be found in all embodiments, or may be found in no embodiments. Although one or more features and/or elements may be described herein in the context of only a single embodiment, or in the context of more than one embodiment, or in the context of all embodiments, the features and/or elements may instead be provided separately or in any appropriate combination or not at all. Conversely, any features and/or elements described in the context of separate embodiments may alternatively be realized as existing together in the context of a single embodiment.

[0027] Any particular and all details set forth herein are used in the context of some embodiments and therefore should not necessarily be taken as limiting factors to the proposed disclosure.

[0028] Embodiments of the present invention will be described below in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[0029] For the sake of clarity, the first digit of a reference numeral of each component of the present disclosure is indicative of the Figure number, in which the corresponding component is shown. For example, reference numerals starting with digit “1” are shown at least in FIG. 1. Similarly, reference numerals starting with digit “2” are shown at least in FIG. 2.

[0030] The present disclosure relates to a loading assembly for a packaging system. The loading assembly includes a blister manufacturing section and a cartoning section. The blister manufacturing section includes various stations, which are adapted to perform different functions related to the manufacturing of the blister leaflets. The stations in the blister manufacturing may be adapted to perform operations like heating, forming, feeding, sealing, embossing perforation, and punching of the blister leaflets. Once the blister manufacturing and sealing are complete, a blister sheet will be cut off into blister leaflets.

[0031] The plurality of blister leaflets so manufactured are required to be appropriately distributed based on the type of products contained therein. In one example, the distribution of the plurality of blister leaflets may be done by cartoning them based on the type of the product. The cartoning section is employed for cartoning of the plurality of blister leaflets and is located downstream to the blister manufacturing section. The plurality of blister leaflets is required to be transferred to the cartoning section for cartoning. Cartoning is the process of packaging the plurality of blister leaflets into separate cartons, based on the type of products. The plurality of blister leaflets is transferred to the cartoning section by a transfer unit (not shown). The transfer unit is located between the blister manufacturing system and the cartoning section. The transfer unit is adapted to transfer the plurality of blister leaflets from the blister manufacturing section to the cartoning section. The cartoning section is adapted to receive the plurality of blister leaflets from the transfer mechanism, and carton the plurality of blister leaflets simultaneously with the manufacturing of the plurality of blister leaflets in the blister manufacturing section.

[0032] FIG. 1A depicts a cartoning section **100**, which includes a plurality of processing stations **116a**, **116b**, **116c**, **116d**, **116e**, **116f**, **116g**, collectively referred to **116** hereinafter similar to the blister manufacturing system (not shown). The cartoning section **100** processes a plurality of cartons **114** and helps in cartoning the plurality of blister leaflets **110** in the plurality of cartons **114** simultaneously. The plurality of blister leaflets **110** and the plurality of cartons **114** are processed at

the plurality of processing stations **116** for the cartoning. The cartoning section **100** includes a conveyor belt **106**, a plurality of processing stations **116**, and a plurality of shuttles **104**. The conveyor belt **106** is adapted to convey the plurality of cartons **114** and the plurality of blister leaflets **110** thereon, to the plurality of processing stations **116**. In one example, the conveyor belt **106** may include magnetic guide rails.

[0033] In one embodiment, the plurality of processing stations **116** includes a carton loading station **116a**, a blister loading station **116g**, a first side flap closing station **116b**, a pusher station **116c**, an embossing station **116d**, a second side flap closing station **116e**, and a closing station **116f**. The plurality of processing stations **116** is located on the conveyor belt **106**. Each of the plurality of processing stations **116** is adapted to process the plurality of cartons **114** and insert the plurality of blister leaflets **110** into the plurality of cartons **114**. The processing of the cartons **114** and the insertion of the blister leaflets **110** into the cartons **114** takes place simultaneously, which saves time and helps in making the cartoning section **100** compact, without the need of having a separate carton processing section and a blister packing section.

[0034] The simultaneous processing of the cartons **114** and the insertion of blister leaflets **110** into the plurality of cartons **114** will now be explained in detail with reference to FIG. **1**. The plurality of shuttles **104** is adapted to carry at least one of a blister leaflet **110** and a carton **114** on them. In an embodiment, each of the plurality of shuttles **104** may include a carton pocket **104b** and a leaflet pocket **104a**, as shown in FIG. **1B**. The carton pocket **104b** is adapted to hold the carton **114**, and the leaflet pocket **104a** is adapted to hold the plurality of blister leaflets **110**. The blister loading station **116g** works parallelly with the carton loading station **116a**. In one embodiment, the carton loading station **116a** may be provided parallelly to the blister and leaflet loading station **116g** and is adapted to load a carton **114** onto a carton pocket **104b** of the shuttle **104**. Now, as the shuttle **104** moves further, it carries the carton **114** and the blister leaflets **110** together through subsequent stations.

[0035] The plurality of shuttles **104** is adapted to be guided on the conveyor belt **106** to pass through the plurality of processing stations **116** for processing the plurality of cartons **114** and inserting the plurality of blister leaflets into the plurality of cartons **114**. Firstly, the plurality of blister leaflets **110** and carton **114** is loaded onto the shuttle **104** for further processing. The carton loading station **116a** is adapted to load the carton **114** onto the carton pocket **104b** in the shuttle **104**. The blister loading station **116g** is located downstream to the carton loading station **116a** and is adapted to load the plurality of blister leaflets **110** onto the blister pocket **104a**.

[0036] The plurality of shuttles **104** has a broad design to hold a variety of cartons **114** or blister leaflets **110**, or both. The dual pocket design of the shuttle **104** helps in reducing the material to be used for manufacturing separate shuttles **104** for carton **114** and blister leaflets **110**. This helps in the reduction of material costs and maintenance costs too. Also, the footprint due to the present system is less compared to the conventional blister cartoning systems. The shuttle **104** changeover is also easy at the time of change of blister leaflet stocks. Unlike the conventional systems, the present cartoning section **100** carries both the blister leaflets **110** and the carton **114** via one single track i.e., the conveyor belt **106**, due to the simultaneous feeding and packaging processes.

[0037] Once the blister leaflets **110** and carton **114** are loaded onto the shuttle **104**, at least one side flap of the carton **114** is required to be closed, so that the blister leaflets **110** do not fall out of the carton **114** once inserted into the carton **114**. The first side flap closing station **116b** is located downstream to the blister loading station **116g** and is adapted to close the first side flap (not shown) of the carton **114**. Once the first side flap is closed, the carton **114** is filled with the plurality of blister leaflets **110**. For the same, the shuttle **104** moves to the pusher station **116c** with help of the conveyor belt **106**. The pusher station **116c** is located downstream to the first side flap closing station **116b**. The pusher station **116c** is adapted to push the plurality of blister leaflets **110** from the blister pocket carrying the plurality of blister leaflets **110** into the carton **114** present in the carton pocket **104b** of the shuttle **104**, with help of a pusher **112**.

[0038] Once the blister leaflets **110** are filled into the carton **114**, the type of blister leaflets **110** present in the carton **114** is required to be identified on the carton **114** in which the blister leaflets **110** are filled. One way for such identification may be embossing the filled cartons **114**. For embossing, the filled carton **114** is transferred to the embossing station **116d** by the shuttle **104** with help of the conveyor belt **106**. The embossing station **116d** is located downstream to the pusher station **116b** and is adapted to emboss on the carton **114**. Once the embossing is complete, the shuttle **104** carries the filled carton **114** to second the flap closing station **116e**. The second flap closing station **116e** is located downstream to the embossing station **116d** and is adapted to close remaining side flaps of the filled carton **114**. The shuttle **104** carries the filled carton **114** to the closing station **116f**, thereafter. The closing station **116f** is located downstream to the second flap closing station **116e** and is adapted to tuck in at least one side of the carton **114** containing the plurality of blister leaflets **110**. The packaged filled carton **114** finally exits from the cartoning section **100** with help of the shuttle **104** and conveyor belt **106**, supported by a transfer system (not shown).

[0039] In another embodiment, the plurality of shuttles may include a set of three shuttles including a first shuttle **204-1**, a second shuttle **204-2**, and a third shuttle **204-3**. Each of the shuttles **204-1**, **204-2**, and **204-3** has a single pocket, as shown in FIG. 2B. The single pocket is adapted to carry either one of the cartons **214** or the blister leaflets **210**. Out of these, the first shuttle **204-1** may be adapted to carry the plurality of blister leaflets **210** in its slot (not shown) whereas the second shuttle **204-2** may be adapted to carry the carton **214** in its slot **204A**, as shown in FIG. 2. FIG. 2 illustrates a cartoning section **200** having a set of three shuttles, and the cartons and blister leaflets adapted to be placed in the shuttles **204-1**, **204-2**. The first shuttle **204-1** and the second shuttle **204-2** of the cartoning section **200** may be placed alternatively to each other on conveyor belt **206**. The third shuttle **204-3** is placed between the first shuttle **204-1** and the second shuttle **204-2**. The third shuttle **204-3** is adapted to support the first shuttle **204-1** and the second shuttle **204-2** carrying the blister leaflets **210** and the carton **214** respectively.

[0040] The set of three shuttles **204-1**, **204-2**, and **204-3** are adapted to be conveyed on the conveyor belt **206**, thereby conveying the plurality of cartons **214** and the plurality of blister leaflets **210** thereon, to the plurality of processing stations **216a**, **216b**, **216c**, **216d**, **216e**, **216f**, **216g**, collectively referred to as **216** hereinafter. The first shuttle **204-1** and the second shuttle **204-2**, are first loaded on the plurality of blister leaflets **210** and the carton **214** respectively. Similar to FIG. 1, the plurality of processing stations **216** are present on the conveyor belt **206**. The plurality of processing stations **216** include a blister loading station **216a**, a carton loading station **216b**, a pusher station **216c**, an embossing station **216d**, and a closing station **216f**. The blister loading station **216a** adapted to load the plurality of blister leaflets **210** onto the first shuttle **204-1**. The carton loading station **216b** is located downstream to the blister loading station **216a** and is adapted to load the carton **214** onto the second shuttle **204-2**, wherein the carton loading station **216b** works parallelly with the blister loading station **216a**.

[0041] Now, as the set of three shuttles **204-1**, **204-2**, and **204-3** move further, the shuttles **204-1**, **204-2** carry the carton **214** and the blister leaflets **210** alternatively through further stations **216**. The pusher station **216c** is located downstream to the carton loading station **216b** and includes a feeder **218**, a first pusher **212a**, and a second pusher **212b**. The feeder **218** is positioned parallelly between the first pusher **212a** and the second pusher **212b**. Once the first shuttle **204-1** reaches the pusher station **216c**, the first pusher **212a** pushes the plurality of blister leaflets **210** from the first shuttle **204-1** into the feeder **218**. The first shuttle **204-1** moves forward, and the second shuttle **204-2** now reaches the pusher station **216c**. The second pusher **212b** now pushes the plurality of blister leaflets **210** from the feeder into the carton **214** on the second shuttle **204-2**. The embossing station **216d** is located downstream to the pusher station **216c** and is adapted to emboss on the carton **214** containing the plurality of blister leaflets **210**. The closing station **216f** is located downstream to the embossing station **216d** and is adapted to close flaps (not shown) of the carton

214 carrying the plurality of blister leaflets **210**.

[0042] After this, the packaged filled carton **214** finally exits from the cartoning section **200** with help of the first shuttle **204-1** and the second shuttle **204-2**, and the conveyor belt **206**. This arrangement of shuttles **204-1**, **204-2** helps in curbing vibrations, as the shuttles **204-1**, **204-2** carry less weight on them. Fewer vibration curbs more noise, and the simpler design ensures easy maintenance. Further, the slots provided on the shuttles **204-1**, **204-2** are auto-adjustable as per the size of the leaflets and the carton **214**. Therefore, there is no requirement of changing the slots on the shuttles **204-1**, **204-2**, **204-3** every time while loading different-sized blister leaflets **210** or cartons **214**.

[0043] In one embodiment, the plurality of cartons **314** and the plurality of blister leaflets **310** are placed between the plurality of shuttles **304** alternately, as shown in FIG. 3. Specifically, FIG. 3 depicts a cartoning section **300**, wherein blister leaflets **310** and cartons **314** are placed between a plurality of shuttles **304**. The shuttles **304** in such a case are adapted to push the blister leaflets **310** and the carton **314** forward towards proceeding stations. The blister leaflets **310** and the carton **314** are alternatively placed. Multiple first pushers **312-1a**, **312-2a**, **312-3a** and second pushers **312-1b**, **312-2b**, **312-3b** may be installed into the cartoning section **300**, and the first pushers **312-1a**, **312-2a**, **312-3a** in such a case are adjacent to the conveyor belt **306** and not the shuttle **304** and are adapted to push the blister leaflets **310** into a feeder. In this way, the blister leaflets **310** are pushed into a feeder **318a**, **318b**, **318c** across the conveyor belt **306**, and from between the shuttles **304**. The feeder **318a**, **318b**, **318c** is adapted to feed the blister leaflets **310** into the carton **314** with help of the second pushers **312b** placed next to the feeder **318a**, **318b**, **318c**, when the carton **314** reaches in front of a feeder **318a**, **318b**, **318c**. However, the stations and their processes remain the same as explained previously. This placement of carton **314** and blister leaflets **310** between the shuttles **304** helps in further curbing vibrations, as the shuttles **304** are not carrying any weight on them. Therefore, the noise is further curbed, and the arrangement is even simpler, thereby ensuring easier maintenance.

[0044] In one embodiment, the processing stations **416** may be arranged randomly, on a planar motor **406**, as shown in FIG. 4. FIG. 4 depicts a top view of a cartoning section **400**, which has a planar motor **406** as its base, instead of a conveyor belt **106**, **206**, **306**. In this scenario, the movement of shuttles is of an asynchronous nature. The shuttles are adapted to levitate on the planar motor **406**. The cartons **414** and blister leaflets **410** are placed in holders **430** on shuttles (not shown) placed on the planar motor **406**, which carry the carton **414** and the blister leaflets **410** to different stations **416** (whereon the shuttles are placed) with the movement of the planar motor **406**, for feeding the blister leaflets **410** into the carton **414** with the help of pushers (not shown). Then the carton **414** is sealed, embossed, etc., the processing stations being similar in structure and function as explained with respect to FIG. 1. The motion of the shuttles on the planar motor **406** in such a case may be asynchronous, and movement occurs selectively based on the progress in cartoning of the blister leaflets **410**, and the location of next station **416**. The advantage of planar motor **406** is that the shuttles may return to any station at any point during the cartoning cycle. Further, the planar motor **406** and the shuttles do away with the need for a conveyor belt **106**, **206**, **306** for conveying the cartons **414** and the blister leaflets **410** to the plurality of stations, as in the previous embodiments.

[0045] The cartoning section **100**, **200**, **300**, **400** disclosed herein includes the blister manufacturing section and cartoning section **100**, **200**, **300**, **400** which functions simultaneously with the blister manufacturing section. This helps in providing a compact and high-speed blister manufacturing and cartoning system. The blister manufacturing and cartoning system is easy to install and maintain due to its less complex nature, thereby having low maintenance costs and being more operator friendly.

[0046] While specific language has been used to describe the present disclosure, any limitations arising on account thereto, are not intended. As would be apparent to a person in the art, various

working modifications may be made to the method in order to implement the inventive concept as taught herein. The drawings and the foregoing description give examples of embodiments. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that one or more of the described elements may well be combined into a single functional element. Alternatively, certain elements may be split into multiple functional elements. Elements from one embodiment may be added to another embodiment.

Claims

1. A loading assembly for a packaging system, comprising: a cartoning section (100) for processing a plurality of cartons (114) and cartoning a plurality of blister leaflets (110) in the plurality of cartons (114) simultaneously, wherein the cartoning section (100) comprises: a conveyor belt (106) adapted to convey the plurality of cartons (114) and the plurality of blister leaflets (110) thereon; a plurality of processing stations (116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 116g) located on the conveyor belt (106), each of the plurality of processing stations (116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 116g) adapted to process the plurality of cartons (114) and insert the plurality of blister leaflets (110) into the plurality of cartons (114); and a plurality of shuttles (104) adapted to carry at least one of a blister leaflet (110) and a carton (114) of the plurality of cartons (114), the plurality of shuttles (104) adapted to be guided on the conveyor belt (106) to pass through the plurality of processing stations (116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 116g) for processing the plurality of cartons (114) and inserting the plurality of blister leaflets (110) into the plurality of cartons (114).
2. The loading assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of shuttles includes: a carton pocket (104b) adapted to hold the carton (114); and a blister pocket (104a) adapted to hold the plurality of blister leaflets (110).
3. The loading assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the plurality of processing stations (116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 116g) comprises: a carton loading station (116a) adapted to load the carton (114) onto the carton pocket (104b) in the shuttle (104); a blister loading station (116g) located downstream to the carton loading station (116a), and adapted to load the plurality of blister leaflets (110) onto the blister pocket (104a), wherein the blister loading station (116g) works parallelly with the carton loading station (116a); a first side flap closing station (116b) located downstream to the blister loading station (116g), the first side flap closing station (116b) adapted to close a first side flap of the carton (114); a pusher station (116c) located downstream to the first side flap closing station (116b), the pusher station (116c) adapted to push the plurality of blister leaflets (110) from the blister pocket (104a) carrying the plurality of blister leaflets (110) into the carton (114), with help of a pusher (112); an embossing station (116d) located downstream to the pusher station (116c), the embossing station (116d) adapted to emboss on the carton (114); and a second flap closing station (116e) located downstream to the embossing station (116d), the second flap closing station (116e) adapted to close remaining side flaps of the carton (114); and a closing station (116f) located downstream to the second flap closing station (116e), the closing station (116f) adapted to tuck in at least one side of the carton (114) containing the plurality of blister leaflets (110).
4. The loading assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of shuttles includes a set of three shuttles (204-1, 204-2, 204-3) having: a first shuttle (204-1) adapted to carry the plurality of blister leaflets (210), a second shuttle (204-2) adapted to carry the carton (214); and a third shuttle (204-3) between the first shuttle (204-1) and the second shuttle (204-2), the third shuttle (204-3) adapted to support the first shuttle (204-1) and the second shuttle (204-2).
5. The loading assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plurality of processing stations (216a, 216b, 216c, 216d, 216e, 216f) comprises: a blister loading station (216a) adapted to load the plurality of blister leaflets (210) onto the first shuttle; a carton loading station (216b) located downstream to the blister loading station (216a), the carton loading station (216b) adapted to load the carton (214) onto the second shuttle (204-2), wherein the carton loading station (216b) works

parallelly with the blister loading station (216b); a pusher station (216c) located downstream to the carton loading station (216b), the pusher station (216c) comprising: a feeder (218) positioned parallelly between a first pusher (212a) and a second pusher (212b), wherein: the first pusher (212a) is adapted to push the plurality of blister leaflets (110) from the first shuttle (204-1) into the feeder (218), and the second pusher (212b) is adapted to push the plurality of blister leaflets (110) from the feeder (218) into the carton (114) on the second shuttle (204-2)); an embossing station (216d) located downstream to the pusher station (216c), the embossing station (216d) adapted to emboss on the carton (214) containing the plurality of blister leaflets (210); and a closing station (216f) located downstream to the embossing station (216d), the closing station adapted to close flaps of the carton (114) carrying the plurality of blister leaflets (110).

6. The loading assembly as claimed in claim 1, comprising a cartoning section (300), wherein the plurality of cartons (314) and the plurality of blister leaflets (310) are placed between the plurality of shuttles (304) alternately.

7. The loading assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cartoning section (300) comprises: a blister loading station adapted to load the plurality of blister leaflets (310) between a first shuttle (304-1) and a third shuttle (304-3) of the plurality of shuttles (304); a carton loading station located downstream to the blister loading station, the blister loading station adapted to load the carton (314) between a second shuttle (304-2) and the third shuttle (304-3) of the plurality of shuttles (304), wherein the carton loading station works parallelly with the blister loading station; and at least one pusher station located downstream to the carton loading station, the pusher station comprising: at least one feeder (318a, 318b, 318c) positioned parallelly between the plurality of shuttles (304), wherein the at least one feeder (318a, 318b, 318c) is adapted to: push the plurality of blister leaflets (310) from between the first shuttle (304-1) and the third shuttle (304-3) into the at least one feeder (318a, 318b, 318c), and push the plurality of blister leaflets (310) from the feeder into the carton (314) placed between the second shuttle (304-2) and the third shuttle (304-3).

8. A loading assembly for a packaging system, comprising: a cartoning section (400) for processing a plurality of cartons (414) and cartoning a plurality of blister leaflets (410) in the plurality of cartons (414) simultaneously, wherein the cartoning section (400) comprises: a planar motor (406) adapted to convey the plurality of cartons (414) and the plurality of blister leaflets (410) thereon; a plurality of processing stations (416) located randomly on the planar motor (406), each of the plurality of processing stations (416) adapted to perform a preassigned task for processing the plurality of cartons (414) and inserting the plurality of blister leaflets into the plurality of cartons (414); and a plurality of shuttles (430) adapted to carry at least one of a blister leaflet and a carton (414), the plurality of shuttles adapted to be guided on the planar motor (406) to pass through the plurality of processing stations for inserting the plurality of blister leaflets (410) into the carton (414) and closing the carton (414) thereafter.

9. The loading assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the plurality of processing stations comprises: a carton loading station adapted to load the carton (414) onto at least one of the plurality of shuttles; a blister loading station adapted to load the plurality of blister leaflets (410) onto at least one of the plurality of shuttles, wherein the blister loading station works parallelly with the carton loading station; a first side flap closing station adapted to close a first side flap of the carton (414); a pusher station adapted to push the plurality of blister leaflets (410) from the shuttle (430) carrying the plurality of blister leaflets (410) into the carton (414), with help of a pusher; an embossing station adapted to emboss on the carton (414); and a second flap closing station adapted to close remaining side flaps of the carton (414); and a closing station adapted to tuck in at least one side of the carton (414) containing the plurality of blister leaflets (410).

10. A blister manufacturing and packaging system comprising: a blister manufacturing section adapted to manufacture a plurality of blister leaflets (110); a cartoning section (100) located downstream to the blister manufacturing section, and adapted to process a plurality of cartons (114) and cartoning a plurality of blister leaflets (110) in the plurality of cartons (114) simultaneously,

wherein the cartoning section (100) comprises: a conveyor belt (106) adapted to convey the plurality of cartons (114) and the plurality of blister leaflets (110) thereon; a plurality of processing stations (116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 116g) located on the conveyor belt (106), each of the plurality of processing stations (116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 116g) adapted to process the plurality of cartons (114) and insert the plurality of blister leaflets (110) into the plurality of cartons (114); and a plurality of shuttles (104) adapted to carry at least one of a blister leaflet (110) and a carton (114), the plurality of shuttles (104) adapted to be guided on the conveyor belt (106) to pass through the plurality of processing stations (116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 116g) for processing the plurality of cartons (114) and inserting the plurality of blister leaflets (110) into the plurality of cartons (114).
