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(54) Loading/discharge device for process apparatus

(57) The loading/discharge device (26, 26a) comprises a duct (28) including a portion which is formed as a flexible coupling (32) that is provided with actuator means (34) for performing extension/contraction movements and selective closure means disposed in a cross-section of the duct. The ends of the duct (28) are pro-

vided with means for leaktight coupling with respective openings (12, 20) of the process apparatus and of a storage container (18, 18a). Moreover, a portion of the duct (28) which is intended to be directed towards the process apparatus in operation is provided with washing means.

Fig. 3

