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METHOD AND SYSTEM OF COLLATING A PLURALITY OF MAIL ITEMS

Title (de)

VERFAHREN UND SYSTEM ZUM VEREINIGEN EINER VIELZAHL VON POSTSTÜCKEN

Title (fr)

MÉTHODE ET SYSTÈME DE RASSEMBLER DES PIÈCES POSTALES

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[origin: WO02058855A1] A method and an apparatus for collating a plurality of groups of mail items, such as flats mail, each group being pre-sequenced according to prioritized delivery addresses, into a final sequenced set of the mail items from the groups, utilizing the prioritized delivery addresses is described. Each bundle of mail items is formed into a single input stream of the individual mail items. The mail items are transported along a conveyor system from the input stream to a staging station. The mail items are sorted at the staging station (16) into a plurality of subsets of mail items re-sequenced as an intermediate step to achieving the final sequenced sets. The mail items are then collated and merged into a single output stream from the respective subsets of mail items in the final sequenced set. Portions of the output stream from the staging station are collected in batches which maintain the sequence consistent with the prioritized delivery order sequence of the mail for a given carrier route.

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