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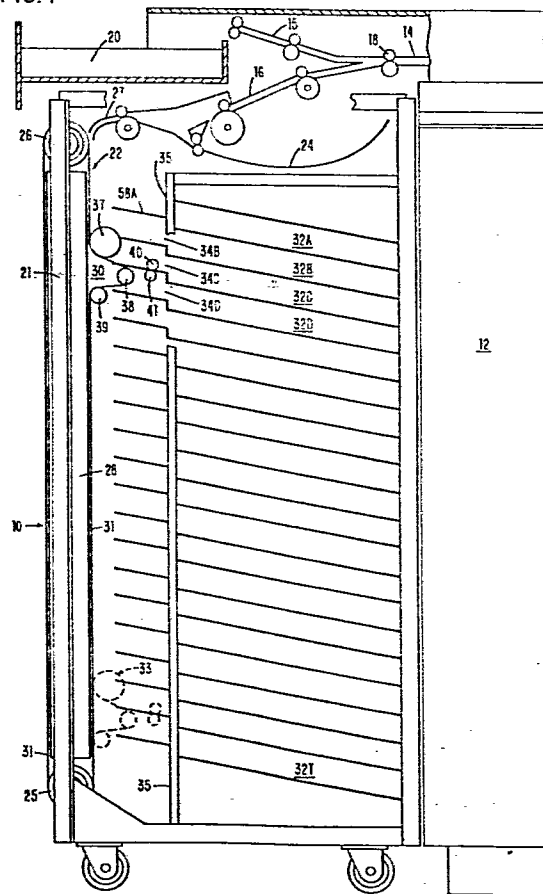
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(54) Sheet collating apparatus.

(57) Sheet collating apparatus comprises a plurality of bins (32), a belt conveyor system (22) and a distributor device (30) which co-acts with the belt conveyor to direct sheets from the conveyor into selected bins. Each bin includes a sheet guide (58) which extends towards the conveyor but only co-acts therewith at the diverted portion. These guides ensure positive guidance of the sheets into the bins.

FIG. 1





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