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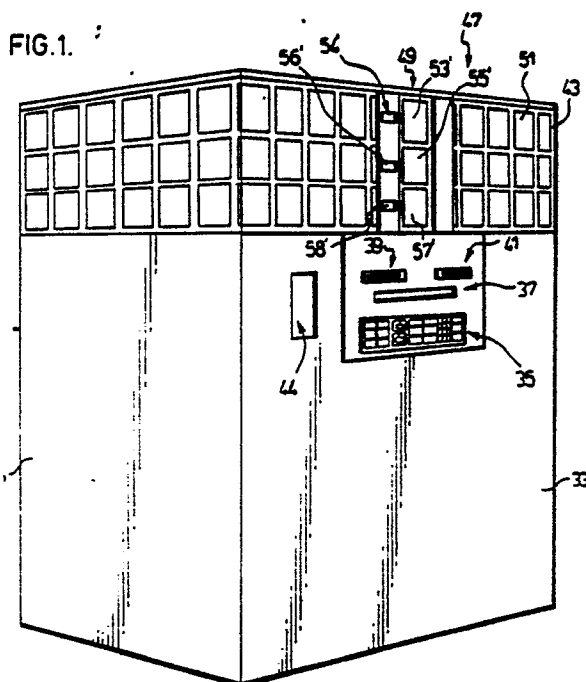
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⑤4 Automatic vending machine.

57 This invention relates to automatic vending machines and components therefor, and in one aspect is adapted to permit the automatic dispensing of rented video cassettes and the return of such video cassettes into a store in the automatic vending machine (32) for future dispensing. In another aspect this invention relates to a method of operation of automatic vending machines.





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