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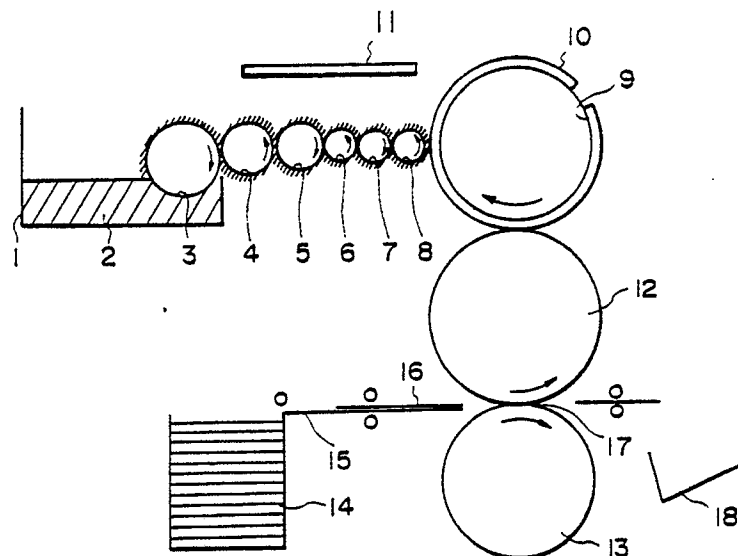
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Printing process.

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There is provided a printing process comprising liquefying an ink which is solid at room temperature, applying the liquefying ink onto a plate having a pattern, and transferring the ink from the plate to a transfer-receiving medium to form thereon an ink

pattern. The above-mentioned solid ink is easy to handle and the resumption of the printing process is easy even after the printing machine supplied with the ink is left standing for a long time.

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