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⑤④ Apparatus and method for stacking.

⑤⑦ Apparatus and method for stacking product such as flexible paper towels including a slotted wheel in combination with at least two endless chain conveyors equipped with finger assemblies which are orbitally offset so that while one finger assembly of one chain conveyor is accumulating a plurality of substacks, a first finger assembly of the other chain conveyor is being readied to take over the development of a successive stack, and programmable controller means associated with the chain conveyors for varying the finger assembly advance during different portions of the orbital movement of the finger assemblies.

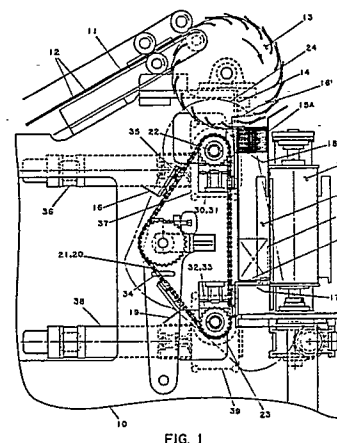


FIG. 1



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