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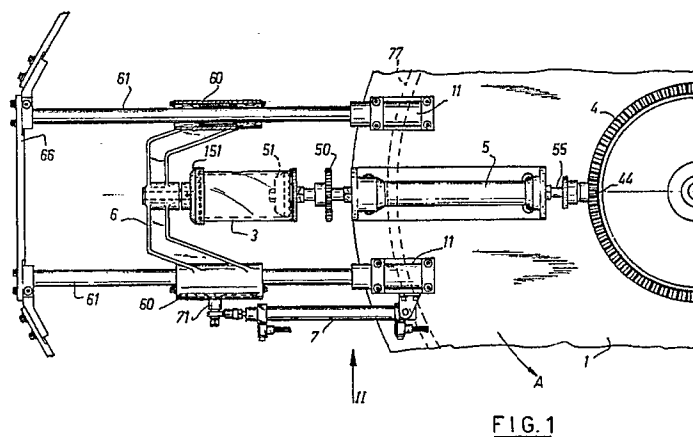
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(54) **Centre unit for machines for the multi-colour silk-screen printing of cylindrical containers in general.**

(57) A centre unit for silk-screen printing machines incorporating a loading station (20) for the containers (3) to be printed, at least two printing stations (2) and a discharge station (21) for the printed containers, said at least four stations being angularly equidistant along a circular path, tangential to which the printing station screens (22) slide and along which, with stepwise movements of an angular width equal to the width by which said stations are distributed, there rotate an equal number of radial mandrels (5, 51) which support the containers by virtue of a

vacuum created within them, comprises, associated with each mandrel (5, 51) a pair of identical parallel guides (61) to be arranged symmetrical about and parallel to the longitudinal axis of said mandrel (5, 51) and projecting beyond the front end (51) of this latter where they support a slider (6) provided centrally with an interchangeable rotatable support (151) aligned with the respective mandrel and caused to slide with forward and backward movement by a lateral pneumatic unit (7).



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