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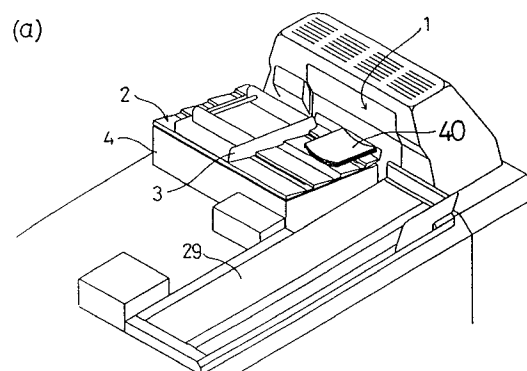
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(54) **Sorting apparatus for photographic printer**

(57) A sorting apparatus for sorting a plurality of prints produced by a photographic printer. The apparatus includes a movable table (2) for mounting the prints thereon, and a stopper member (3) disposed on an upper surface of the movable table (2) for coming into contact with the prints (40) mounted on the movable table (2). The movable table is projectable and retractable relative to the stopper member (3). With a retracting movement of the movable table (2) relative to the stopper member (3), the prints (40) mounted on the movable table (2) are caused to come into contact with the stopper member (3) and to be dropped off the table to be sorted.

FIG.4



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