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(54) **Acquisition and/or issuing device for banknotes**

(57) An acquisition and/or issuing device (11) comprises a taking-up roll (50) and a feeding roll (51) adapted to rotate around fixed axes, a transport belt (52) and a pair of pinch rollers (53, 54). The taking-up roll (50) can store banknotes (12) or other flexible documents in a spool (57) together with the transport belt (52) and one of the pinch rollers (53, 54) is moved by an electromagnet (79). Electronic means (69) control the electromagnet and the rotation of the taking-up and

feeding rolls, and associate the engagement and disengagement configuration of the pinch rollers (53, 54) with a banknote (12) to the revealing of the banknote by two sensors (66, 67). An accompanying roller (74) makes easier the winding of the banknotes (12) in the spool (57).

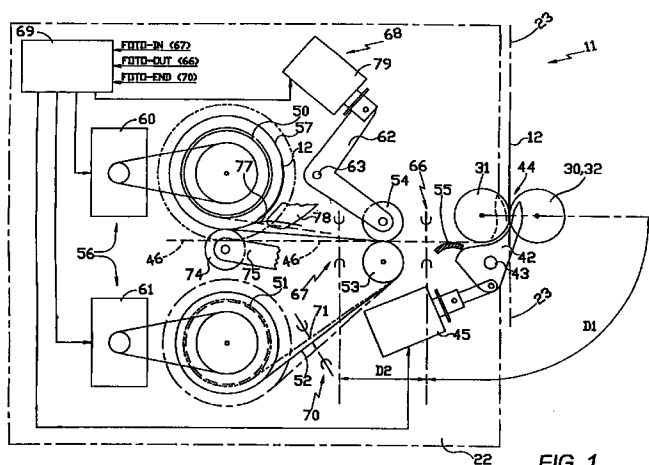


FIG. 1

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Claims 1-8: Roll container for banknotes.

Claims 9, 10: Device for accepting and dispensing banknotes.