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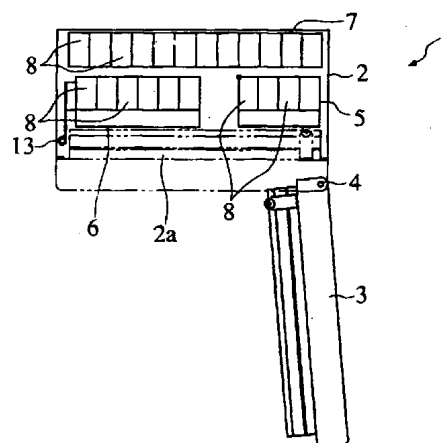
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(54) **Automatic vending machine**

(57) In an automatic vending machine which comprises a vending machine main body 2 for storing a commodity rack 5 incorporating a plurality of commodity racks 8 and a body door 3 for opening or closing a front opening 2a in the vending machine main body 2 through a hinge 4, the commodity rack 5 being arranged close to the interior surface on the hinge 4 side of the vending machine main body 2, the commodity rack 5 can turn obliquely forward with a portion on a side opposite to the hinge 4 as a center when the body door 3 is open. Therefore, the automatic vending machine can improve the work efficiency of loading commodities without reducing the storage capacity of commodities.

Fig. 1A



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