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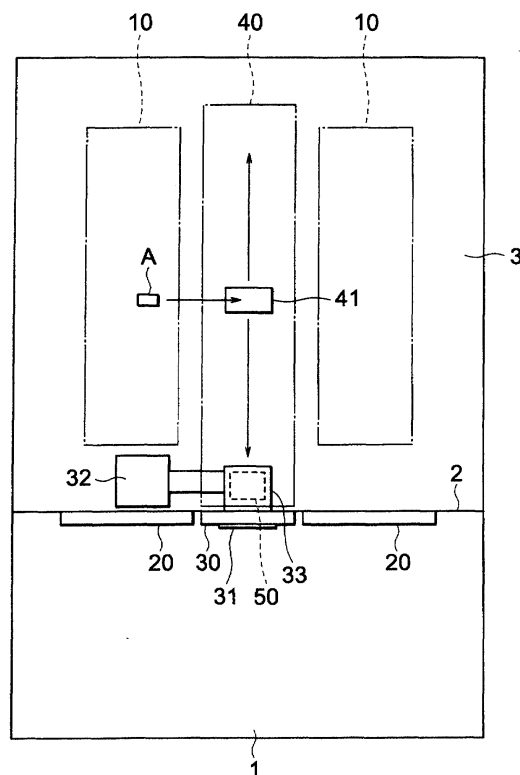
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(54) **Vending apparatus carrying out a commodity control in accordance with a selling term determined for each of commodities**

(57) In a vending apparatus fixedly installed in a store for vending commodities, a control section controls the commodities in accordance with a selling term determined for each of the commodities. These commodities are stored in a storing section (10) placed at a first position in the store. A designated one of the commodities is carried by a carrying mechanism (40) from the storing section to a take-out section (31) placed at a second position in the store. It is preferable that the control section makes the carrying mechanism carry a term-expired one of the commodities from the storing section to a disposal section (33) placed at a third position in the store.



**FIG. 1**



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