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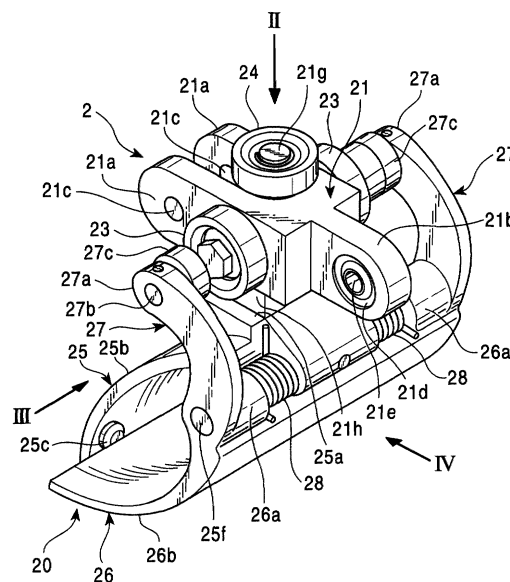
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(54) **Printed matter transport device**

(57) In a printed matter transport device wherein a printed matter is gripped by a gripping mechanism of a chain and made to travel along a guide rail, to improve the durability of the guide rail and chain, to prevent misalignment, falling out and damage when an external force acts on the printed matter, to improve durability of a connecting part of a chain link (2) (base) and the gripping mechanism, to reduce manufacturing costs, and to enable the printed matter to be firmly gripped. A chain with grips comprising first rollers (23) respectively arranged on two sides in the center of the longitudinal direction of the bases (21), a second roller (24) on one side perpendicular to the common center line of the first rollers (23) and a grip mechanism (20) on the opposite side, a guide rail, a chain drive means and a cam member are provided.

**FIG. 1**



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