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(54) **Method and device for picking up reams of sheets**

(57) A method and device for picking up reams (2) of sheets (3) off a stack (4) of sheets (3) on a supporting pallet (5), wherein a last ream (2'), defined by an N

number of sheets (3), is picked up off the pallet (5) by a first pickup device (33) for picking up a first group (52) of N-M sheets (3), and by a second pickup device (34) for picking up a second group (53) of M sheets (3).

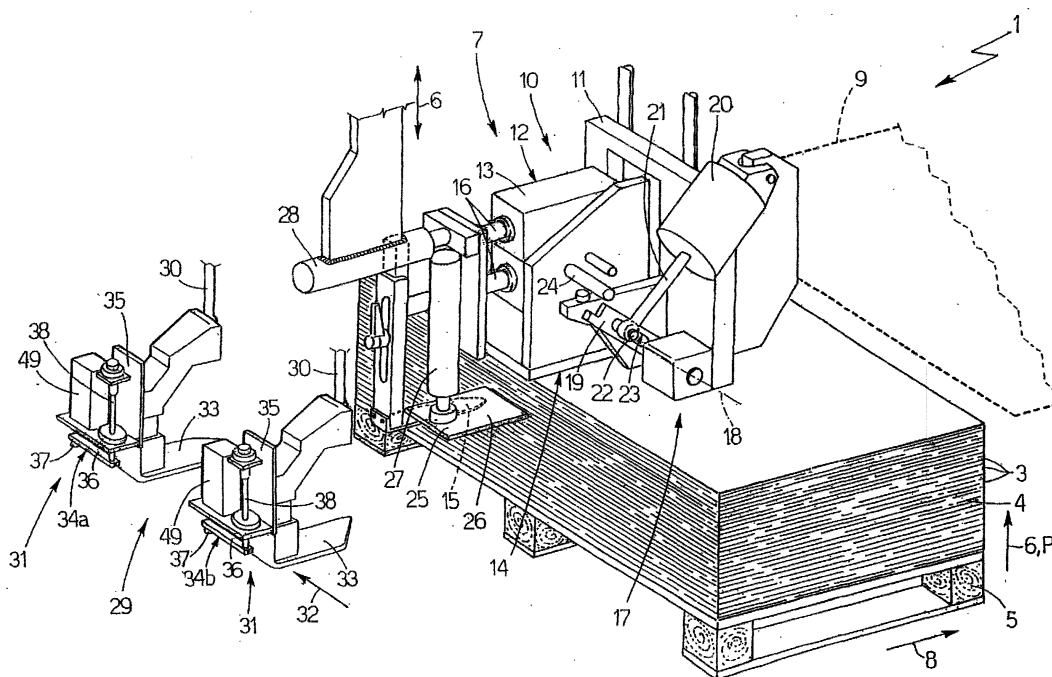


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