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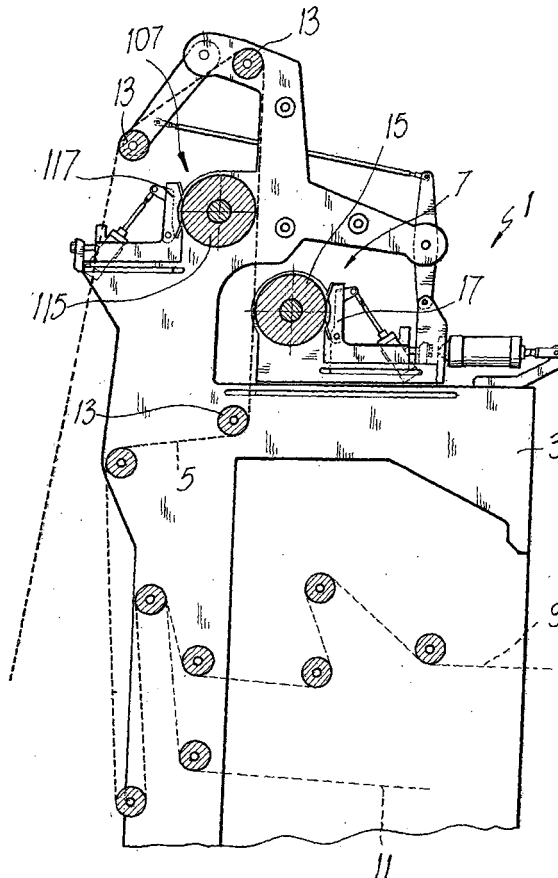
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(54) **Apparatus and method for applying a fluid to a paper web**

(57) An apparatus and a method for applying a fluid to a paper web, including a means for feeding a continuous paper web to at least one fluid application station, which includes at least one roller that is in contact with the web and is adapted to convey fluid to be applied to the paper web. The rotation rate of the roller is variable with respect to the advancement speed of the web in order to vary the amount of fluid applied by the roller to the web.



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