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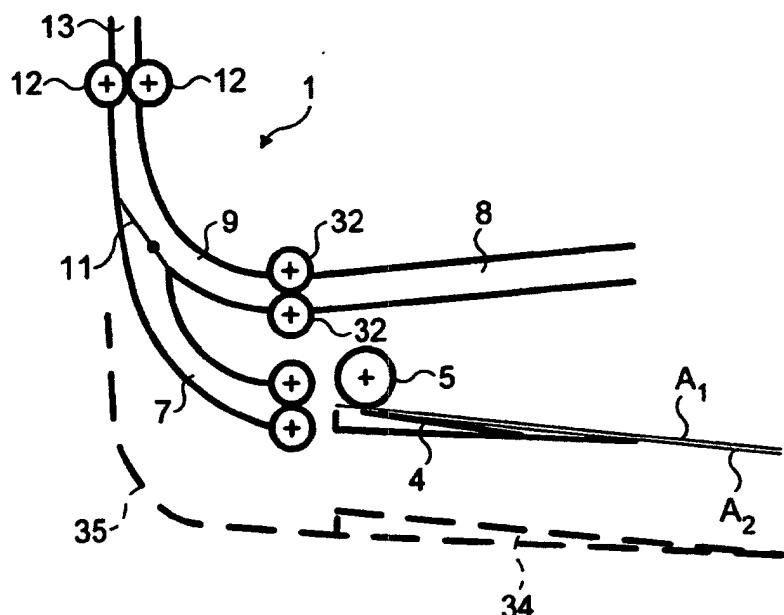
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### (54) Apparatus and method for collating sheets

(57) Sheet collation apparatus is disclosed in which an initial sheet (A<sub>1</sub>) from a sheet feeder (4) is advanced to a collation station (10), reversed into an accumulation station (8) and then returned to the collation station

where it is collated with the next sheet (A<sub>2</sub>) from the sheet feeder. This process may be repeated any number of times to form a collation of sheets of any required number.





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