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(54) **Device and process for feeding sheets to a finishing line for documents formed from these sheets**

(57) The device (1) for feeding sheets to a finishing line for documents formed from these sheets comprises, for supporting a pack (4) of sheets, a table (5) which cooperates with sheet extraction means (6) for transferring a sheet, to a filter (8) defining a slot (9), and to means (11) for its expulsion towards the finishing line. The device comprises means (13) for adjusting the thickness of the slot (9) and/or means (15) for controlling the force exerted

by the extraction means (6). The process for feeding sheets to a finishing line comprises the steps of extracting a sheet from a pack (4), passing the sheet (7) through a slot (9) which allows one sheet at a time to pass, and expelling the sheet (7) towards the finishing line. The thickness of the slot (9) and/or the extraction force exerted on each sheet extracted from the pack (4) are automatically adjusted.

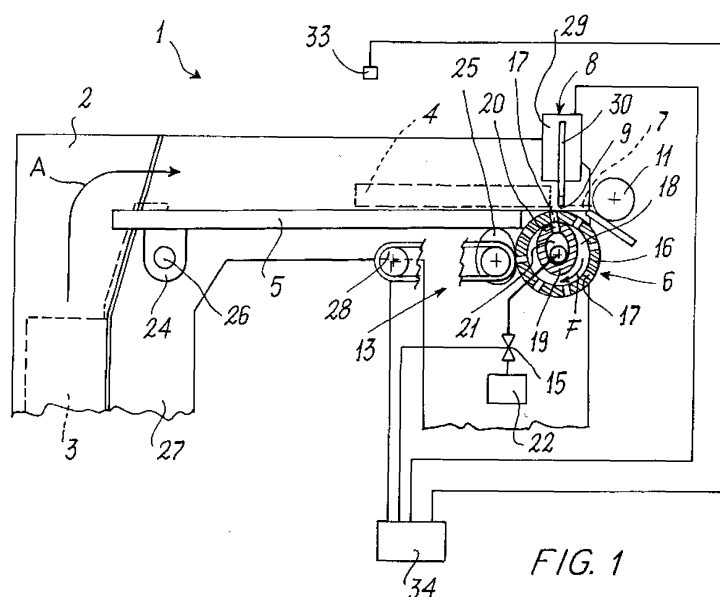


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