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(54) **Delivery device in sheet-fed offset rotary printing press**

(57) A delivery device in a sheet-fed offset rotary printing press includes a plurality of suction units (10A-10E), at least one discharge unit, at least one support member, and an intake source, air exhaust system, and switching device. The plurality of suction units are arranged above a pile board (7) on an upstream sheet conveyance direction side below a sheet under conveyance in a widthwise direction of the sheet, and draw by suction the sheet under conveyance in slidable contact with it. At least one discharge unit (80A-80C) replaces one of the plurality of suction units which is other than those on two ends, and discharges air outwardly in the widthwise direction of the sheet under conveyance. One of the plurality of suction units which is other than those on the two ends and the discharge unit can be mounted selectively on at least one support member (25E). The intake source (101), air exhaust system, and switching device supply suction air to the suction unit when the suction unit is mounted on the support member, and supply discharge air to the discharge unit (80A-80C) when the discharge unit is mounted on the support member.

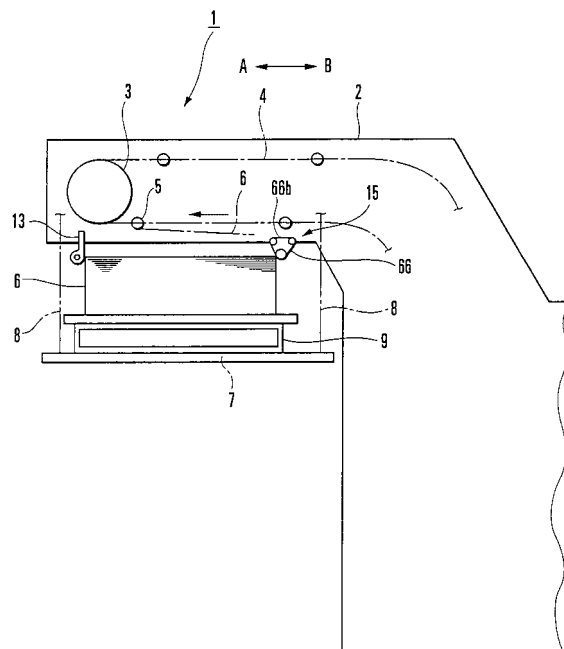


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