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(54) **Gripping unit for a transfer device**

(57) A gripping unit (30) for a transfer device (1) has a supporting member (34) conveyed, in use, along a horizontal path (18) by a belt (17); the unit (30) also has a gripping head (51), which grips a product (2) and, with respect to the supporting member (34), is rotatable about

a vertical axis (35) and is axially translatable under the action of a tappet element coupled, in use, to a cam (27); transmission (65) for converting the translational motion into rotational motion cause the gripping head (51) to rotate axially in response to the translation of such gripping head (51).

FIG. 1

