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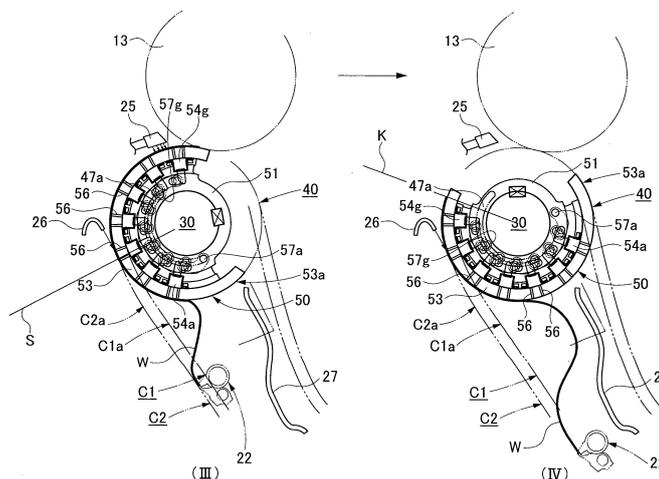
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(54) **Sheet guiding device and sheet processing apparatus including the sheet guiding device**

(57) A sheet guiding device includes: gripper bars 22 provided to delivery chains 20 and each having a holding portion configured to hold an end portion of a paper sheet W, the gripper bars 22 configured to transport the paper sheet W along a paper sheet transporting route C2 spaced away from a travelling route C 1 of the delivery chains 20; a delivery cylinder 21 having a guide surface 53a and configured to guide the transported paper sheet W, the guide surface extending along an arc-shaped transporting route portion C2b in the paper sheet transporting route C2 which is located outside an arc-shaped travelling route portion C1b in the travelling route C1 of

the delivery chains 20 which is formed by the holding portion travelling along the arc-shaped travelling route portion C1b; a linear travelling route portion C1a formed downstream of the arc-shaped travelling route portion C1b in a travelling direction of the delivery chains 20; and a suction guide 40 for guiding the paper sheet W to an inner side than the linear travelling route portion C1a, the paper sheet W located in a region downstream of a shift position S from the arc-shaped travelling route portion C1b to the linear travelling route portion C1a in a sheet transporting direction.

Fig.6B



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