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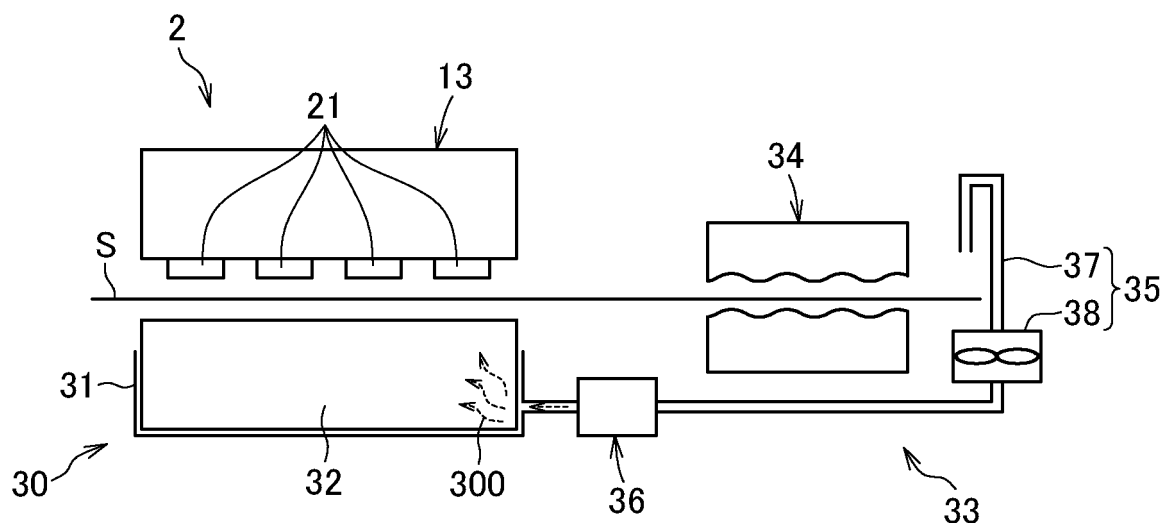
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(54) **LIQUID COLLECTION DEVICE AND LIQUID DISCHARGE APPARATUS**

(57) A liquid collection device (30) includes a collection container (31), an absorber (32), and a solvent supplier (33). The collection container (31) collects liquid discharged from a liquid discharger (21). The absorber (32)

absorbs the liquid collected in the collection container (31). The solvent supplier (33) supplies a solvent component of the liquid discharged from the liquid discharger (21) to the absorber (32).

FIG. 8





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1st invention (searched): solvent recovery from printed sheet

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2nd invention (not searched): solvent recovery from different collection mechanism

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