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(54) **A spray dampening apparatus**

(57) Spray nozzles (5) and/or a screening plate (9) in a spray casing (4) of a spray dampening apparatus arranged at a printing press roller (2) may be clogged by printing ink mist entering the spray casing. In order

to obviate this, an air stream (8') from a slitted air tube (8) is caused to flow towards the printing press roller (2) in the spray casing (4).

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