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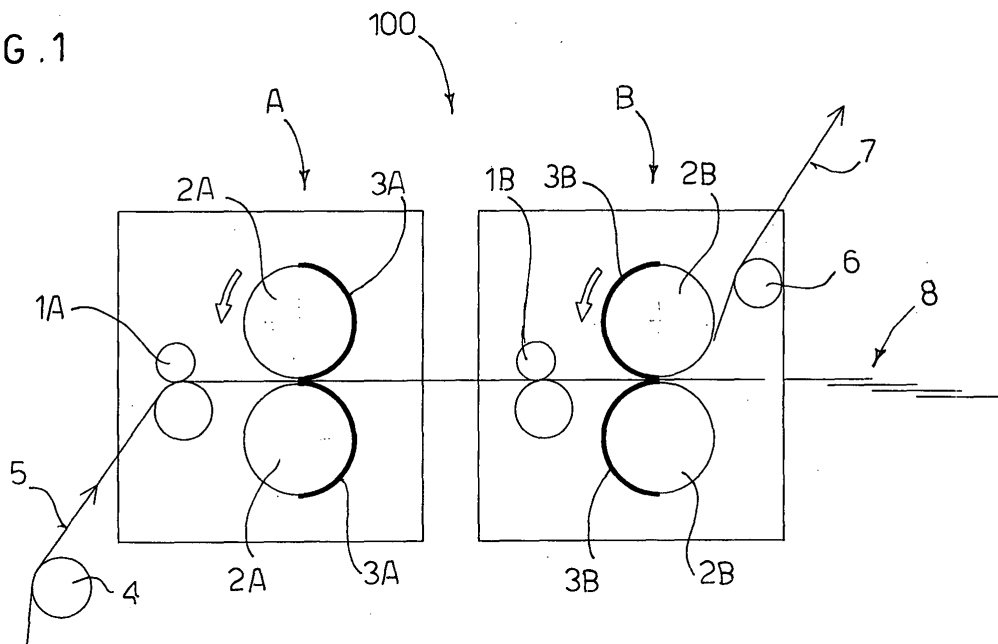
(54) **System of punching or printing**

(57) A punching machine (100) for the punching of tape material (5) comprising a first and a second punching turret (A,B) placed in line and each one provided with a pair of opposite rotating cylinders (2A,2B) holding respective punching blade sheets (3A,3B) which define the shape and the lay-out of the punched parts (8,9) to be obtained, in such a way that the tape is punched alternately by the first and by the second punching turret

(A,B).

A description is also given of a printing machine (200,300,400,500) comprising a first and a second printing turret (A,B) placed in line and each one provided with a print contrast cylinder (212A,212B) and with a plate support cylinder (203A,203B) which defines the shape and the lay-out of the print to be obtained, in such a way that the tape is printed alternately by the first and by the second printing turret (A,B).

FIG. 1





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1. claims: 1-16

Punching machine and punching method.

1.1. claims: 17-32

Printing machine and printing method.

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