

ABSTRACT

The apparatus comprises a movable blade (30) movable back and forth with having edges (31, 32) respectively set at a side of a forward end and at a side of a return end of reciprocation, fixed blades (33, 34) having edges respectively set at the side of the end forward and the return end to be faced to the edges at the forward end and the return end of the movable blade, thereby cutting a carrier tape with a shearing force, and carrier tape storage parts (37, 38) which are disposed below respective shear parts of the edge at the forward end of the movable blade and the corresponding edge of the fixed blade and of the edge at the return end of the movable blade and the corresponding edge of the fixed blade when a carrier tape (23) emptied after a component is taken out is cut by the edge at the forward end or at the return end of the movable blade and the edge of the fixed blade at the same side as the cutting edge of the movable blade, so partitioned that the cut carrier tape is sorted and collected in accordance with a kind thereof. The carrier tape can hence be sorted and collected for every kind simply by changing a drive direction of the movable blade in accordance with the kind of the carrier tape.