

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A bill handling machine is provided with a bill hold and transport arrangement which can hold bills therebetween and transport them downwardly and a bill receiving device for receiving the bills, the bill receiving device including endless drive belts fixed and extending vertically, endless driven belts movable relative to the endless drive belts and extending vertically so as to hold the bills fed from the bill hold and transport arrangement between themselves and the endless drive belts, a bill press member supported integrally with the endless driven belts, movable between a projected position where it is closer to the endless drive belts than surfaces of the endless driven belts on a side of the endless drive belts and a retracted position where it is more apart from the endless drive belts than the surfaces of the endless driven belts on a side of the endless drive belts and biased toward the endless drive belts, and a plate member located below the endless drive belts and the endless driven belts, the bill handling machine further including a controller for conducting control so as to locate the bill press member at the retracted position, holding the bills fed from the bill hold and transport arrangement between the endless driven belts and the endless drive belts by moving the endless driven belts toward the endless drive belts, lower the bills until the bills are no longer held by the bill hold and transport arrangement, then hold the bills between the bill press member and the endless drive belts by moving the bill press member to the projected position, release the bills by moving the endless driven belts apart from the endless drive belts, and release the bills held between the bill press plate and the endless drive belt means to drop them onto the plate member. According to the thus constituted bill handling



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machine, it is possible to reliably separate one by one bills whose lengths in the bill transport direction differ greatly so that they can be handled.

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