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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Guide posts that guide the elevating motion of a slide also serves as the guide means for the elevating motion of a bolster. A bolster elevation drive means consists of a hydraulic cylinder. The top of the hydraulic cylinder is connected to the bottom of the bolster. For maintenance and inspection of the dies, the bolster is lowered to open a space between the upper die and the lower die. During operation of the press, the bolster is supported by hydraulic pressure trapped in the hydraulic cylinder.