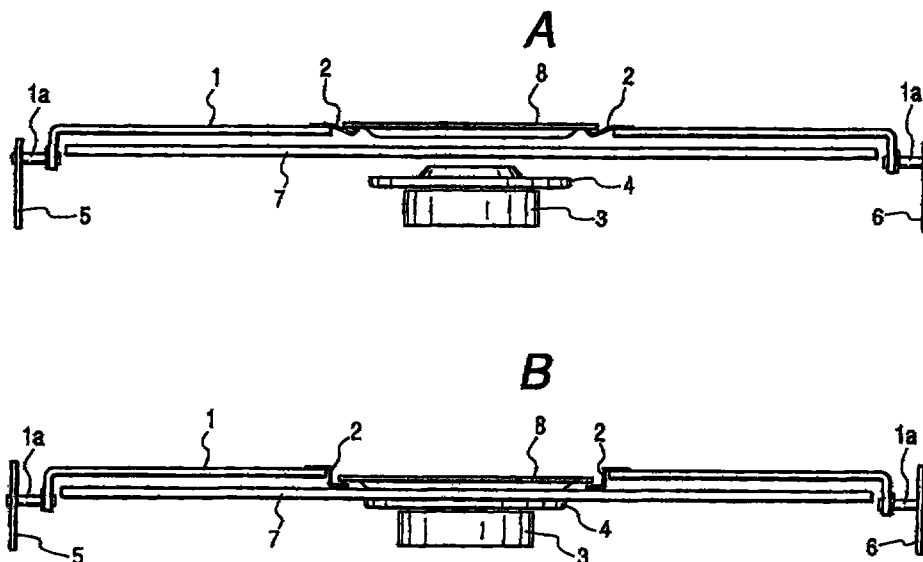




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(57) Abstract

A disc clamp mechanism for a disc apparatus is provided. In the disc clamp mechanism, a disc (7) is clamped or unclamped by moving a clamping holding chassis (1) near to or remote from a turntable, the clamping holding chassis (1) holding a clamping member (8) with a clamping holder (2), and a contact portion of the clamping holder (2) with the clamping member (8) is deformed relative to the clamping holding chassis (1) along a motion direction of the clamping holding chassis (1). A large space can be formed between the clamping member (8) and a turntable (4) in a disc unclamp state to prevent the disc from becoming in contact with the clamping member (8) or turntable (4) and being damaged while the disc (7) is transported. A stroke of the clamping holding chassis (1) necessary for reserving the space is made small to make a disc apparatus compact.