

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**PICKUP ARM OF TRANSFER APPARATUS**

A pickup arm, of a transfer apparatus, that performs
5 a motion such as, for example, extension and contraction
is made more compact and more lightweight and is improved
in the shape stability. A pickup arm 11 is provided on
movable body 21 of a transfer apparatus picking up parts
obtained as a result of a sheet being cut and transferring
10 the parts to a next stage. The pickup arm 11 includes an
extendable arm 51 having a changeable length; and an
adsorption hand 52 provided at a tip of a bottom surface
of the extendable arm 51. The extendable arm 51 includes
a plurality of links 56 stacked in an up-down direction
15 and an extension motor 59 connected with a base link 56a
as an uppermost link among the plurality of links 56. The
extension motor 59 extends and contracts the extendable
arm 51. The base link 56a is secured to a top end of an
elevatable member 53 movable in the up-down direction on
20 the movable body 21. A base portion of an extendable pipe
76, having a telescopic structure and acting as a part of
an air absorption path 18 extending to the adsorption hand
52 from a pump, is secured to a portion, of the elevatable

member 53, that is below the base link 56a. A tip link 56b as a lowermost link among the links 56 of the extendable arm 51 is held by the extendable pipe 76.

5 [FIG. 1]