

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A bill handling machine includes a bill placement base on which bills to be handled are placed, a bill transaction section through which the bills are received and fed out and a drum provided adjacent to the bill placement base, the drum including a pair of endless drive belts and a pair of movable endless driven belts which are disposed so as to face the endless drive belts and are adapted to hold the bills between the endless drive belts and themselves, a bill transportation passage being formed in the drum by the endless drive belts and the endless driven belts, the length of the bill transport passage being determined to be slightly greater than a length of a bill in a transporting direction whose length in the transporting direction is greatest among the bills to be handled, the bill handling machine further including a shutter which can project into and be retracted from the bill transportation passage, a length between an end portion of the bill placement base on a side opposite from the drum and the shutter being determined to be slightly greater than the length of the bill in a transporting direction whose length in the transporting direction is greatest among the bills to be handled and a length between an end portion of the bill placement base on a side of the drum and a portion into which the shutter projects being determined to be shorter than a length of the bill in the transporting direction whose length in the bill transporting direction is shortest among the bills to be handled. According to the thus constituted bill handling machine, it is possible to reliably and readily receive, dispense or return bills whose lengths in the bill transporting direction differ greatly.

