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**(57) Abstract:**

**(EN):** An apparatus comprises carousel means (5), operating devices (4; 29; 58) associated with said carousel devices and arranged for interacting with objects (16; 28; 28) and conveying units (170) supported by said carousel means (5) and movable in relation to said carousel means (5) to transfer said objects (16; 28; 40), each of said conveying units (170) supporting a plurality of said operating devices (4; 29; 58).

**(FR):** La présente invention a trait à un appareil comportant des moyens de carrousel (5), des dispositifs de fonctionnement (4;29;58) associés aux dits moyens de carrousel et agencés pour une interaction avec des objets (16;28;40) et des unités de transport (170) supportées par lesdits moyens de carrousel (5) et mobiles par rapport aux dits moyens de carrousel (5) pour le transfert desdits objets (16;28;40), chacun desdits unités de transport (170) supportant une pluralité desdits dispositifs de fonctionnement (4;29;58).

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