

## B65C

**LABELLING OR TAGGING MACHINES, APPARATUS, OR PROCESSES** (nailing or stapling in general [B25C](#), [B27F](#); applying labels for packaging purposes [B65B](#); labels, name-plates [G09F](#) ){{series-printing machines [B41L](#); containers for the storage or transport of packages [B65D](#)}}

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Labelling flat essentially rigid surfaces.

Labelling other than flat surfaces, such as bottles, cables or wire.

Labelling fabrics or comparable materials or articles with deformable surfaces, e.g. paper, fabric rolls, stockings, shoes.

Affixing tags.

Details of labelling machines or apparatus.

Manually-controlled or manually-operable label dispensers, e.g. modified for the application of labels to articles.

### References

#### Informative references

*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Apparatus for applying lining or sheathing using tubular layers or sheathings	<a href="#">B29C 63/42</a> and subgroups.
Making of (adhesive) labels provided on carrier webs	<a href="#">B31D 1/02</a> .
Enclosing successive articles in tubular webs/Devices for distending tubes supplied in the flattened state	<a href="#">B65B 9/14</a>
Adding cards, coupons or other inserts to package contents	<a href="#">B65B 61/20</a>
Handling thin or filamentary material, e.g. webs	<a href="#">B65H</a>
Franking apparatus	<a href="#">G07B 17/00</a>
Franking apparatus attaching a label on a mailpiece:	<a href="#">G07B 2017/0062</a> .
Labels or tags as such	<a href="#">G09F 3/00</a>
Apparatus or processes specially adapted for marking conductors or cables	<a href="#">H01B 13/34</a>

### Glossary of terms

*In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:*

Label	slip of paper, card, linen, metal, etc., for attaching to object and indicating its nature, owner, name, destination, etc.
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## Synonyms and Keywords

*In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used with the meaning indicated:*

Liner labels (label backing/ carrier)	web/liner/strip/sheet
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## B65C 1/00

**Labelling flat essentially-rigid surfaces (labelling of fabrics [B65C 5/00](#))**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Affixing labels to one flat surface of articles.

Affixing labels, e.g. wrap-around labels, to two or more flat surfaces of a polyhedral article, e.g. cigarette package.

### References

#### Informative references

*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Franking apparatus	<a href="#">G07B 17/00</a>
Franking apparatus attaching a label on a mailpiece	<a href="#">G07B 2017/0062</a>

## B65C 1/02

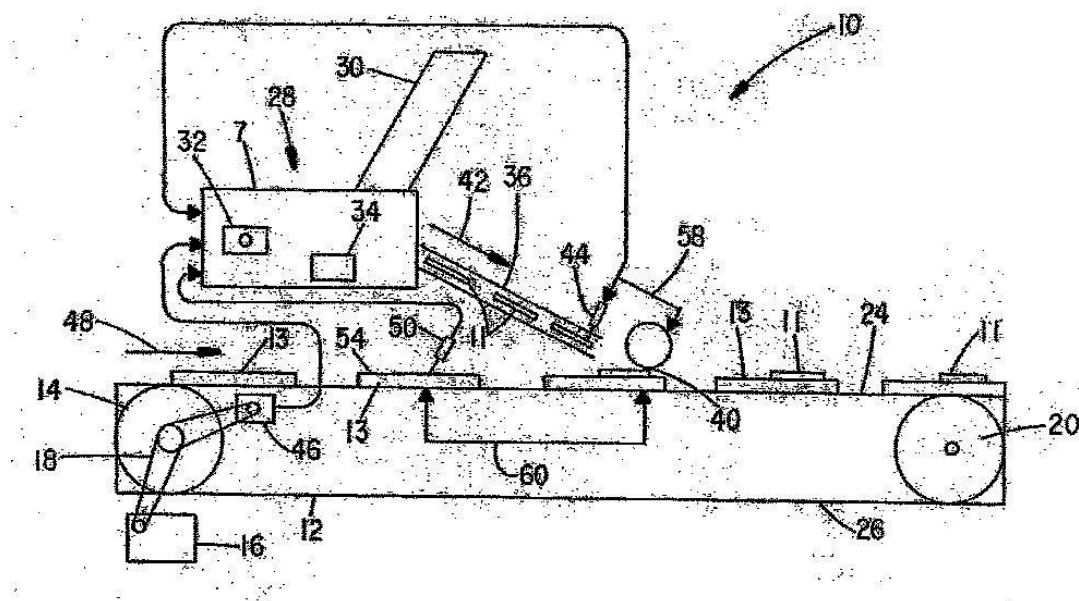
**Affixing labels to one flat surface of articles, e.g. of packages, of flat bands**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Applying a (one) label to one flat surface of an article.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.



## **B65C 1/04**

**Affixing labels, e.g. wrap-around labels, to two or more flat surfaces of a polyhedral article**

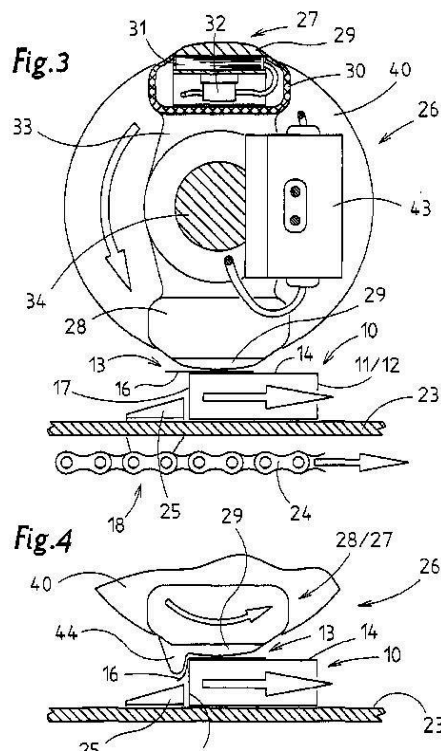
### **Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Applying a (one) label to two or more flat surfaces of a polyhedral article.

## Definition statement

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## B65C 3/00

**Labelling other than flat surfaces (of fabrics [B65C 5/00](#))**
**Definition statement**

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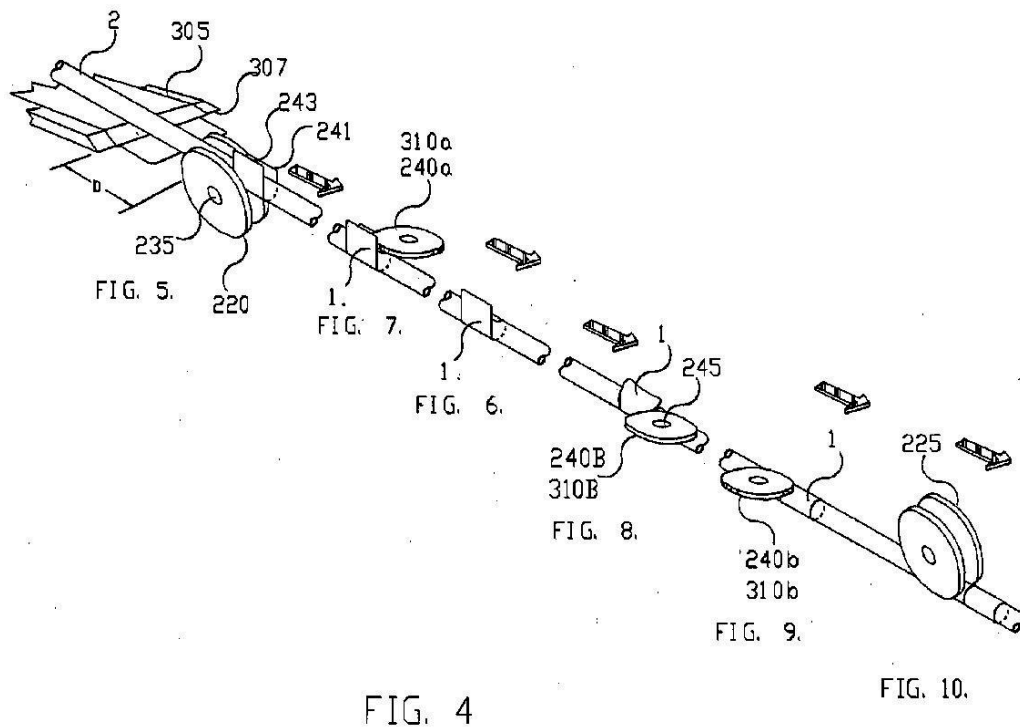
Affixing labels to elongated objects, e.g. wires, cables.

Affixing labels to short rigid containers., e.g. bottles.

Affixing labels to non-rigid containers, e.g. bottles made of polyethylene, boxes to be inflated by internal air pressure prior to labelling.

**B65C 3/02****Affixing labels to elongated objects, e.g. wires, cables, bars, tubes****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

**B65C 3/06****Affixing labels to short rigid containers****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Applying a (one) label to a rigid container.

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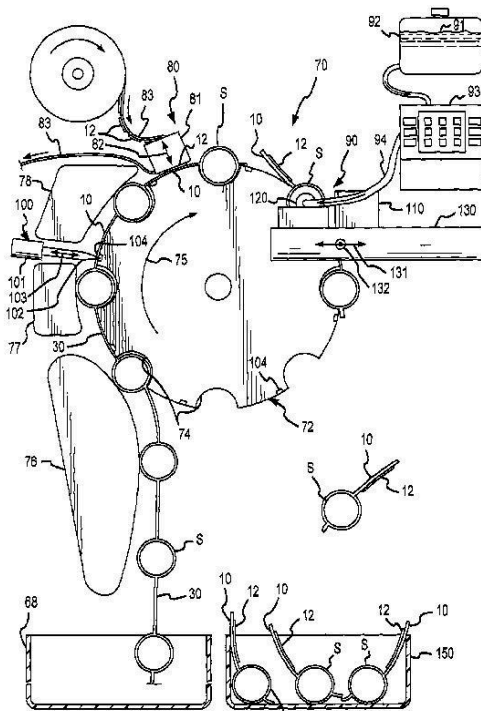


FIG. 5

## References

### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Apparatus or processes specially adapted for marking conductors or cables	<a href="#">H01B 13/34</a>
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## B65C 3/065

{by placing tubular labels around the container (applying preformed tubular sheathings of plastics in general [B29C 63/18](#); applying protective covers to closures [B67B 5/03](#))}

## References

### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Apparatus for applying lining or sheathing using tubular layers or sheathings:	<a href="#">B29C 63/42</a>
Enclosing successive articles in tubular webs/Devices for distending tubes supplied in the flatened state	<a href="#">B65B 9/14</a>

**B65C 3/26**

**Affixing labels to non-rigid containers, e.g. bottles made of polyethylene or boxes to be inflated by internal air pressure prior to labelling**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Applying a label to a non-rigid container or box to be inflated by internal pressure prior, and optionally during, the labelling.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

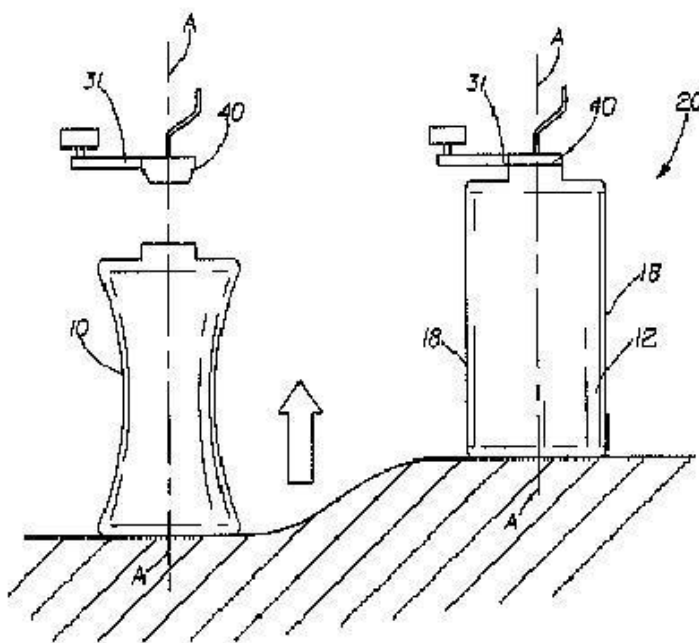


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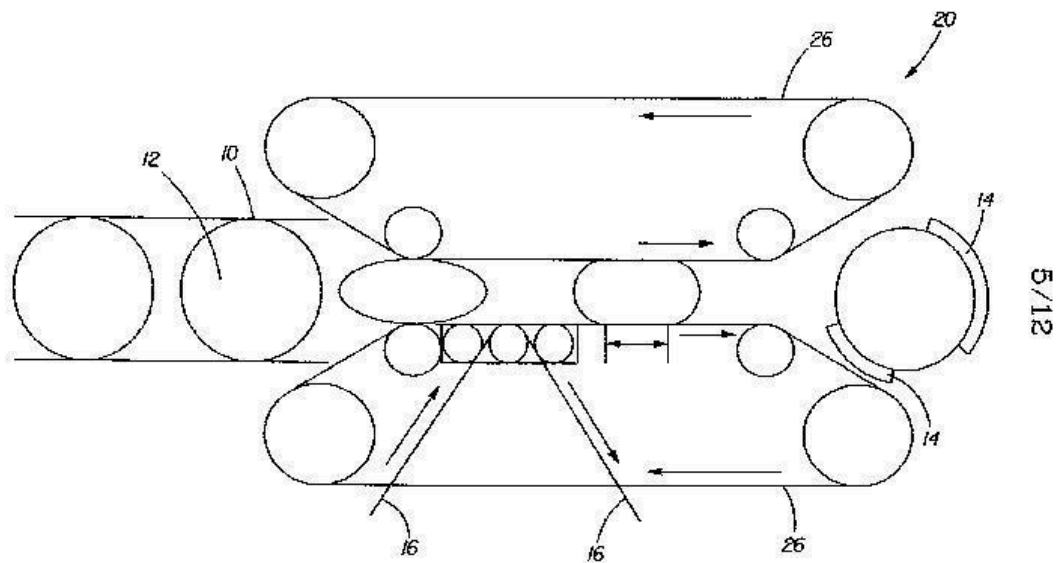


Fig. 4C

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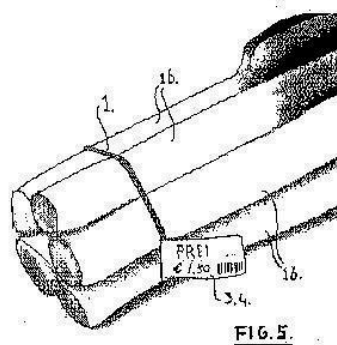
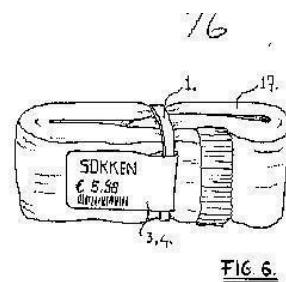
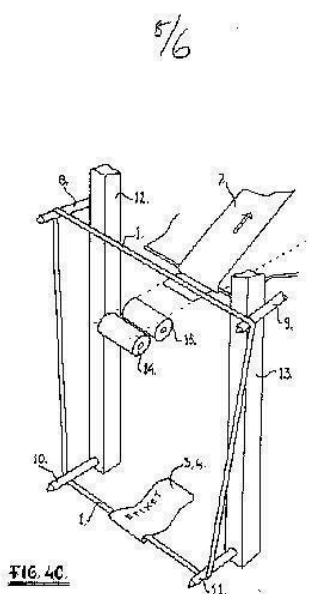
Labelling fabrics or comparable materials or articles with deformable surface, e.g. paper, fabric rolls, stockings, shoes (affixing labels to non-rigid containers [B65C 3/26](#); by sewing [D05B](#) {}; applying marks during shoe manufacture [A43D 95/14](#); marking textile materials by attaching tags [D06H 1/04](#){})

### Definition statement

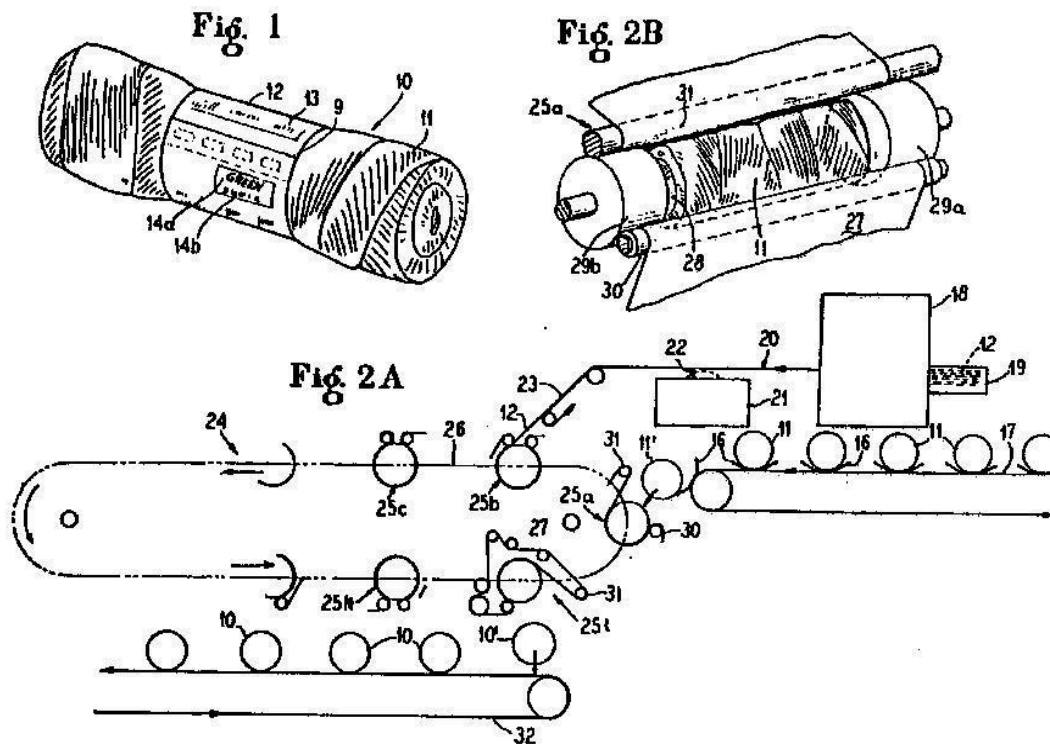
*This place covers:*

Using adhesives.

Using staples.







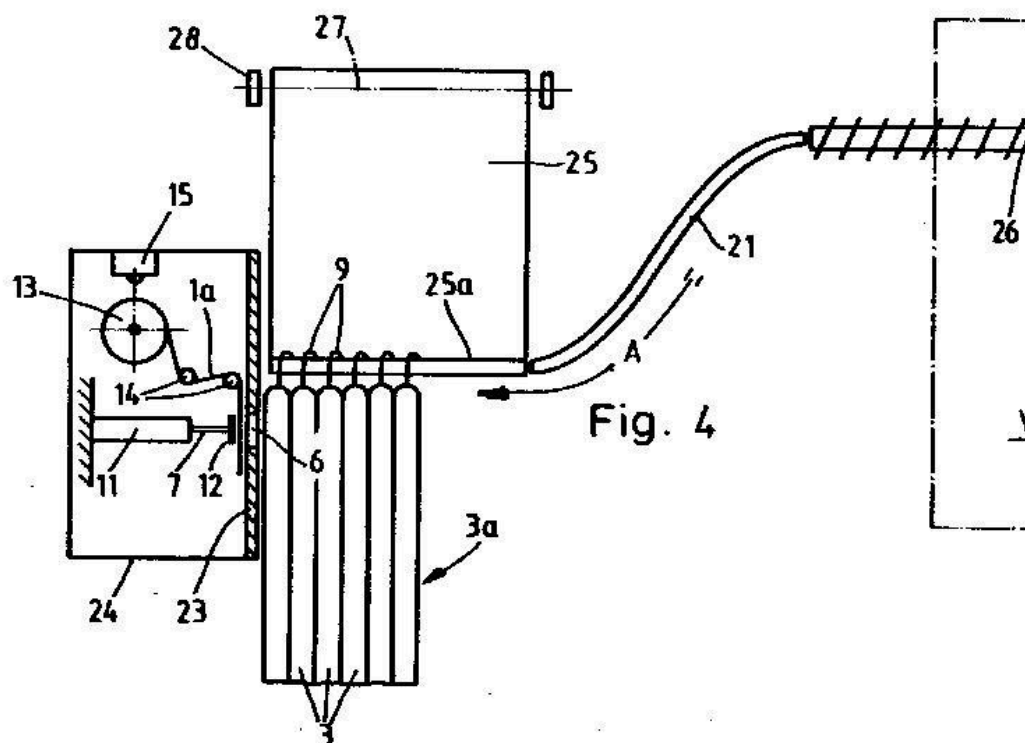
## B65C 5/02

using adhesives

### Definition statement

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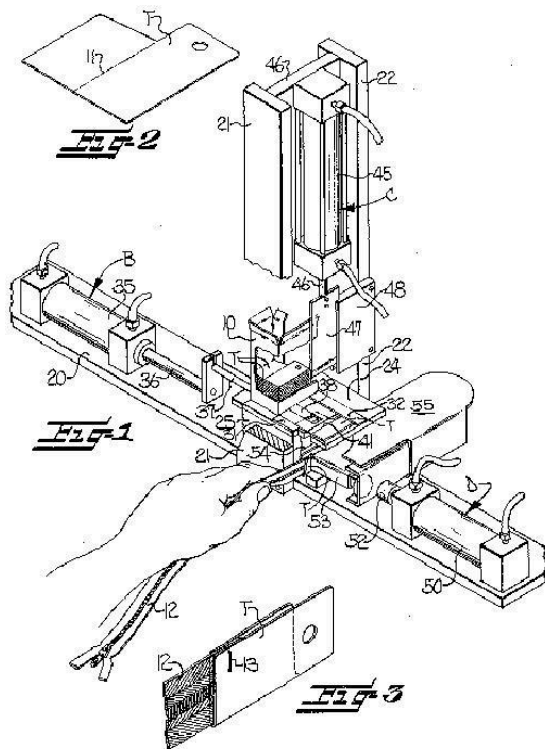
**B65C 5/06**

using staples {(man-operated portable stapling tools [B25C 5/00](#); permanently attaching together sheets [B42B 4/00](#))}

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**B65C 7/00**

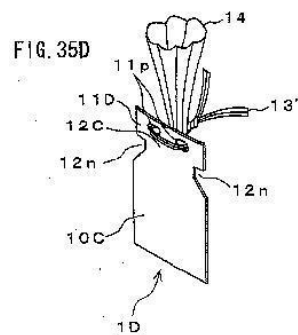
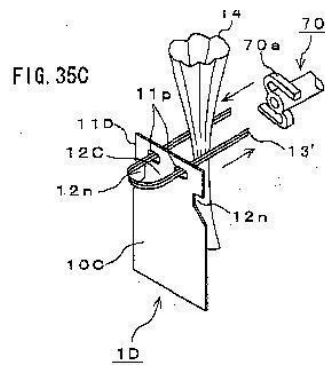
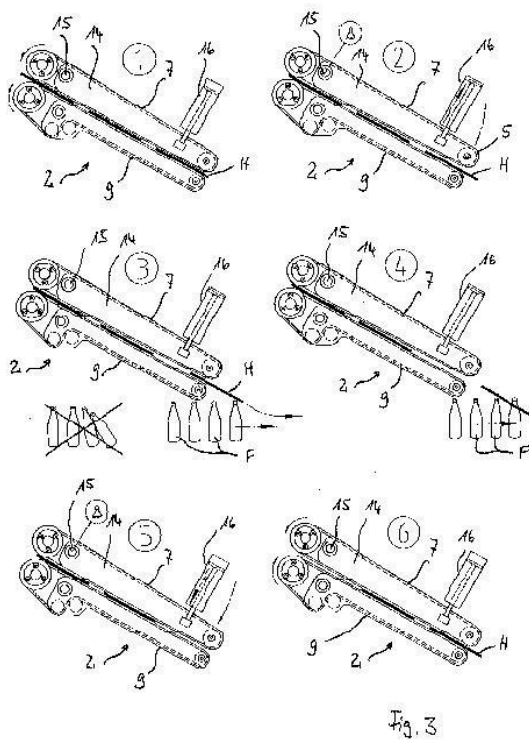
Affixing tags (in combination with filling of tea bags [B65B 29/04](#) {; multi-step processes for making labels or tags [B31D 1/02](#)})

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Using pins having at least one sharp pointed end.

Using paddle-shaped plastic pins.



**B65C 7/001**

{using pins having at least one sharp pointed end}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

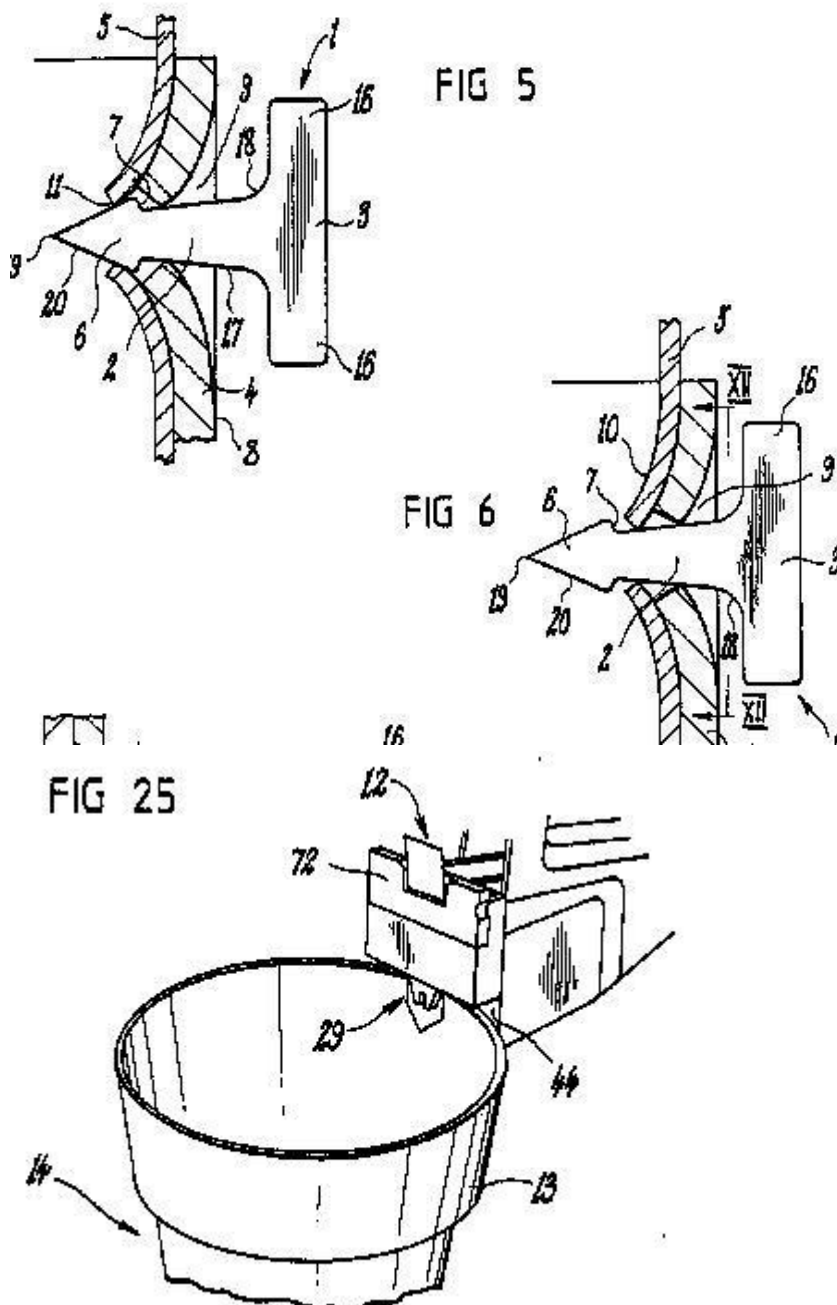
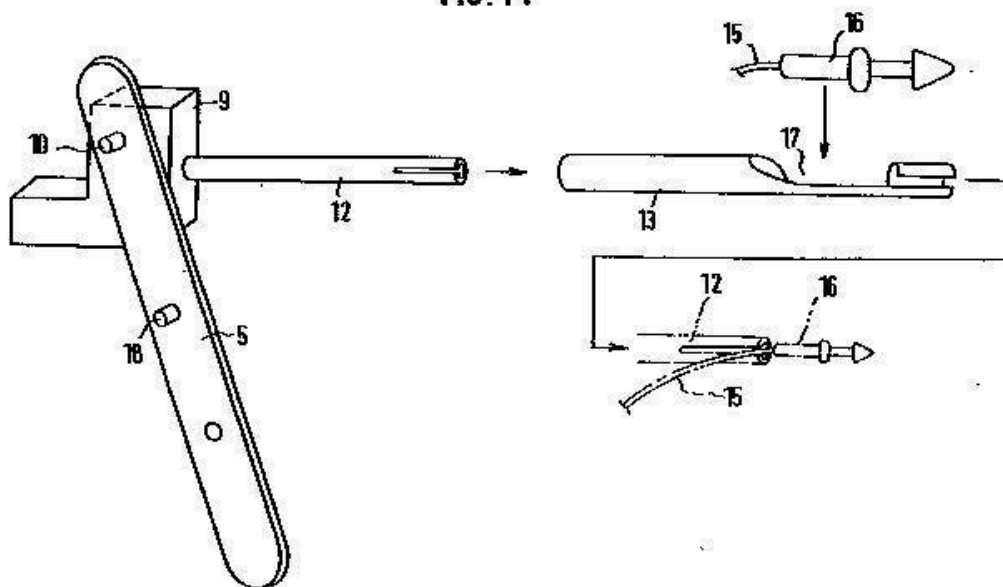


FIG. 11



### B65C 7/003

{using paddle-shaped plastic pins (using plastic pins for affixing buttons to garments [A41H 37/008](#))}

#### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Using paddle-shaped pins, "plastic" is not an essential limiting feature.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

FIG. 9

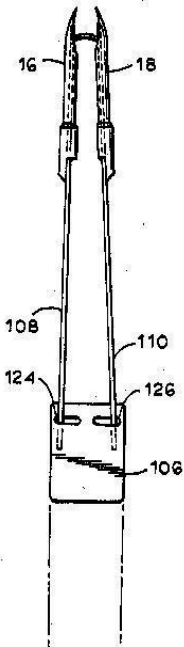


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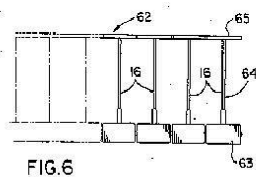
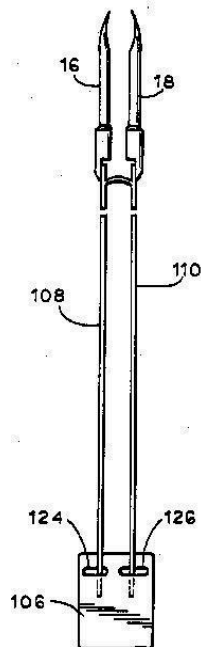


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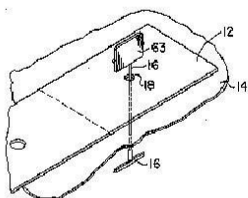


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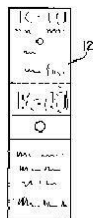


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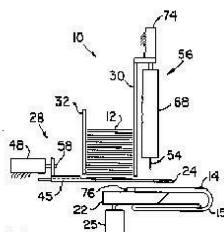


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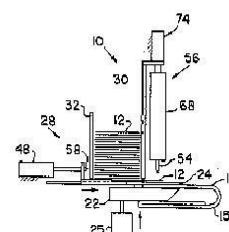


FIG. 9

## B65C 9/00

**Details of labelling machines or apparatus {(attaching articles to carriers [B65B 15/00](#); cards of samples [G09F 5/04](#))}**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Removing backing sheets.

Preparing the labels or articles, e.g. smoothing, removing air bubbles.

Interchangeable modules of a labelling machine, e.g. different label type or size dispenser modules. Cutting tubular labels from a web.

Devices for moving articles, e.g. containers, past a labelling station.

Devices for presenting articles in predetermined attitude or position at a labelling station.

Label feeding Gluing the labels or articles.

Devices for applying labels.

Label cooling or drying.

Controls; Safety devices.

Applying date marks, code marks, or the like, to the label during labelling.

**B65C 9/0006**

### {Removing backing sheets}

## Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

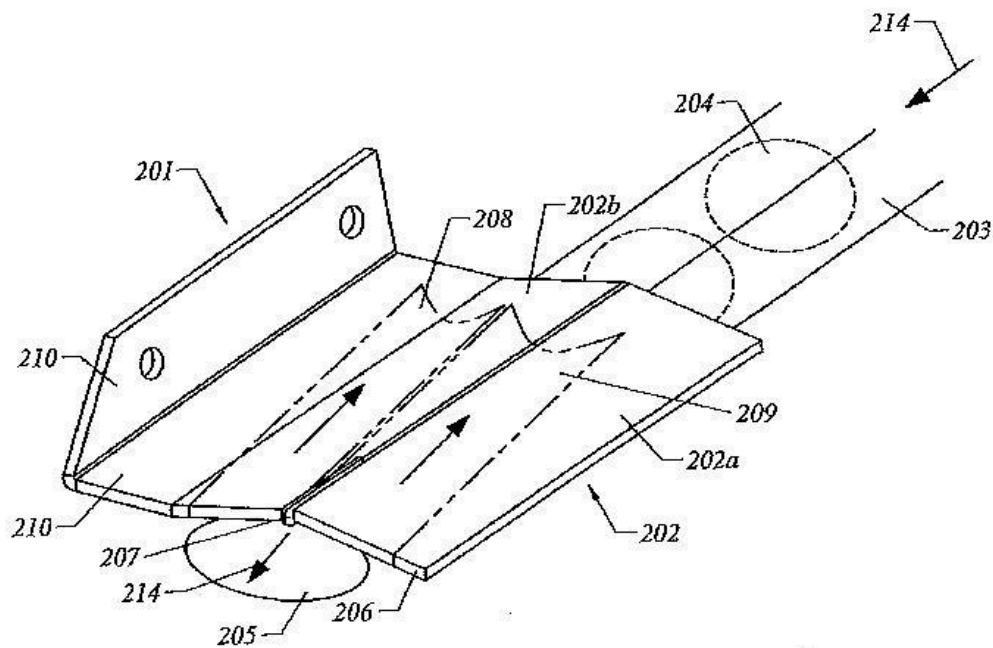


FIG. 3

**B65C 9/0015**

**{Preparing the labels or articles, e.g. smoothing, removing air bubbles}**

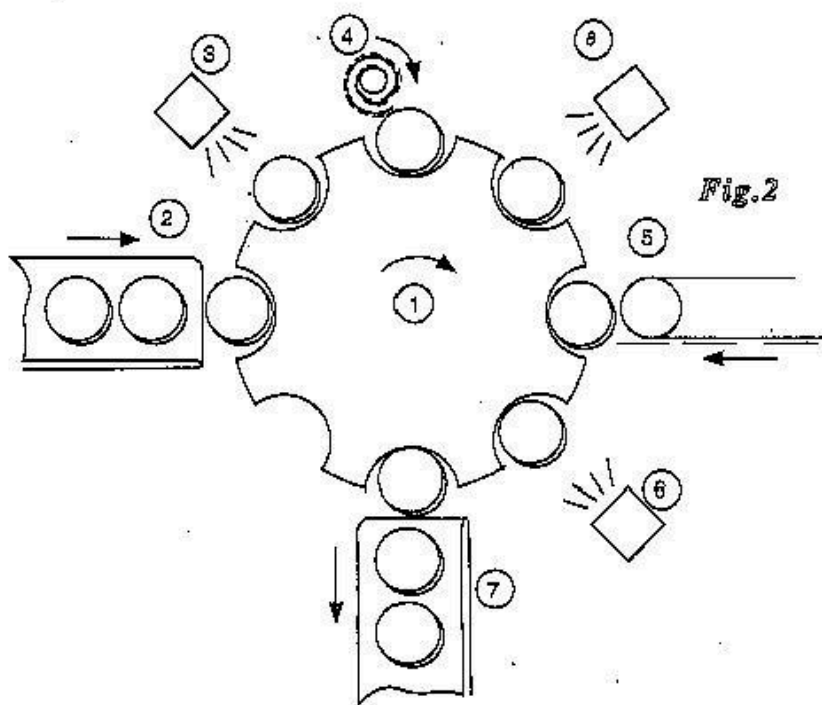
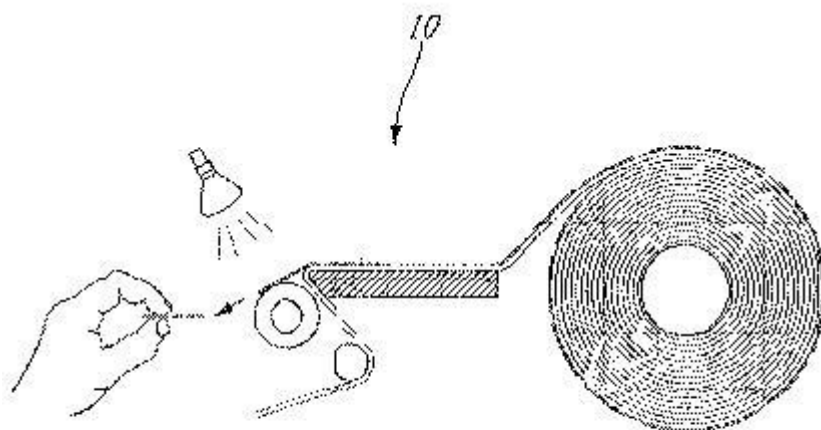
## Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Preparing the labels or the articles before or during the application of the label to the article, e.g. drying articles, preheating, electrostatic (de-)charging, stretching of labels, etc.



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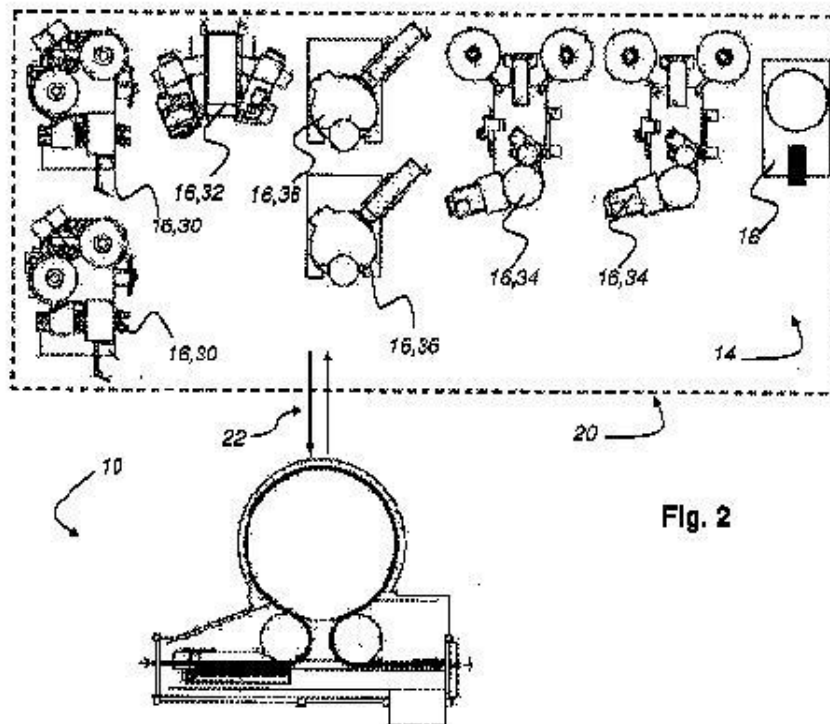
**B65C 9/0062**

{Interchangeable modules, e.g. applicator heads with label magazines and glue rollers}

**Definition statement**

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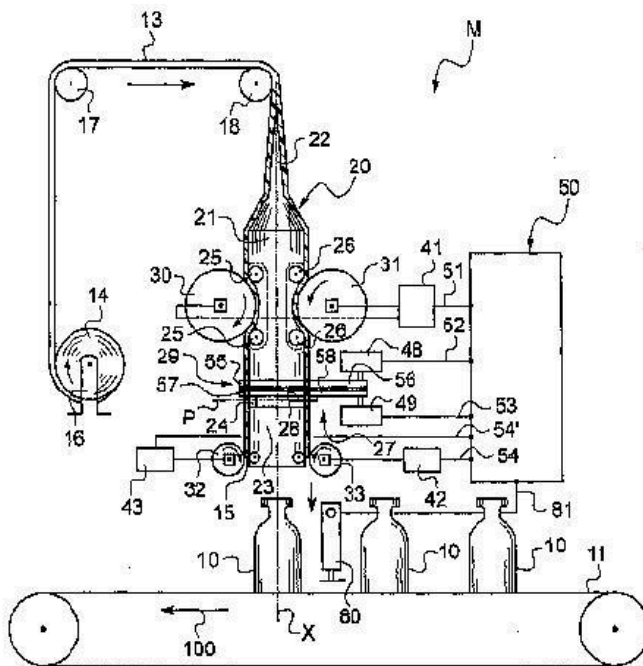
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**Fig. 2**

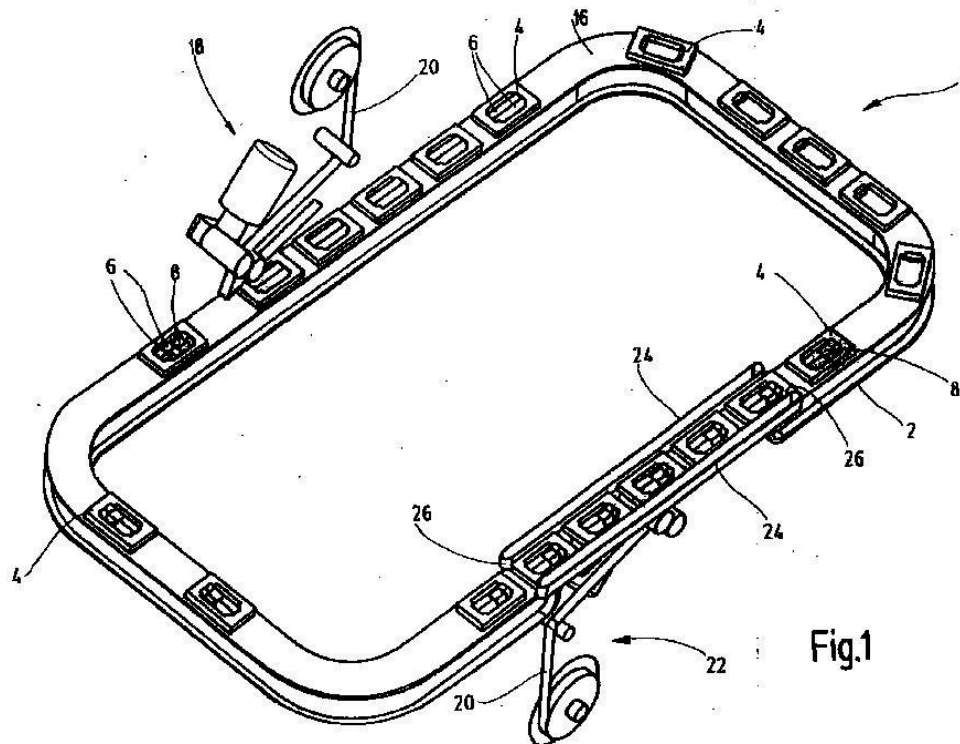
**B65C 9/0065****{Cutting tubular labels from a web}****Definition statement***This place covers:*

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**Fig.1**

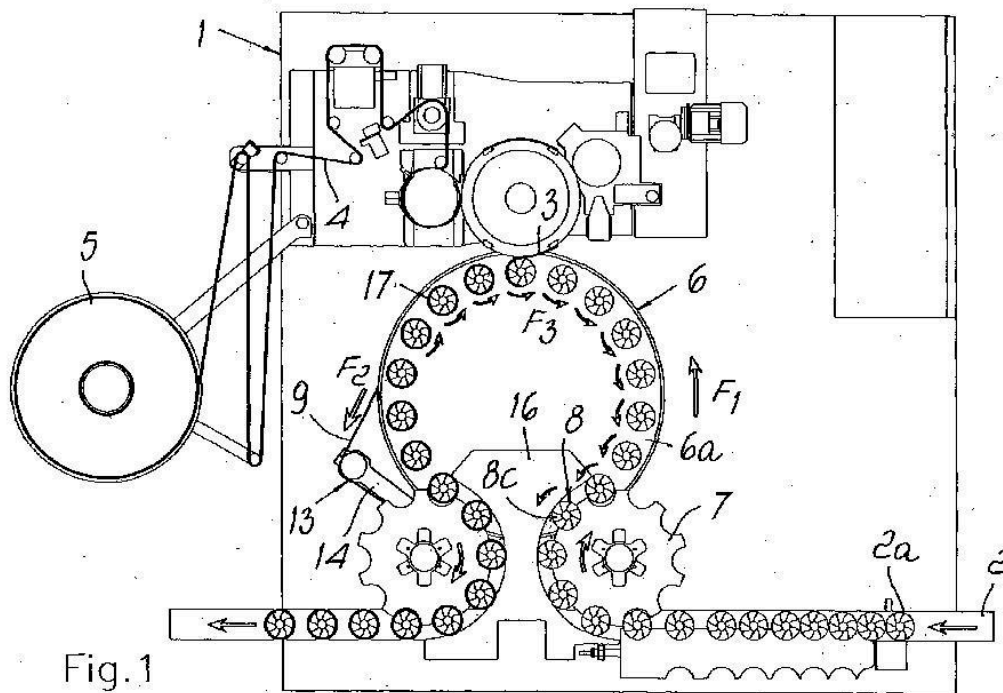
**B65C 9/02****Devices for moving articles, e.g. containers, past labelling station****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

**Fig.1****B65C 9/04****having means for rotating the articles****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Having means for rotating the articles themselves, i.e. spinning, independently from their conveying direction, i.e. being on a linear conveyor or on a rotating carousel, during the label application.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.



## **B65C 9/06**

**Devices for presenting articles in predetermined attitude or position at labelling station**

### **Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Devices for positioning articles prior to label application, for example rotating the articles around their own axis prior to label application, or height adjustment of article support means according to article size.

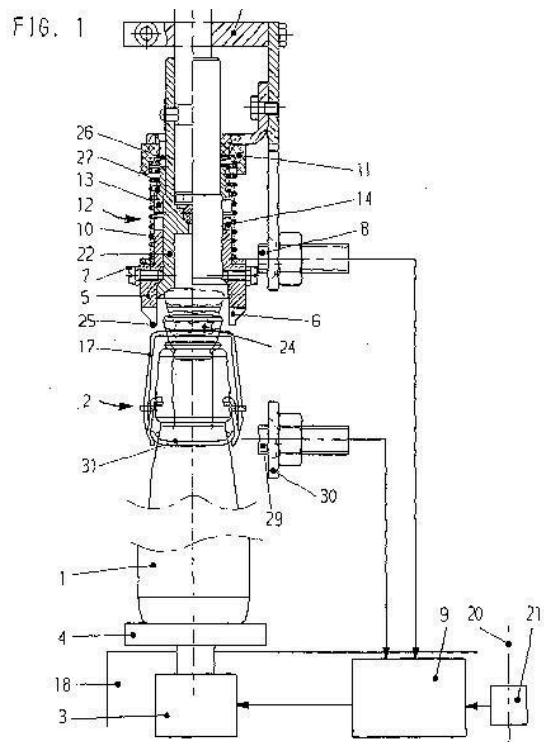
**B65C 9/062**

{for orienting bottles having swing stoppers, i.e. by means responsive to the position of the swing stoppers}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

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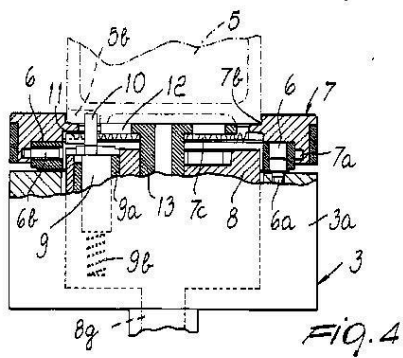
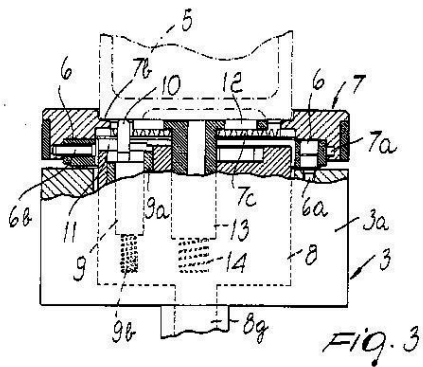
**B65C 9/065**

{for orienting articles having irregularities in their shape, the irregularities being detected by mechanical means}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

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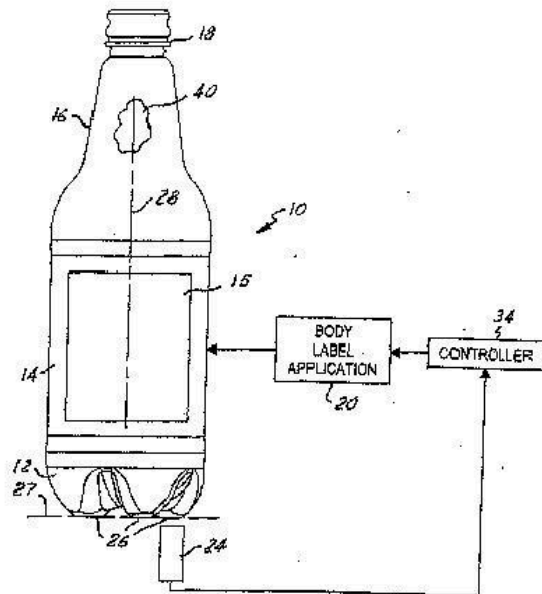
**B65C 9/067**

{for orienting articles having irregularities, e.g. holes, spots or markings, e.g. labels or imprints, the irregularities or markings being detected}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.



**FIG. 3**

**B65C 9/08****Label feeding****Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

This group comprises the following subgroups:

Label magazines

Removing separate labels from stacks

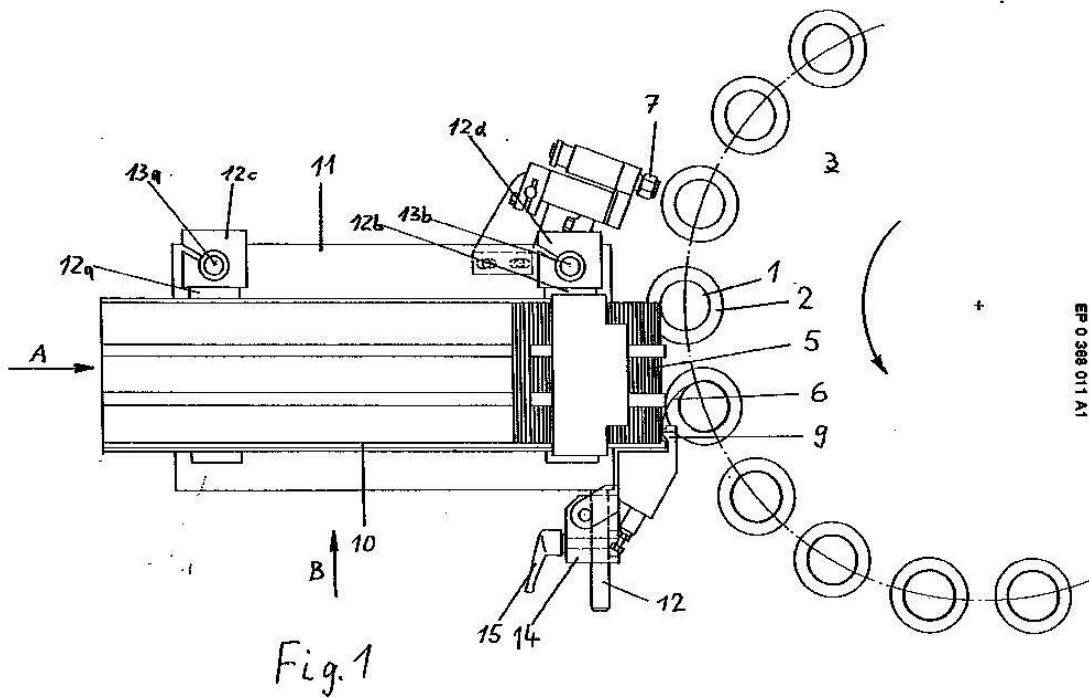
Label feeding from strips



**B65C 9/10****Label magazines****Definition statement**

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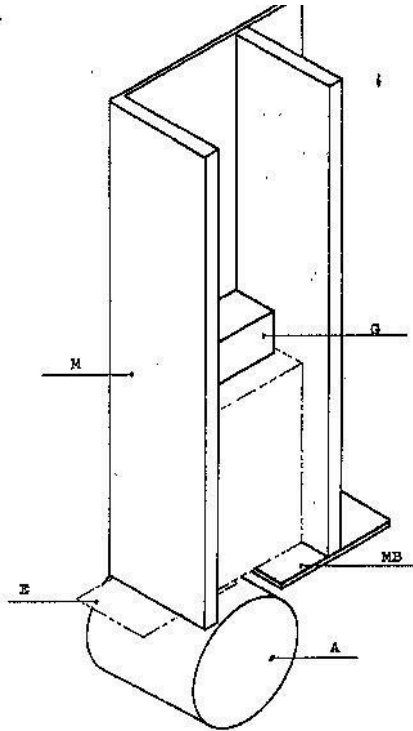
**B65C 9/12**

Removing separate labels from stacks (for printing [B41F](#); separating articles from piles in general [B65H](#)) ({multi-step processes for making labels or tags [B31D 1/02](#)}; for printing [B41F](#))

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

**B65C 9/18**

**Label feeding from strips, e.g. from rolls**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

The labels being cut from a strip.

The labels adhering on a backing strip.

Spools or cassettes for strips.

The labels being torn or burst from a strip.

## Definition statement

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

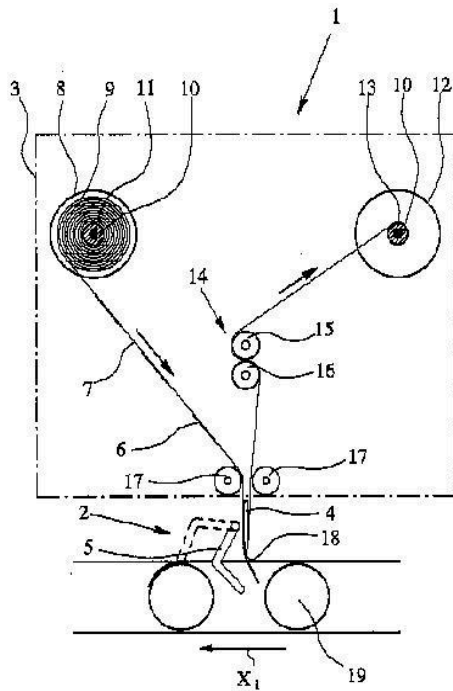


Fig. 1

## B65C 9/20

### Gluing the labels or articles

#### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

By wetting, e.g. by applying liquid glue or a liquid to a dry glue coating

- using spraying means
- using manipulator arms
- Applying the liquid on the label
- using liquid rollers or bands
- using wipers, pallets, or segments

By heat

- by thermo-activating the glue

## Definition statement

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

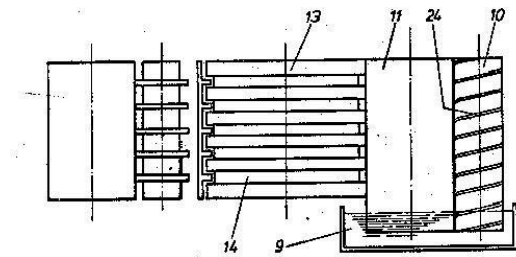


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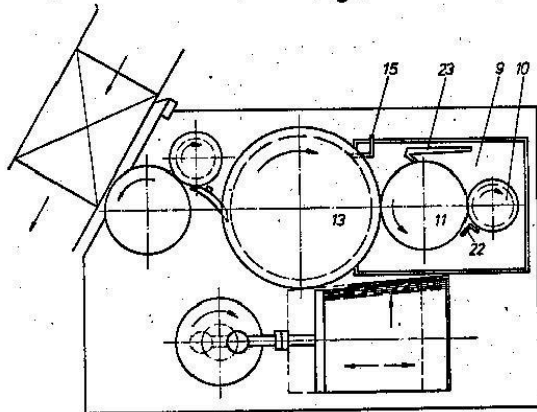


Fig. 2

## B65C 9/26

### Devices for applying labels

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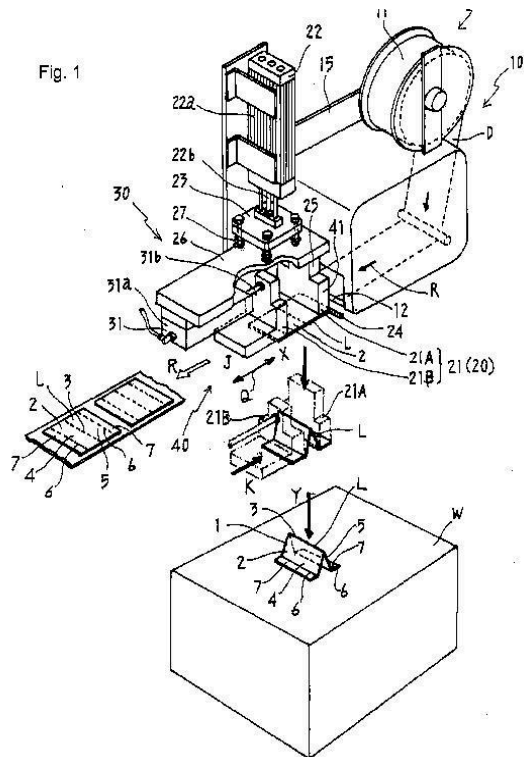
*This place covers:*

Specific devices for applying labels to articles in general, not necessarily restricted to a specific surfaces, and for which is normally no other entry.

This group comprises the following subgroups:

- Manually operable
- Air blast devices
- Rollers
- Flexible bands
- Wipers, Pressers

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.



## B65C 9/262

{manually operable}

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

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FIG. 7

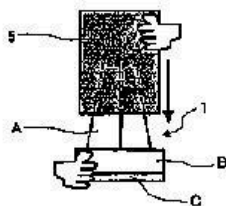


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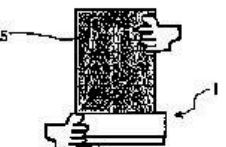
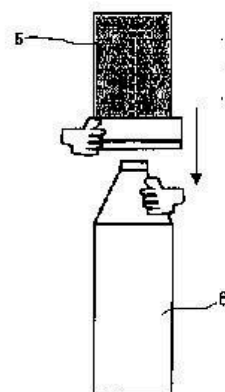


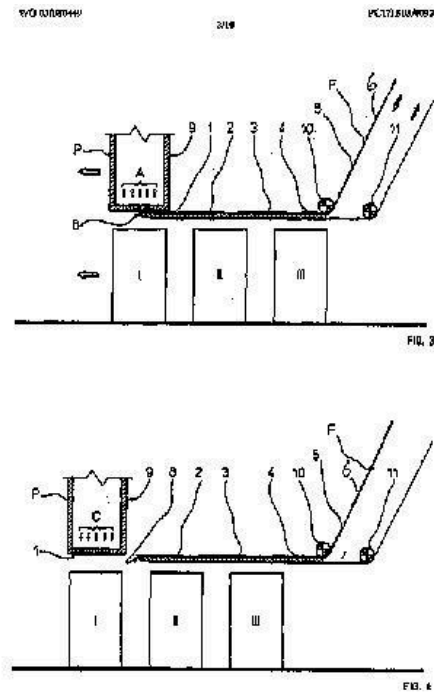
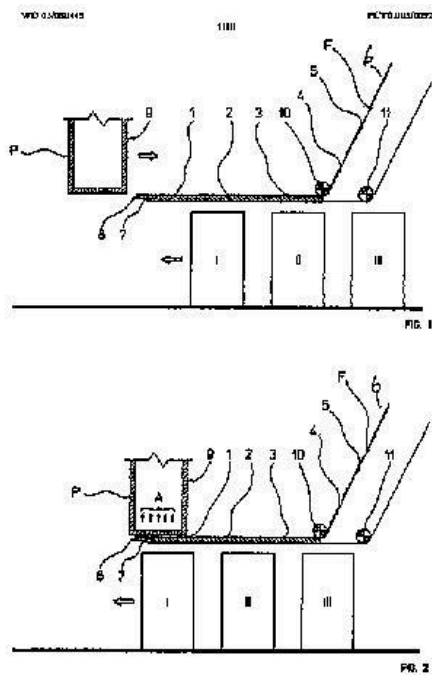
FIG. 9



**B65C 9/28****Air-blast devices****Definition statement**

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**B65C 9/30****Rollers****Definition statement**

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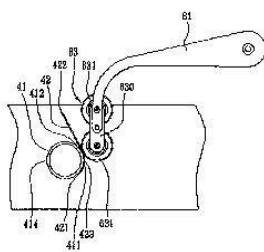


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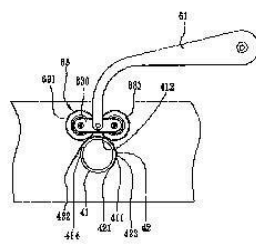


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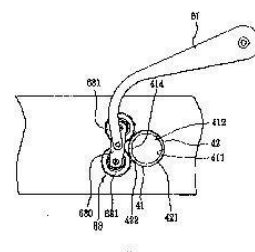


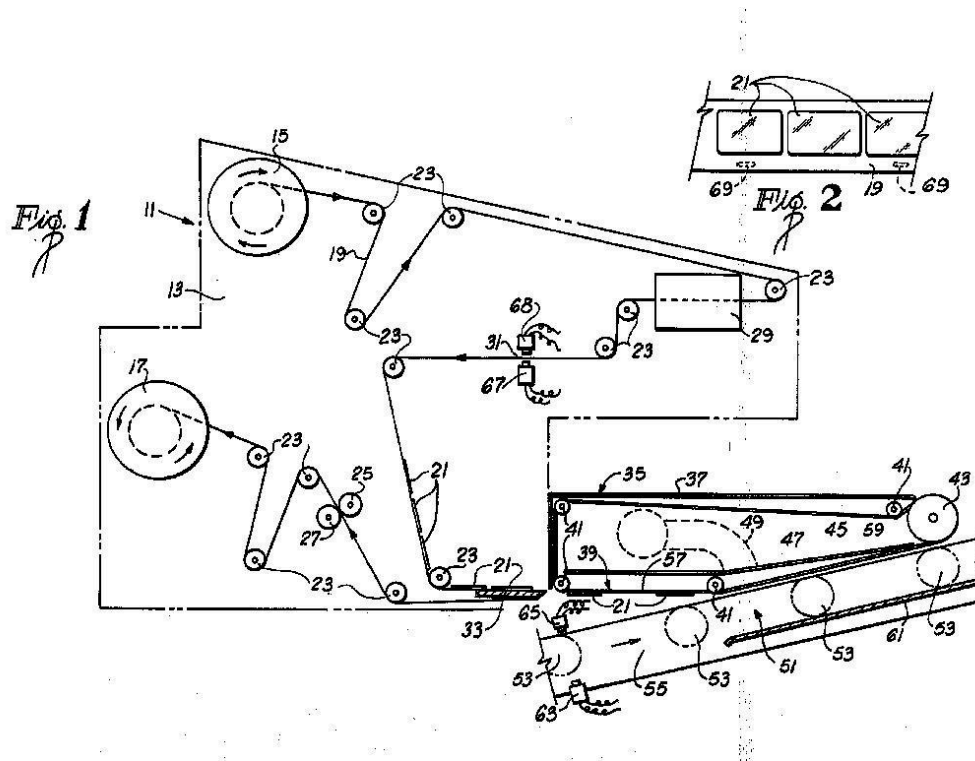
FIG. 7c

**B65C 9/34**

## Flexible bands

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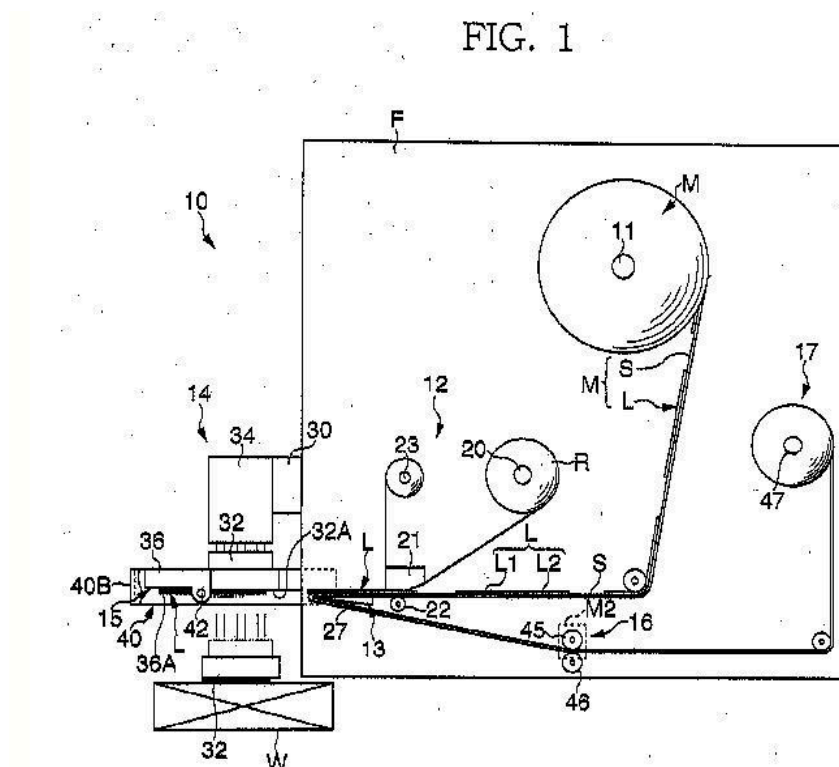
*This place covers:*



**B65C 9/36****Wipers; Pressers****Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

**B65C 11/00**

Manually-controlled or manually-operable label dispensers, e.g. modified for the application of labels to articles (special furniture, fittings, or accessories for shops, storehouses, bars, or the like [A47F](#); for paper towels or toilet paper [A47K 10/32](#); for playing cards [A63F](#); movable-strip writing or reading apparatus [B42D 19/00](#); adhesive tape dispensers [B65H 35/002](#); dispensers for tickets [G07B](#); coin-operated dispensers for stamps [G07F](#) {; dispensing devices for pamphlets from vehicles [G09F 21/22](#)})

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Modified for the application of labels to articles.

Using electrical or electro-mechanical means.

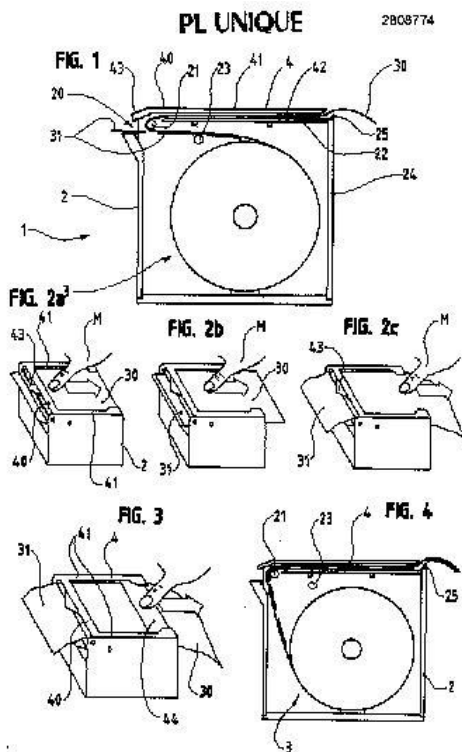
Using pneumatic means.

Having printing equipment.

Having means for moistening the labels.



Having means for heating thermo-activatable labels.



### Special rules of classification

This group is directed to manually operated devices, whereas [B65C 9/08](#) is directed to machine operated devices.

**B65C 11/002**

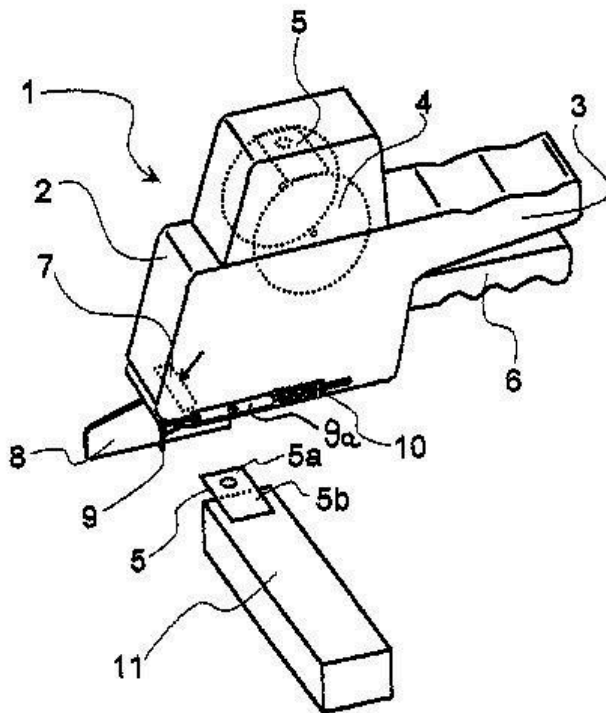
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**Definition statement**

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**Fig. 1**



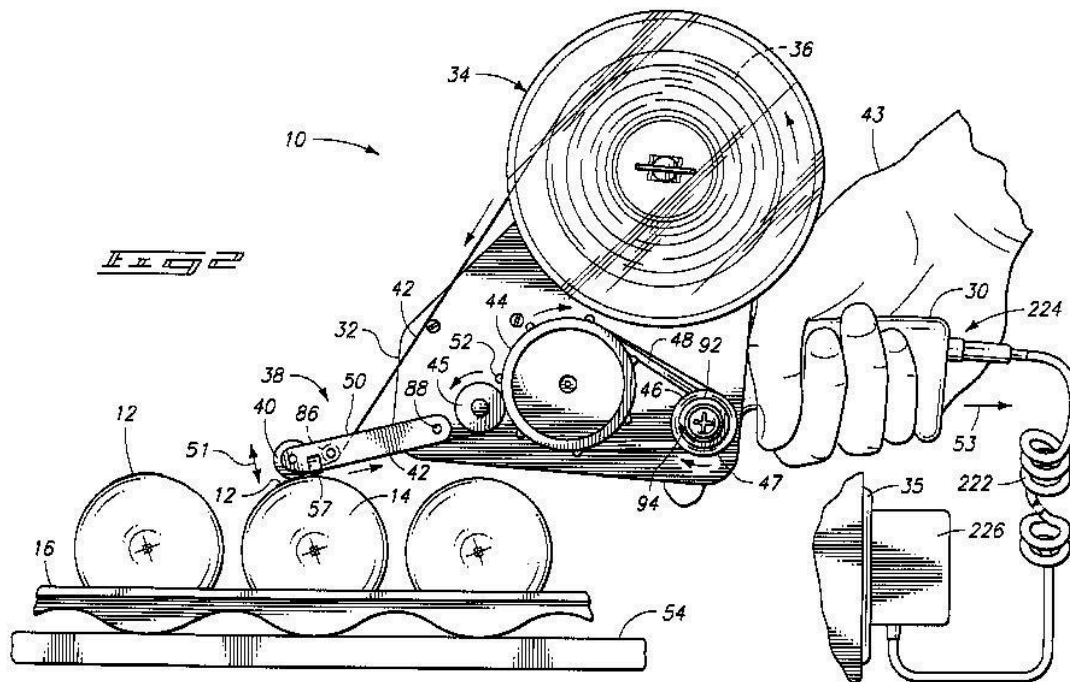
**B65C 11/006**

{using electrical or electro-mechanical means ([B65C 11/0289](#) and [B65C 11/066](#) take precedence)}

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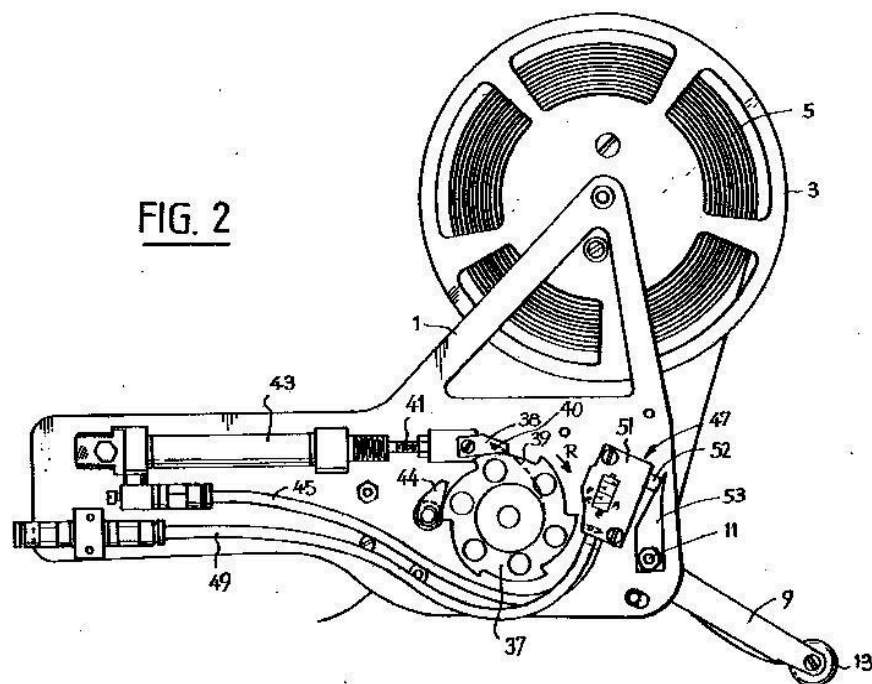
**B65C 11/008**

{using pneumatic means ([B65C 11/0294](#) and [B65C 11/068](#) take precedence)}

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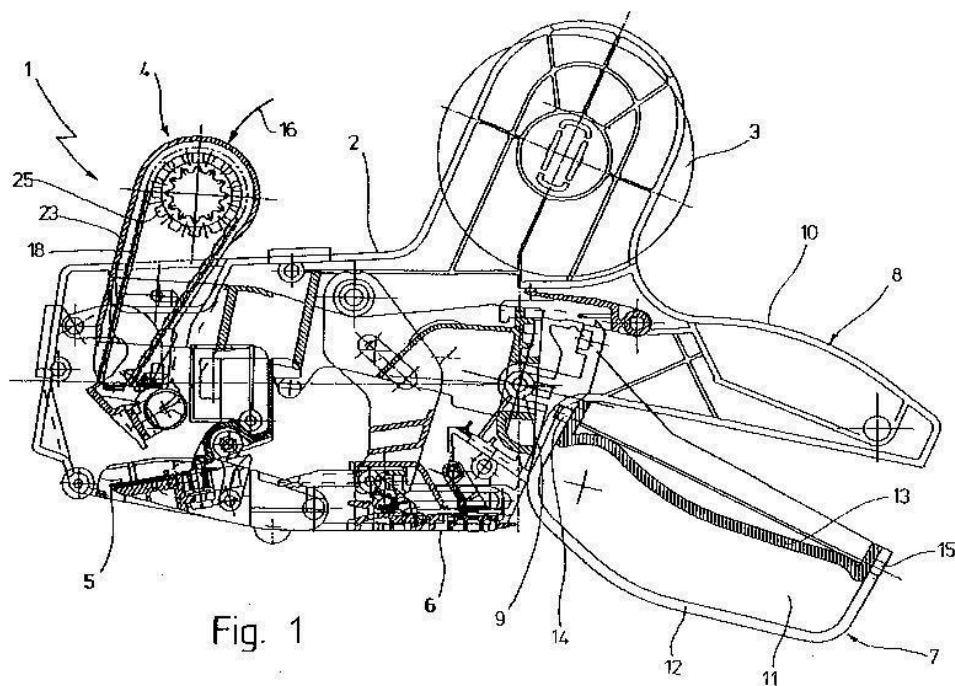
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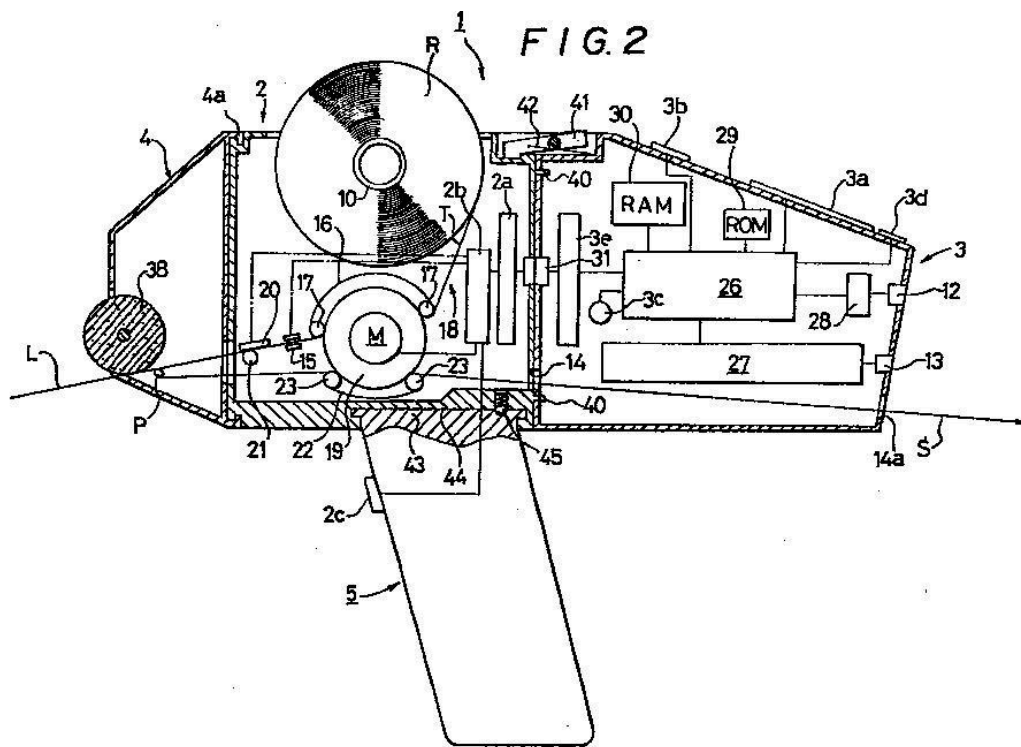


**B65C 11/0226**

{electrically driven}

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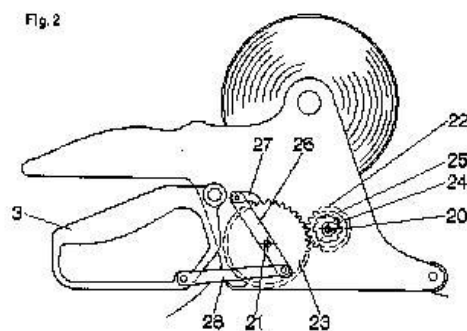
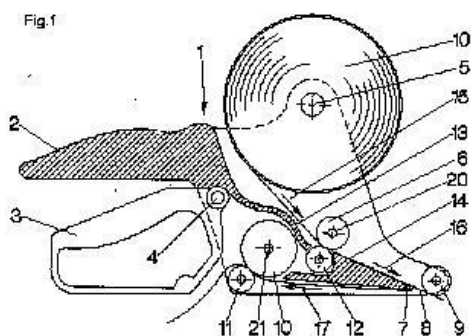
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**B65C 11/0231**

{by actuating a handle manually}

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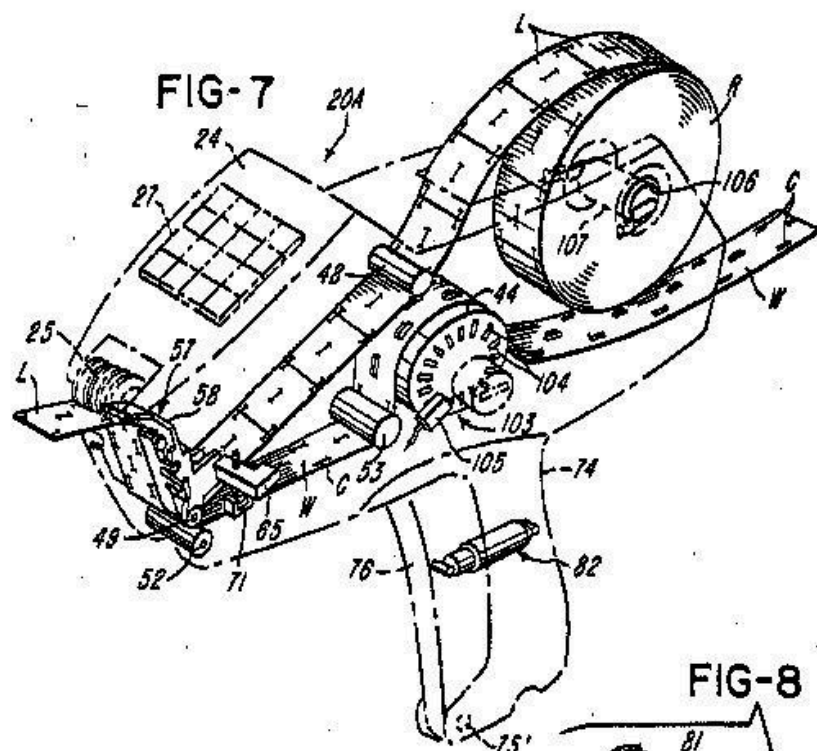


**B65C 11/0242**

{electrically driven}

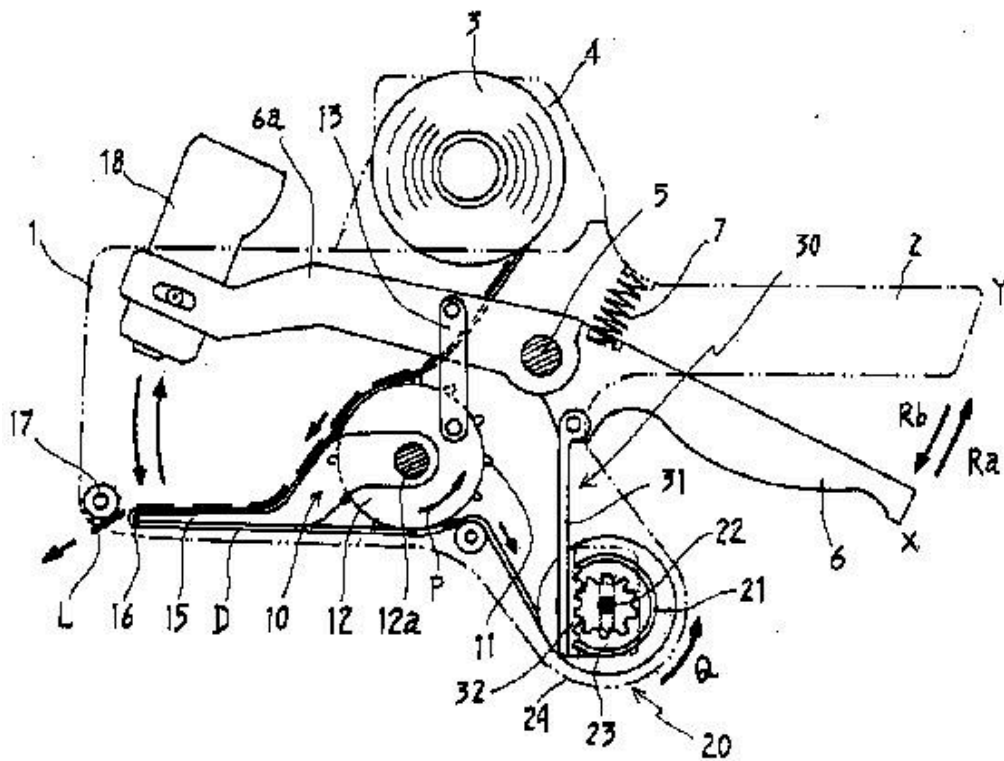
**Definition statement***This place covers:*

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**B65C 11/0247****{by actuating a handle manually}****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.





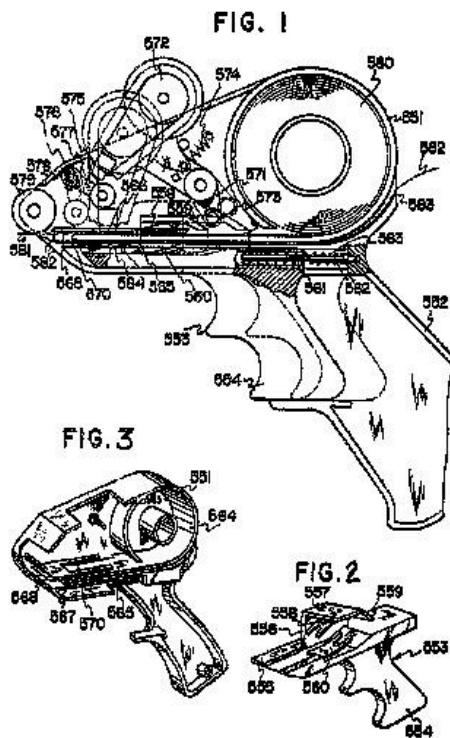
**B65C 11/0263**

{by actuating a handle manually}

**Definition statement**

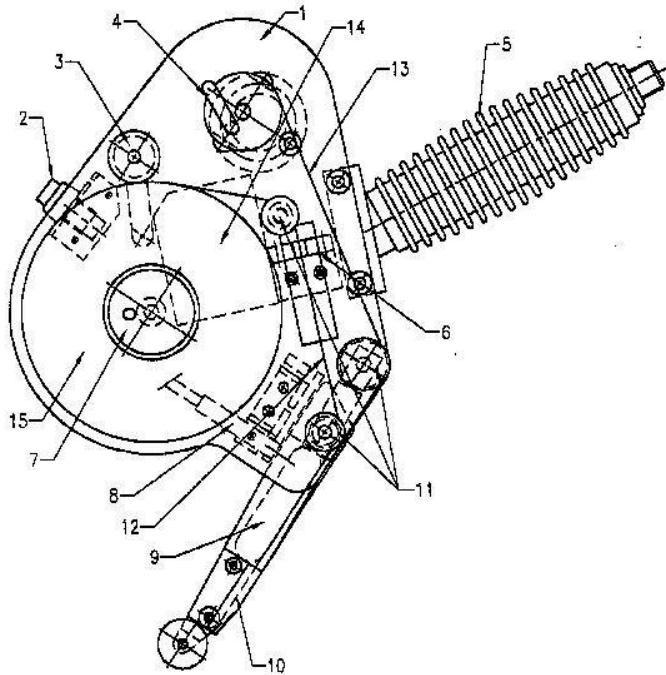
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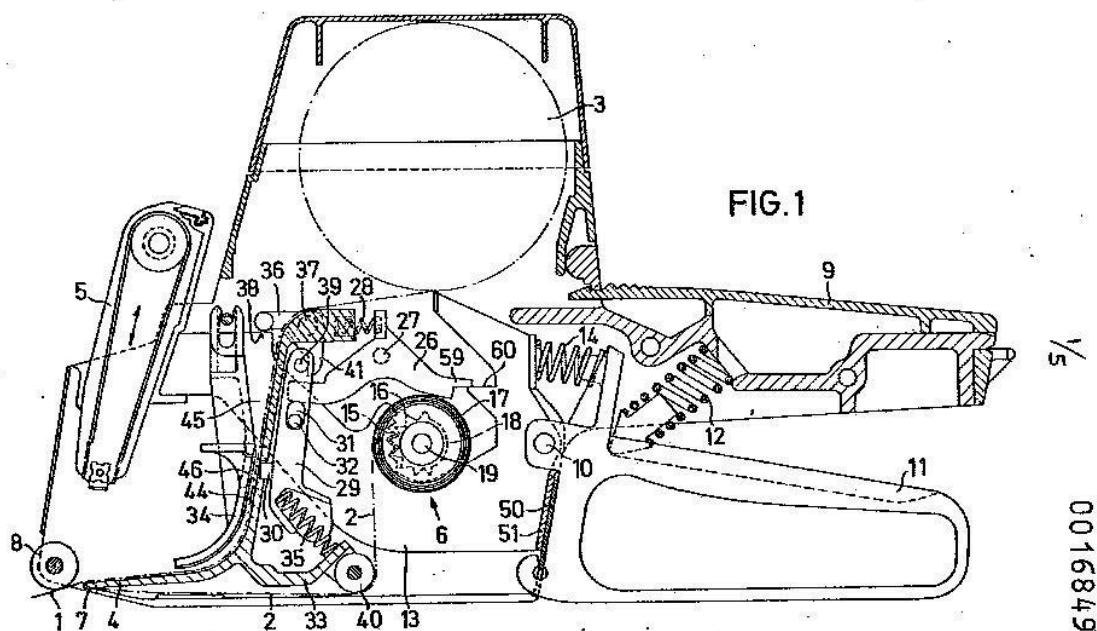
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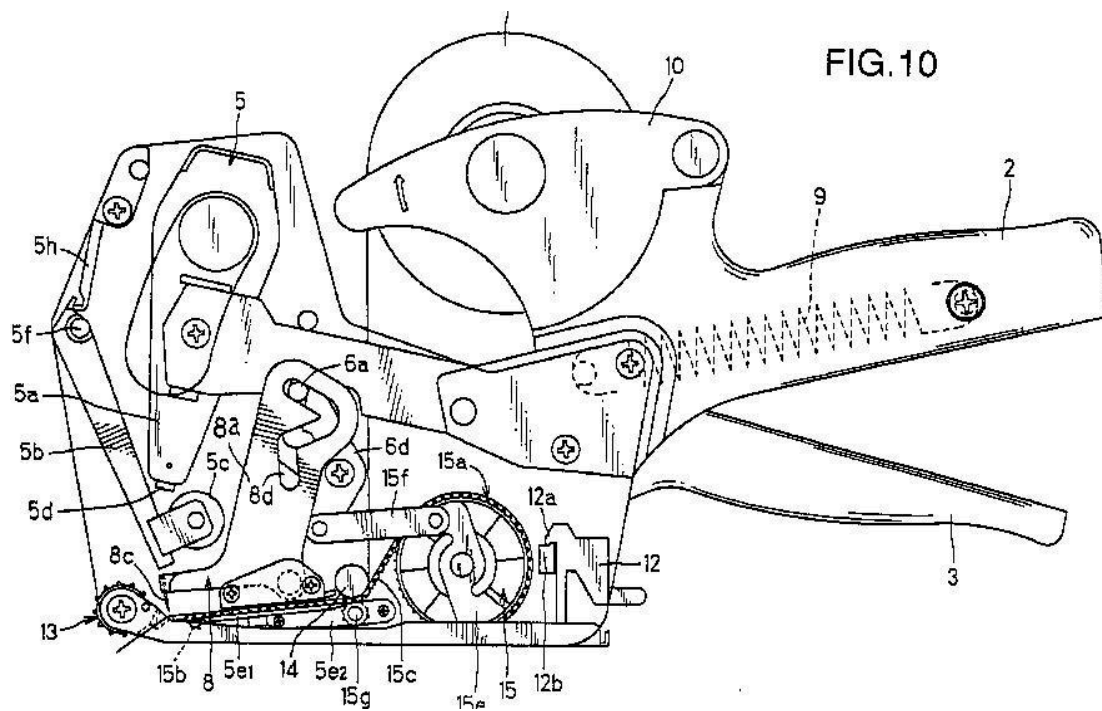
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**B65C 11/0284****{Linerless labels}****Definition statement***This place covers:*

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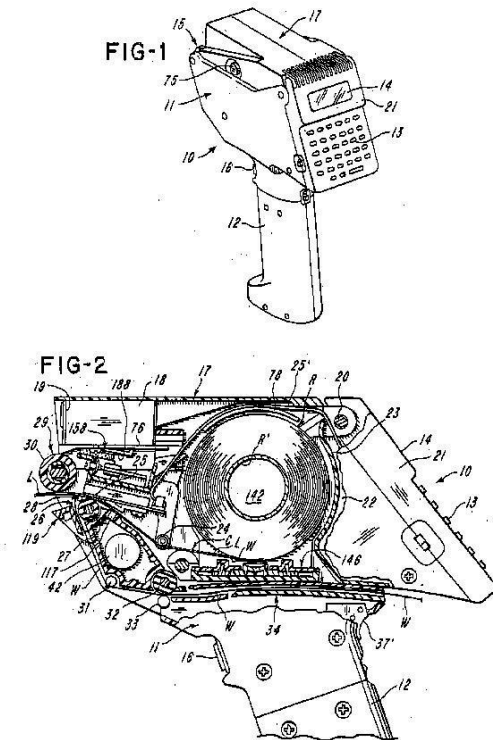
**B65C 11/0289**

**{using electrical or electro-mechanical means ([B65C 11/0205](#) takes precedence)}**

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**B65C 11/0294**

**{using pneumatic means}**

## Definition statement

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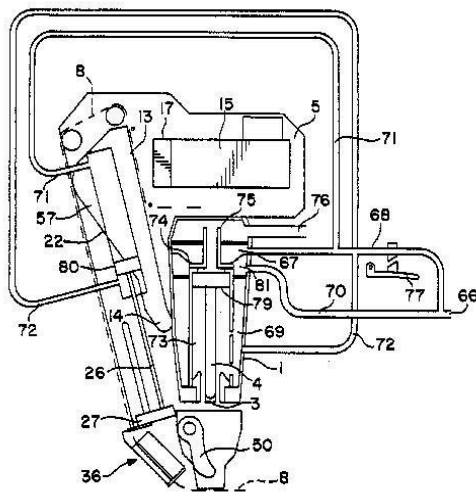


FIG. 6

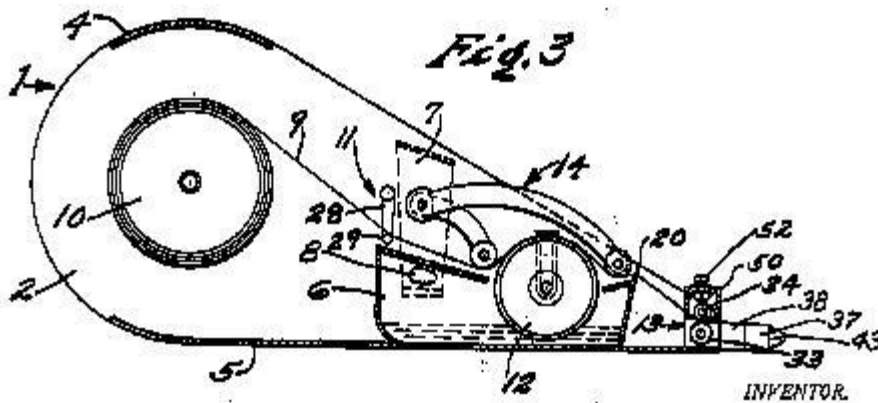
**B65C 11/04**

**having means for moistening the labels**

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## B65C 11/06

having means for heating thermo-activatable labels

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