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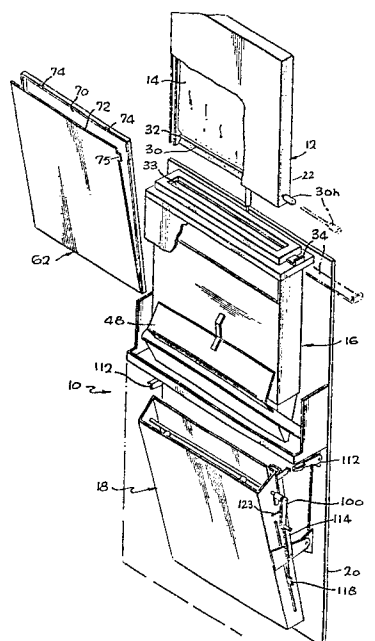
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54 **X-ray film cassette loader.**

57 X-ray film cassette loader for loading a single sheet of X-ray film into a cassette (62), from a plastic lighttight envelope (14) containing a stack of such sheets, all in a daylight environment. A receiver (12) for holding the envelope (14) containing the sheets includes a clip (24) at the top that holds one end of the envelope and a groove (28) at the bottom into which the lower end of the envelope can be laid. A rod (30) lies in the groove (28) over the envelope (14), so that when the lower envelope end (14p) is cut, no light leaks in. However, when the receiver (12) is placed on a dispenser (16), the rod (30) can be withdrawn from outside the receiver (12) to open the envelope (14) and allow the stack of film to fall out into the dispenser (16) which can feed one sheet at a time into the cassette (62). The cassette (62) lies in a pivotally mounted cassetteholding housing (66) that has a light seal at the top (64) so that, when the housing (66) pivots under the dispenser (16), the apparatus is sealed against light and, when the housing pivots away from the dispenser (16), the cassette (62) can pop up and be withdrawn through the top (64) of the housing (66).





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