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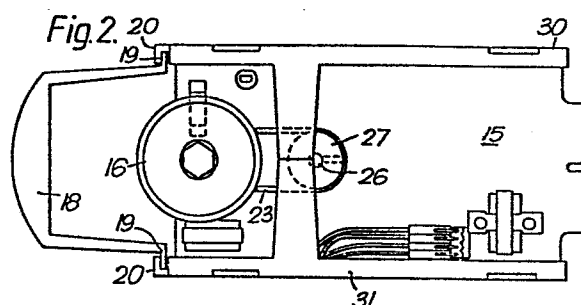
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(54) **Gaming machines.**

(57) The reels 16 of a gaming machine are miniaturised in order to save space and a common cylindrical magnifying lens 18 extending horizontally in front of the row of reels causes the symbols on the reels to appear to be of similar size to those on reels of normal dimensions. The visibility of the symbols can be maintained down to a reel diameter as small as 40 mm. For constructional purposes, each reel forms part of a separate module comprising a central supporting plate 15 from which the reel 16 is cantilevered, the reel being driven by a belt 23 passing around a pulley 27 driven by an electric motor on the opposite side of the supporting plate 15. The required number of modules are mounted side by side with a common lens 18 extending in front of all the modules.





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