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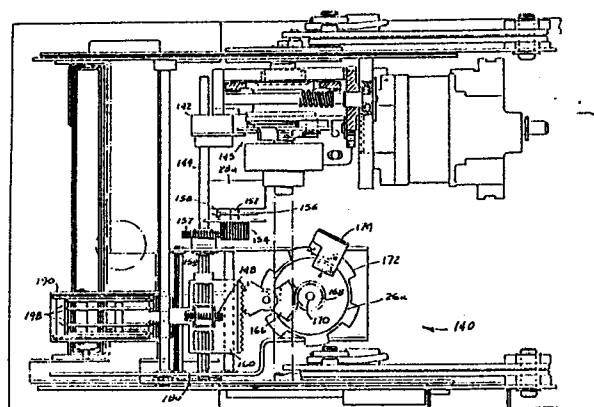
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⑤④ **Methods and apparatus for initializing the print wheels in an electronic postage meter.**

⑤⑦ A print wheel selection mechanism (140) is placed in its select position, and is moved into abutment with a stop (180) a plurality of times. The selection mechanism (140) is then aligned, and oriented with a predetermined one of the print wheels. The print wheel is rotated into abutment with a stop (180) a plurality of times, aligned and exercised to set it at a predetermined position. The moving, aligning, orienting, and exercising steps are continued sequentially with each print wheel to set all the print wheels to a predetermined position and a signal is produced when the foregoing steps have all been accomplished.





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