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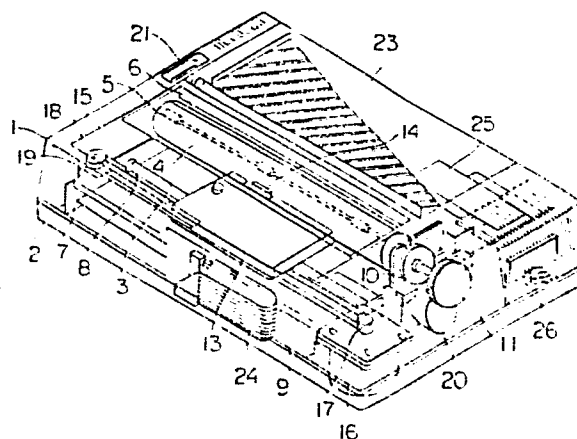
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54 **Heat transfer ribbon feeding device for a printer.**

57 A printer has a carriage (12) adapted to be moved reciprocatingly, a thermal head (14) mounted on the carriage, a heat transfer film (50) on the carriage, a driving belt (15) for reciprocatingly driving the carriage, two pulleys (17,18) between which the driving belt is stretched, a motor (20) for driving said belt, and a film roll-up mechanism for rolling up the film after use. The carriage is fixed to the driving belt at one side of a line interconnecting the pulleys while the film roll-up mechanism has rollers which pinches therebetween the portion of the belt at the other side of the line. With this arrangement, it is possible to roll up the used heat transfer film by making an efficient use of the movement of the carriage.

FIG. 1





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