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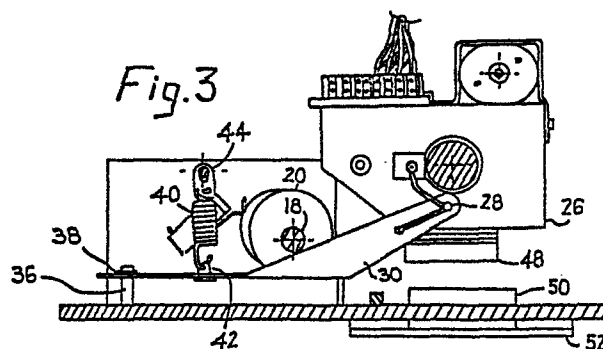
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64 Improved franking machine.

67 A franking machine having a printing head (26) and a platen (50) between which mail can be located for impressing a franking mark thereon, by relative movement of the head (26) and platen (50), is characterised by the printing head (26) including a retentive pad porous rubber stamp which is either impregnated with ink for life or has a reservoir and filler into which ink can be poured from time to time and is adapted to supply ink to the retentive pad.





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