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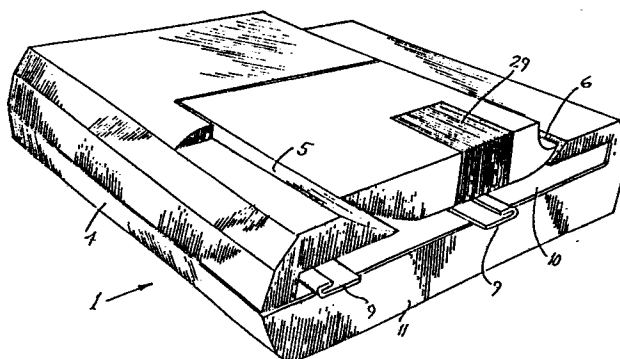
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⑤④ **Imprinter Apparatus.**

⑤⑦ Imprinter apparatus (1) for imprinting characters from a credit card (2) onto a docket (3) comprises a housing (4) having an entrance opening (5) and a discharge opening (6) for introduction and discharge of the docket (3). The credit card (2) is mounted on a carrier member (8) which also includes merchants details (18) and a date roller (19) and includes an upstanding abutment (20) which is abutted by a leading edge of the docket (3). The carrier member (8) is driven by a drive roller (31) powered by an electric motor (45) under an inked roller (30) for imprinting data onto the docket (3). A substantially cylindrical periphery (38) of a pair of disc members (37) drive the carrier member (8) forward through an imprinting stroke, return of the carrier member (8) being provided by a flattened portion (39) which allows the carrier member (8) to returned to a start position by a return spring (40). The presence of docket (3) on the carrier member (8) is sensed by a microswitch (50) which energises the motor (45). The docket (3) is delivered from the imprinter (1) by a guide finger (55) which extends into a groove (56) in the carrier member (8) when the carrier member (8) approaches a discharge end position to move underneath the docket (3) and direct it through the exit opening (6).





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