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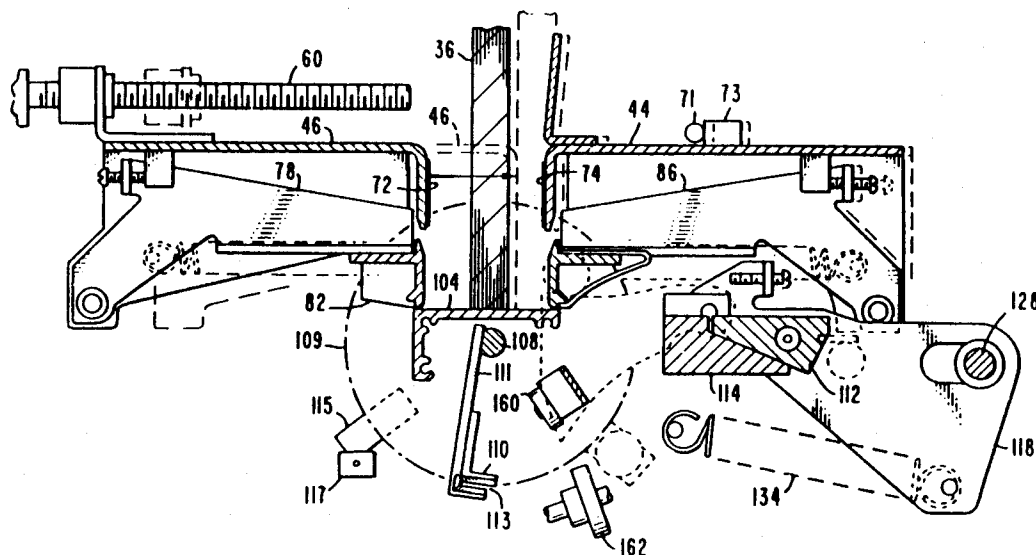
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L-1015 Luxembourg (LU)(54) **Apparatus and method of binding a book.**

(57) Apparatus and method for binding a plurality of sheets arranged in a stack (36) utilizing a binding tape (32) is disclosed. Control means is provided for controlling the relative positions of the stack support means (44,46,104,76,84) and the platen means (112,114) to that the spine and cover seals can be formed. The control means includes measuring means (58,60) for measuring the thickness of the

stack (36) to be bound and means for adjusting the spacing between the two support means (108,110,111,113;152) of the tape positioner means when the tape positioner means is in a tape load mode based upon the measured thickness. The tape positioner means accommodates one of the pre-determined tape widths and fully supports the tape (32) during the tape load mode.

**FIG. 11**



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