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(54) System for setting date wheels in a postage meter

(57) A postage meter that has value wheels (22) and date wheels (24), each value wheel (22) being adjustable by a linkage (26) that moves through a range of positions sufficient to select any of the ten print indicia thereof. Several of the linkages (26) are able to move

further, beyond the positions for the ten indicia of the value wheels. When such a linkage (26) moves to said further position, it moves a pawl (39) that ratchets a corresponding date wheel (24) to its next position. The linkages (26) may include rack elements (26) that move along the axis of the print rotor (500).

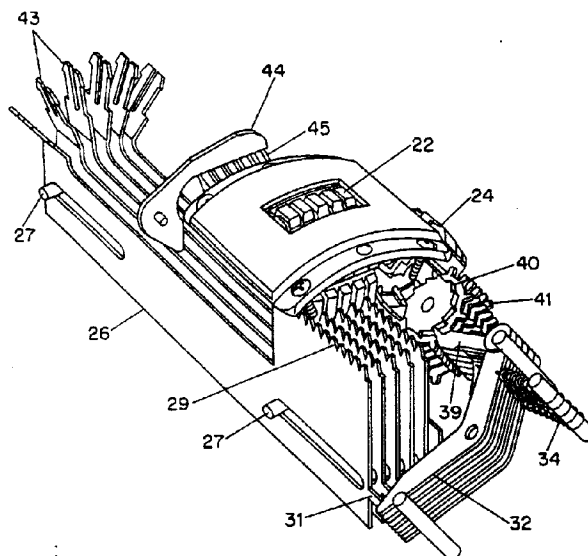


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