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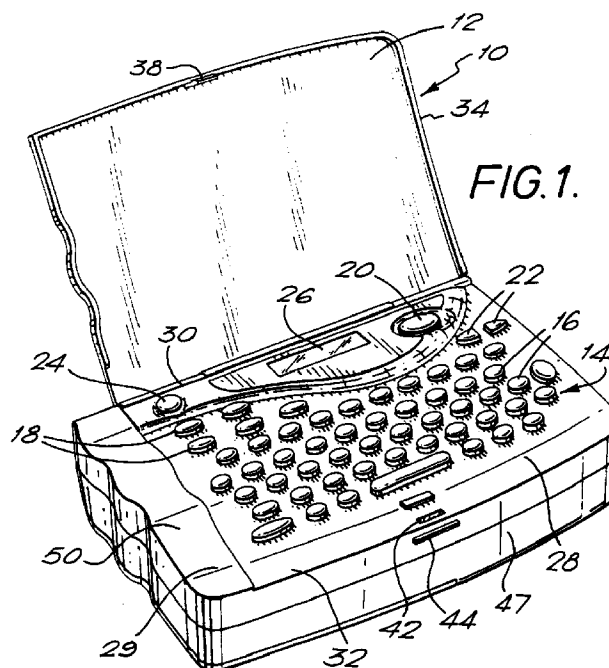
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### (54) Tape printer

(57) A tape printing apparatus (10) for printing a label has a main body (29). The main body (29) comprises a bay for receiving a supply of image receiving tapes, a printing mechanism for printing an image onto said tape to define a label, a keyboard (14) for entering data defining the image to be printed and a display (26) for displaying the entered data. The tape printing apparatus 10 further comprises a lid member (12) which is arranged to cover the keyboard (14) and display (26) when in a closed position.



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