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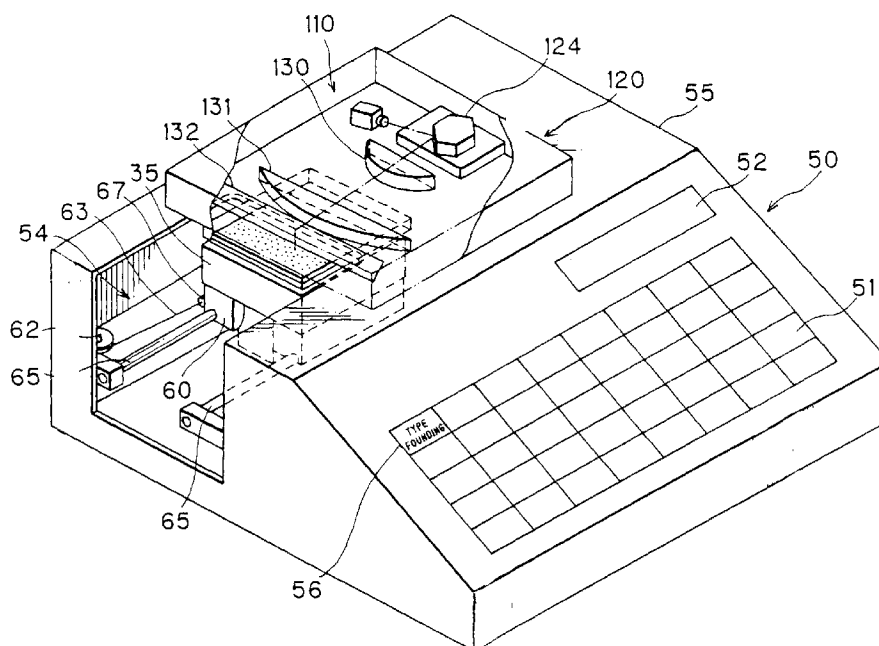
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### (54) A stamp producing device

(57) A stamp producing device including: a plate-shaped and porous stamp member (20) with at least one surface (22A) having open cells; a heating unit (120) using a laser light beam to melt the surface of the stamp member; a drive unit (60) for generating relative movement between the heating unit and the surface of the

stamp member; a controller (118) for driving the drive unit to generate relative movement between the heating unit and the surface of the stamp member and for selectively driving the heating unit according to a print pattern (24) to melt the surface of the stamp member in order to form a thin-film layer (25) for blocking transmission of ink according to the print pattern.

FIG. 6



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