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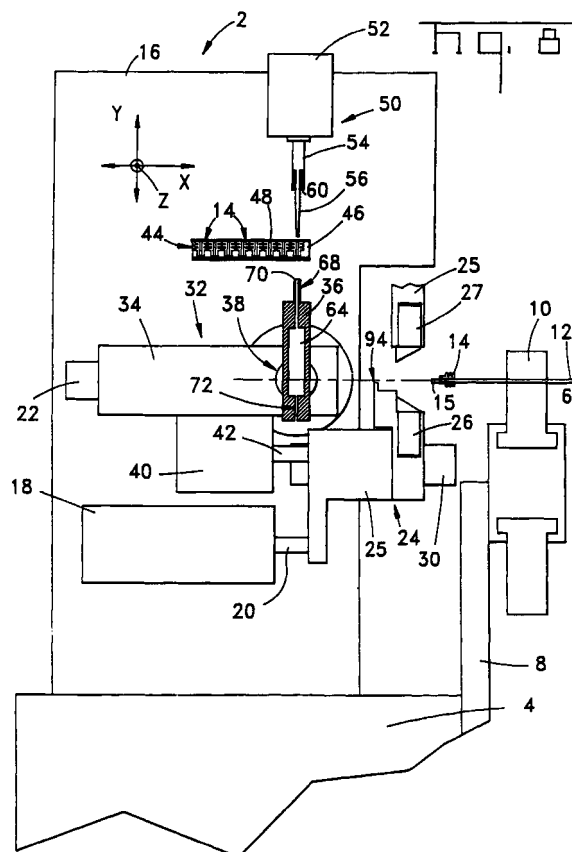
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(54) **Apparatus for assembling grommet to lead**

(57) A grommet assembly apparatus comprises a grommet mounting device (32) having an expansion sleeve (68) for receiving grommets (14) thereon. Grommets (14) are transferred from a grommet feed channel (44) onto the expansion sleeve (68) by a movable transfer pin (56) having a pointed tip (58) that inserts into the expansion sleeve cavity (70). Compressed air is provided in the expansion sleeve cavity (70) to prevent the grommet pinching between the cavity and pin, thereby ensuring a smooth insertion of the grommet over the expansion sleeve (68).



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