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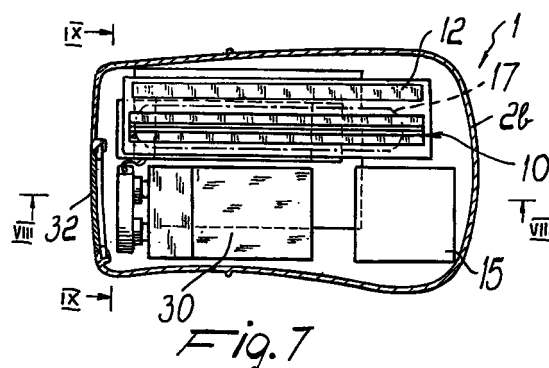
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(54) **Device for reading and validating documents in general which are provided with magnetic bar codes and the like**

(57) A device for reading and validating documents in general which are provided with magnetic bar codes and the like, comprising a casing (2) which can be moved manually over a document to be validated and supports, in a lower part thereof, a magnetic reading head (10) flanked by a permanent magnet (12). The magnetic reading head (10) is operatively connected to a data processing unit (15) which is connected to a display accommodated in the casing (2).



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