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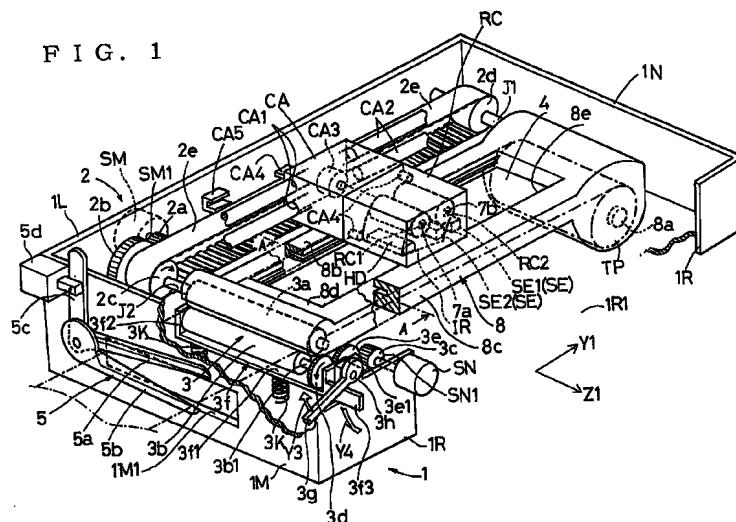
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(54) **Recording medium cassette**

(57) A tape cassette 8 is removably mounted in a tape printing apparatus. In the tape printing apparatus, a carriage CA mounts a thermal head HD on which heating elements are arranged in a line corresponding to the width in a main scanning direction of a tape TP.

The carriage CA can be moved in a sub-scanning direction perpendicular to the direction of arrangement of the heating elements within an open part 8e of the tape cassette 8.



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