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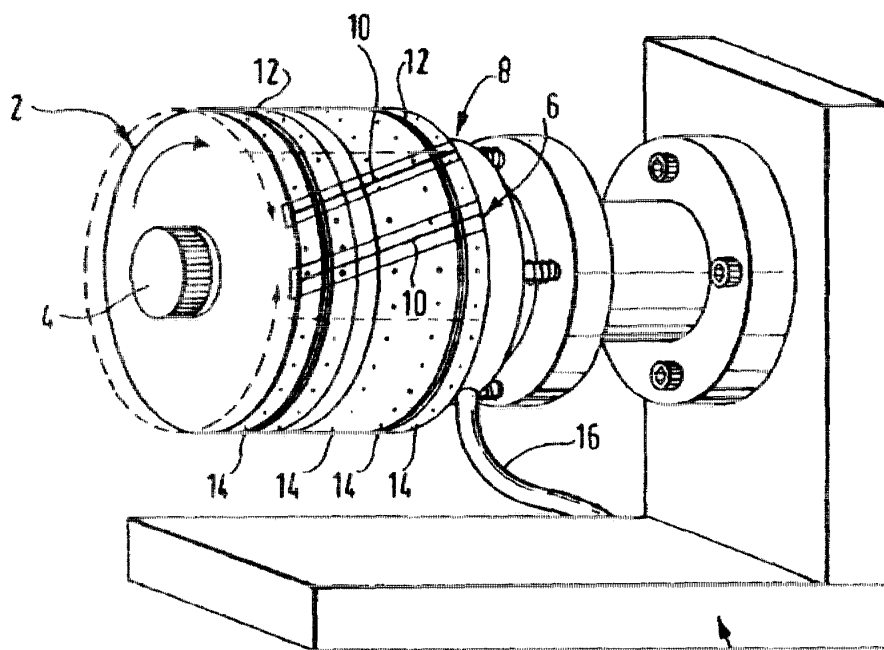
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(54) **Cutting apparatus**

(57) Apparatus for cutting an elongate strip of flexible material to a predetermined length and width has a drum for holding the strip on its outer surface by a vacuum. A first spaced pair of knives, co-operating with channels extending circumferentially of the drum, are aligned with markings on the strip to cut the strip to a

predetermined width and to position the markings at a predetermined distance from the edge thereof. A second pair of channels skewed longitudinally of the drum are adjustable to set a predetermined length for the strip. The longitudinal edge of the cut strip is aligned with indicia on the strip.



**Fig. 3.** 18

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