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(54) **Dispensing apparatus**

(57) A display assembly 2 includes a substantially planar base member 4 which is inclined and held in position by suitable means. An elongate support rail 6 is secured to the base member 4 at a front end thereof. The support rail is arranged to pivotally and releasably engage a plurality of upwardly extending support members 8 which releasably engage respective side pieces 10. Respective elongate channels 12 are defined by the

base member 4 and a pair of adjacent side pieces 10, within which channels a stack of products (not shown) may be arranged. A carriage device 14 is arranged behind the stack of products and is arranged to move forward under gravity to shunt the products forward in the channels when products are removed from the front end thereof.

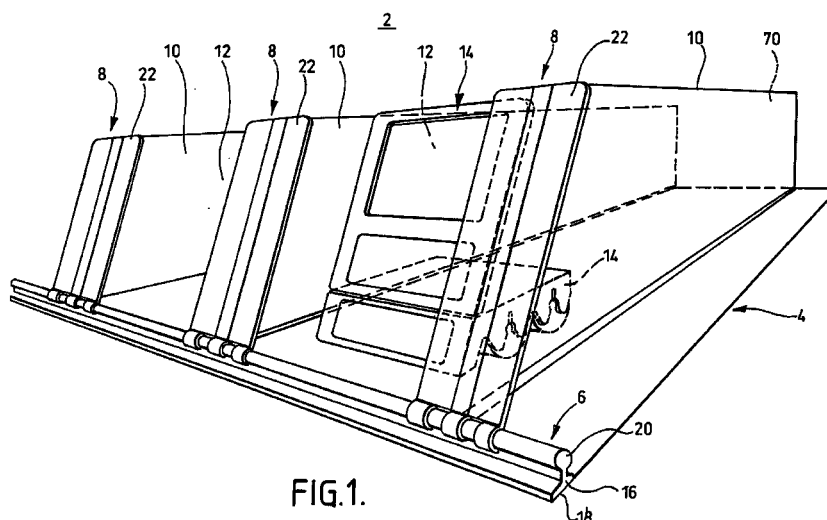


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