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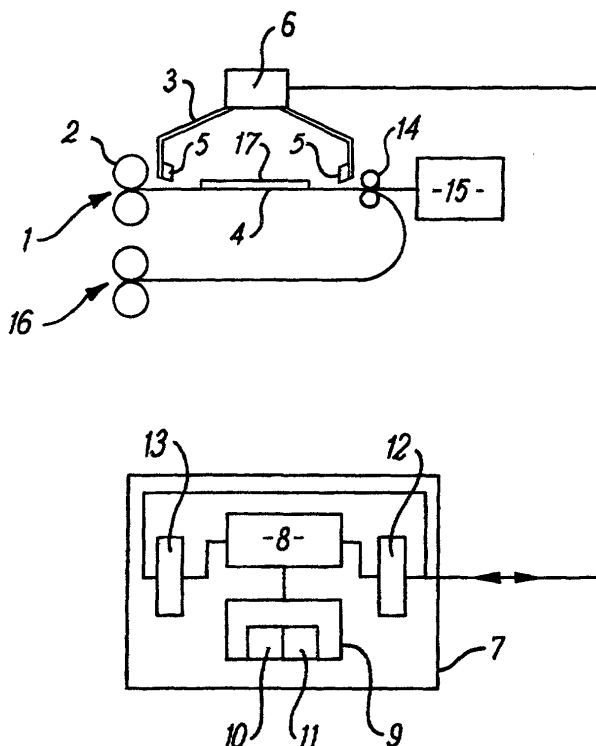
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(54) **Authentication of banknotes**

(57) A method for authentication of bank notes involves analysing light received from a surface of the bank note and comparing properties of the light with reference properties pertaining to a genuine such surface. The properties are compared with reference to transi-

tions at edges of design material on the surface. The bank note is advanced through a chamber (3) on a support belt (4) where it is illuminated by monochromatic light sources (5). Reflected light is received by a scanner (6).



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