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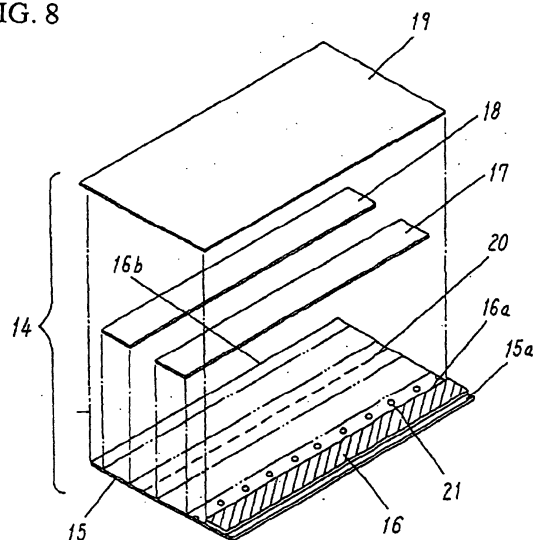
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(54) **Connecting member for connecting carrier tapes and carrier tape connecting method using this connecting member**

(57) A connecting member (14), used for serially connecting two carrier tapes (1, 2), comprises a base film (15), a belt-like reference band (16) substantially fixed on the base film (15), a bonding tape (17) adhering on the base film (15), and a cover film (19) covering the bonding tape (17). A straight reference face (16a) is provided on a longitudinal side of the reference band (16) closely to the bonding tape (17).

FIG. 8





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