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(54) **Reel mechanisms**

(57) A reel mechanism (10) comprises a rotatable reel (16) of predetermined width, in a direction parallel to the axis of intended rotation of the rotatable reel (16), and a reel supplement (12) movable over the rotatable reel (16), characterised in that said movable reel sup-

plement (12) is arranged to cover only part of said width of said rotatable reel (16), or alternatively is arranged to cover at least part of said width of said rotatable reel (16), said rotatable reel (16) presenting a plurality of symbols (18) which remain visible whatever the position of said movable reel supplement (12).

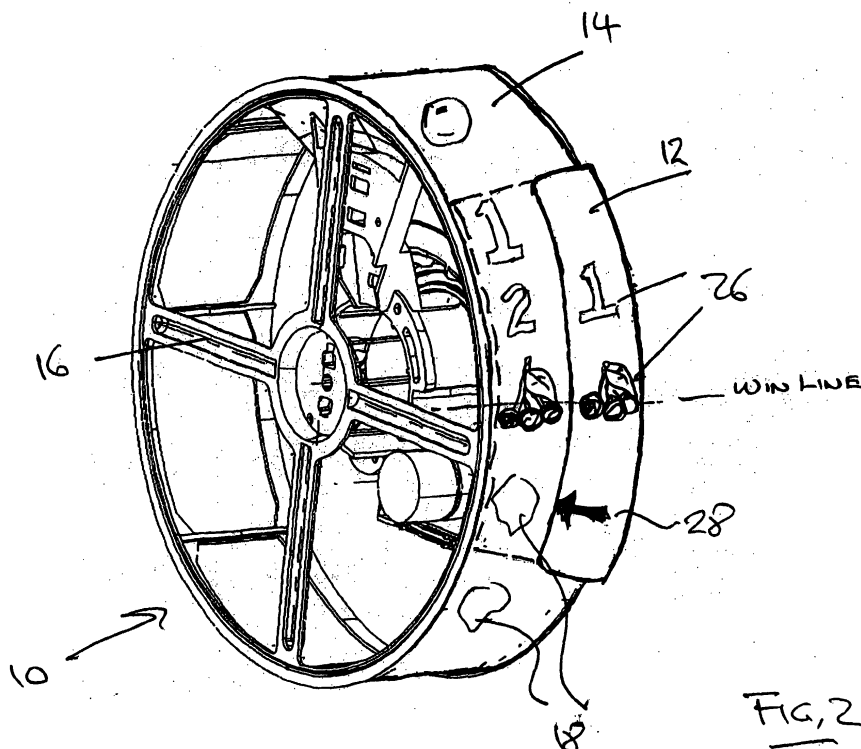


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