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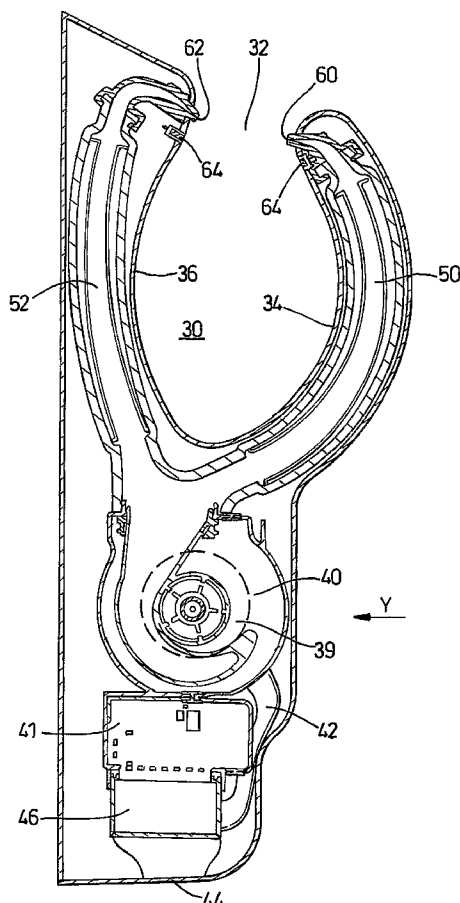
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(57) Abstract: Drying apparatus (10) has a casing (12), a cavity (30) formed in the casing (12) for receiving an object, a fan (40) located in the casing (12) and capable of creating an airflow, a motor (39) arranged to drive the fan (40). At least one opening (60, 62) communicates with the fan (40) and is arranged in the casing (12) so as to direct an airflow transversely across the cavity (30). According to the invention, the motor (39) and fan arrangement generate an airflow across the cavity, wherein, in use, the pressure of the airflow emitted through the opening is at least 8 kPa. In one arrangement the motor has a rotor which, in use, is capable of rotating at a speed of at least 80,000 rpm. The high velocity, high pressure airflow provided by the apparatus is capable of drying an object efficiently and quickly. The invention is suitable for use in a hand dryer.

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