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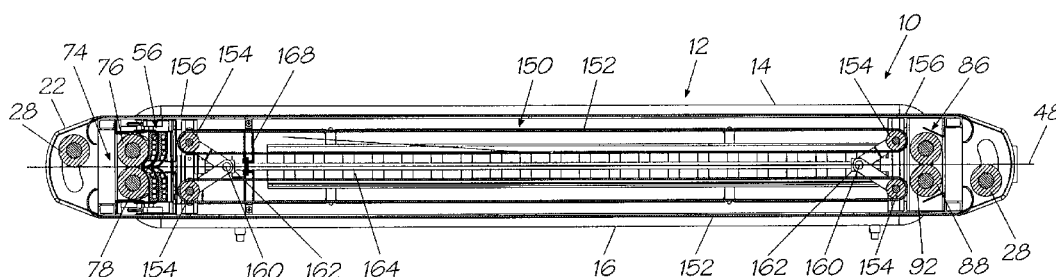
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(57) Abstract: A print media loading mechanism (150) for a printer (10) includes a feeding device comprising a pair of surface-defining elements (152) which define surfaces which are movable relative to each other in the same direction parallel to a direction of feed of the print media (46), the feeding device being operable to engage a leading edge of the print media (46) for feeding it towards an exit region (86) of the printer to effect loading of the printer. A displacement arrangement (160) displaces the surface-defining elements, in a direction transverse to a direction of feed of the print media, into abutment with each other when loading of the print media is required and for displacing the surface-defining elements (152) out of abutment with each other when loading of the print media has been completed. The surface defining elements may be perforated or foraminous belts to allow drying air to pass there through.



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