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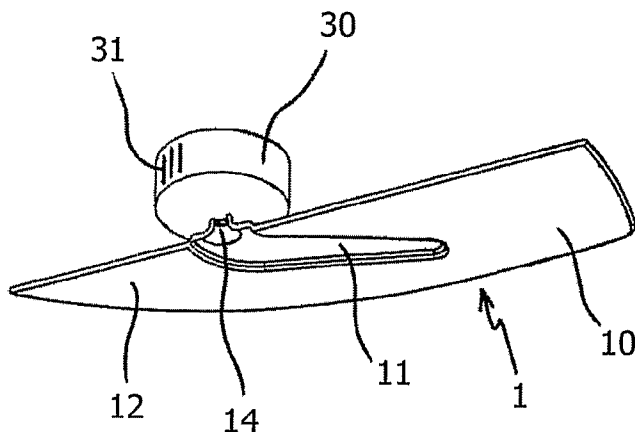
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(54) Title: STEAM IRON HAVING A LIGHTWEIGHT SOLEPLATE AND FLAT RESISTIVE HEATING TRACKS FOR HEATING THE SOLEPLATE



(57) Abstract: A steam iron comprises a soleplate (1) and a separately arranged steam generator (30) having heating means (31) for heating a content of the steam generator (30). The soleplate (1) comprises an embossed area (11) for distributing the steam. As the soleplate (1) does not play a part in the process of generating steam, and does not need to comprise additional means for distributing steam, it is designed in a relatively lightweight manner, which has the advantage that the time needed for a temperature change of the soleplate (1) is relatively short. On a top surface of the embossed area (11), heating

tracks for heating the soleplate (1) are arranged. As the top surface of the embossed area (11) is not capable of directly touching other objects, for example objects to be ironed, situations in which the heating tracks are subjected to severe thermal shocks are avoided.

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