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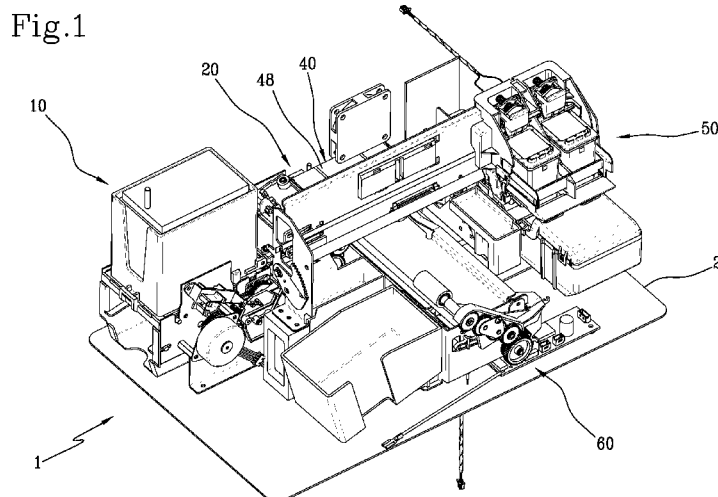
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(54) **Title:** METHOD FOR DOT PRINTING ON CARDS



(57) **Abstract:** Method for dot printing on cards comprising: providing a storage zone wherein cards to be printed are stored; activating an extraction station (20) for extracting a card (11) from the storage zone, the card having a main side; arranging the extracted card on a support carriage (40), that includes a plate-like element (48) that has a main edge (48a); performing a main movement of the carriage (40) for bringing the card to a printing station (50); activating the printing station for dot printing on the card. Placing the card on the carriage comprises: providing an abutment element (90); providing an abutment structure (100), comprising: a first abutment portion that defines a first abutment surface (A1) for the card; a second abutment portion (120) that defines a second abutment surface (A2) for the carriage. The first abutment surface (A1) is offset from the second abutment surface (A2) by a first distance (d1). The method further comprises: placing the carriage at a first position (P1), in which it is interposed between an output (20a) of the extraction station (20) and the abutment element, (90) and in which the main edge has a second distance (d2) from the second abutment portion (120) larger than the first distance (d1) placing the card (11) on the plate-like element (48) so that the card extends partly beyond the main edge and the main side (11a) has a third distance (d3) from the main edge (48a) that is larger than the first distance (d1); moving the card in a first direction (X1) so as to impinge onto the abutment element (90); performing a

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first movement, in a second direction (X2) transverse to the first direction (X1), of the carriage toward the abutment structure, so that: first the main side (11a) of the card impinges on the first abutment portion (100) and stops at the first abutment surface (A1), and then the main edge (48a) of the plate-like element impinges on the second abutment portion (120) and reaches the second abutment surface (A2).