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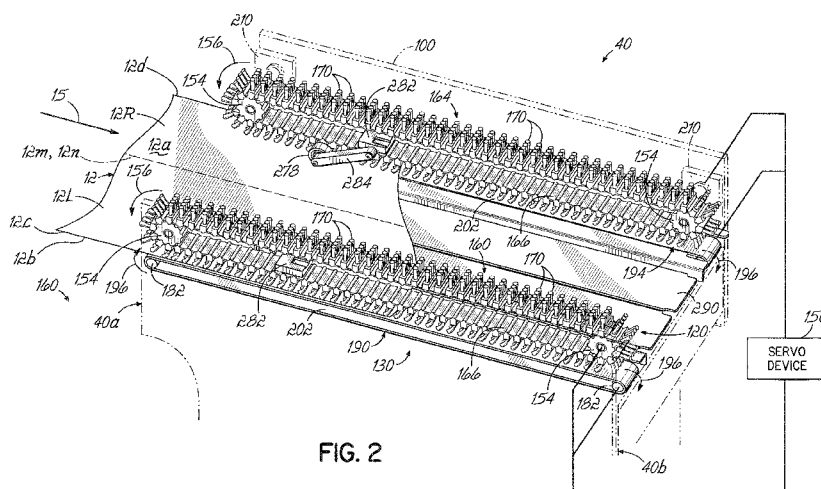


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: Apparatus (40) is provided for transporting a paper or film discrete object (12, 12') in a machine direction (15). A top engaging portion (120) contacts a first side (12a) of the object (12, 12') and a bottom engaging portion (130) contacts a second side (12b) of the object (12, 12') opposite the first side (12a) and respectively cooperates with the top engaging portion (120) to grip and move the object (12, 12') in the machine direction (15). At least one of the top engaging portion (120) or the bottom engaging portion (130) includes a plurality of deflectable elements (170) for engaging the object (12, 12').