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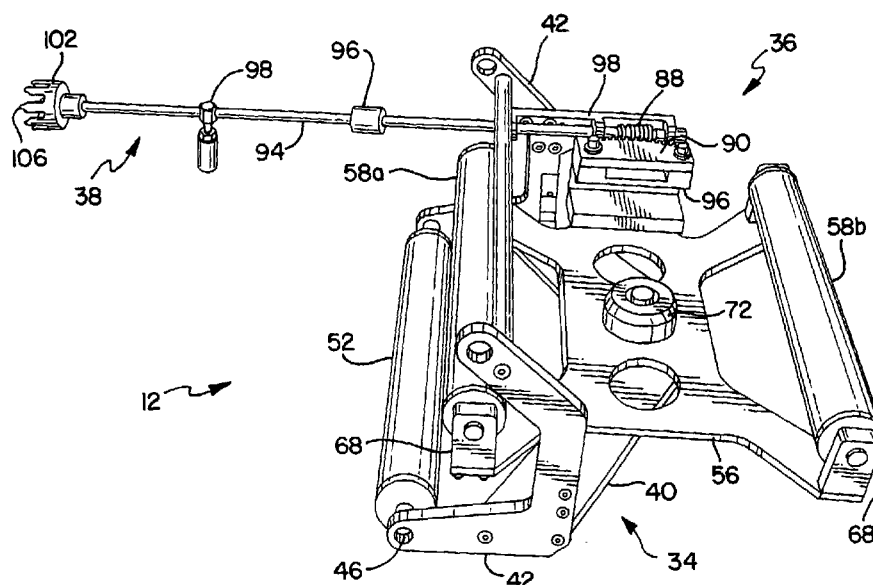
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(57) **Abstract:** An in-line web-centering apparatus (12) for centering a web of material in an aseptic internal area of a form-fill-seal packaging machine. The web-centering apparatus has a support member (40), a tracking assembly (36), and an alignment mechanism (38), each contained within the internal aseptic area of the packaging machine. The support member (40) is internally fixed to the form-fill-seal packaging machine. The tracking assembly (36) is mounted to the support member (40) and pivots about the support member. The pivoting of the tracking assembly (36) positions the tracking assembly at an angle with respect to the support member (40), such that when the alignment mechanism (38) is activated the angle of the tracking assembly is modified, thereby adjusting a flow path of the web of material in the packaging machine.



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