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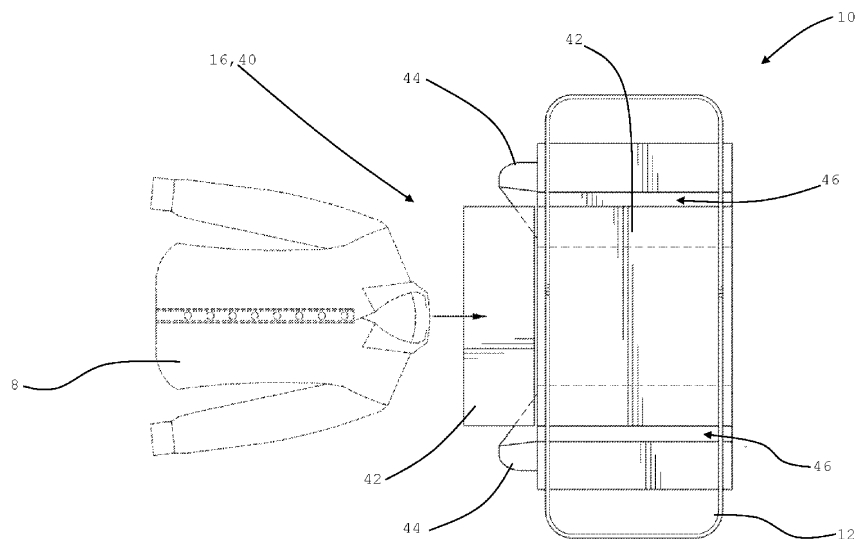


Figure 6.

(57) **Abstract:** Provided is automatic ironing apparatus (10) comprising a housing (12) defining a passage (14) therethrough, a guiding arrangement (16) configured to guide an article of clothing (8) through said passage (14), and a pre-treatment assembly (18) within the housing (12) and configured to pre-treat the article of clothing (8) as said article (8) is guided through the passage (14). Also included is a primary treatment assembly (20) within said housing (12) and configured to treat the article of clothing (8) as said article is guided through the passage (14), as well as a post-treatment assembly (22) configured to post-treat the article of clothing (8) as said article is guided through the passage (14). Apparatus (10) also includes a controller (24) configured to control the guiding arrangement (16) and treatment assemblies (18), (20) and (22), as well as energising means (36) configured to provide electrical energy to the controller (24), guiding arrangement (16) and treatment assemblies (18), (20) and (22), wherein each treatment facilitates ironing of the article

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