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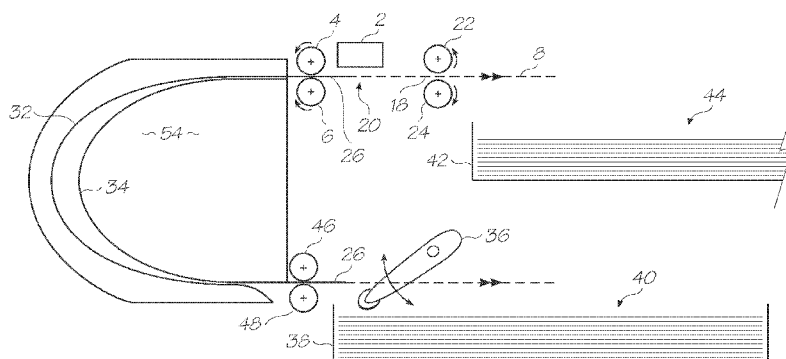
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(57) Abstract: A sheet feed assembly for feeding sheets of material having a known bending stiffness through a device with low friction. The sheet feeding assembly has feed path structures for defining a feed path, the feed path having a first point with a first radius of curvature, a second point with a second radius of curvature and a transition section extending between the first point and the second point. The transition section defines conforms to a shape adopted by one of the sheets of material extending from the first point where it has a curvature of the first radius, to the second point where it has a curvature of the second radius.