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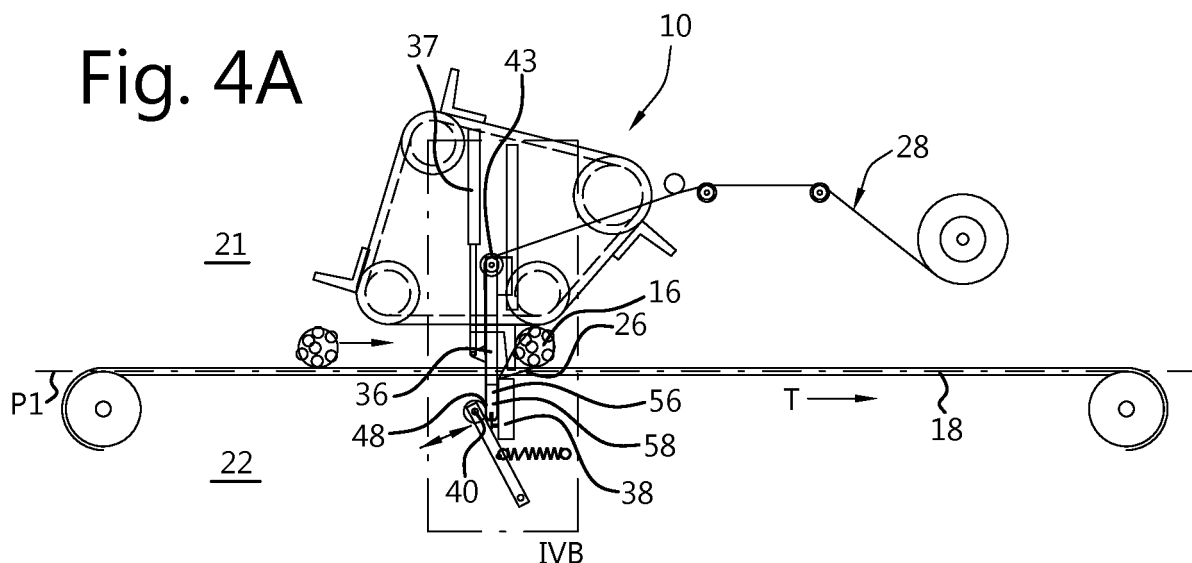
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(54) **TAPE SEALER FOR WINDING ADHESIVE TAPE AROUND AN OBJECT**

(57) A method and tape sealer (10) for winding adhesive tape around an object (16) such that two adhesive portions of the tape contact each other. The tape sealer comprises: a housing (12) with a passage (14) for passing the object there through in a transport direction parallel to a plane having a first side (21) and an opposite second side (22); a tape supply (43) at the first side of the plane and adapted for supplying tape (26) with its adhesive side (28) facing the transport direction; a support (38) and a clamping element (40) at the second side of the plane and adapted for clamping therebetween a first por-

tion of the tape supplied by the tape supply, wherein the clamping element is moveable towards and away from the support; and a push element (36) with a contact surface (48), moveable between a first position in which the contact surface is located on the first side and a second position in which the contact surface is located on the second side, wherein in the second position the contact surface protrudes between the clamping element and the support for pressing the adhesive side of the first portion of the tape against an adhesive side of a second portion of the tape.

Fig. 4A





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