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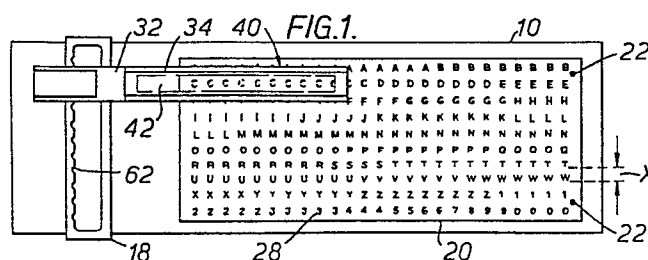
54 **Method and apparatus for forming words of printed characters.**

57 A method and apparatus are disclosed for use in forming words on tape, useful e.g. as labels, from sheets bearing printed, transferable characters, e.g. a set of printed alphabets.

A tape dispenser (32) containing a roll of a transparent adhesive tape (34) includes a frame (40) defining a rectangular window (42) which can be positioned horizontally and vertically at any place over the character sheet (20). When it is desired to transfer a selected letter (28) to the tape, the user presses the selected area of the tape against the letter. Because of the tacky adhesive on the tape, when pressure is

removed, the selected letter is lifted from the indicia sheet and transferred to the tape. The process is repeated as often as necessary to form the desired word. The strip of tape on which the word has been formed is then severed from the roll and adhered to any desired receiving surface by means of the tacky adhesive on the tape.

Accurate base-line adjustment of the characters forming the word is provided by means of an indexing mechanism which enables the tape dispenser (32) to move vertically within a slide (18) to fixed positions exactly correlating to the rows of printed characters on the sheet (20).





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