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(54) **Apparatus for loading at least one media item into a media item container, and method of loading at least one media item into a media item container**

(57) A method and apparatus (423) are disclosed for loading at least one media item into a media item container (100). The apparatus (423) includes at least one rotatable member (418) comprising an outer surface (419) including a plurality of apertures connected to at least one chamber (421) where a negative pressure is selectively provided. The apparatus (423) also includes a guide (416) that guides each incoming media item transported to the rotatable member (418). The rotatable member (418) is rotatable when negative pressure is provided at the chamber (421) to locate a media item secured to the rotatable member (418) by suction from the guide (416) into the media item container (100).

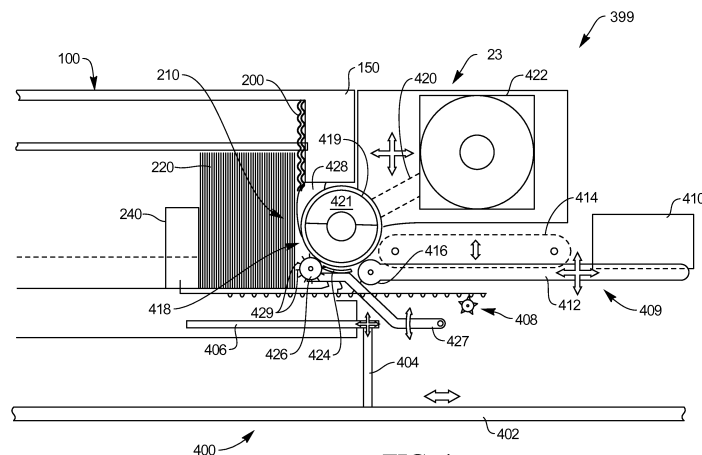
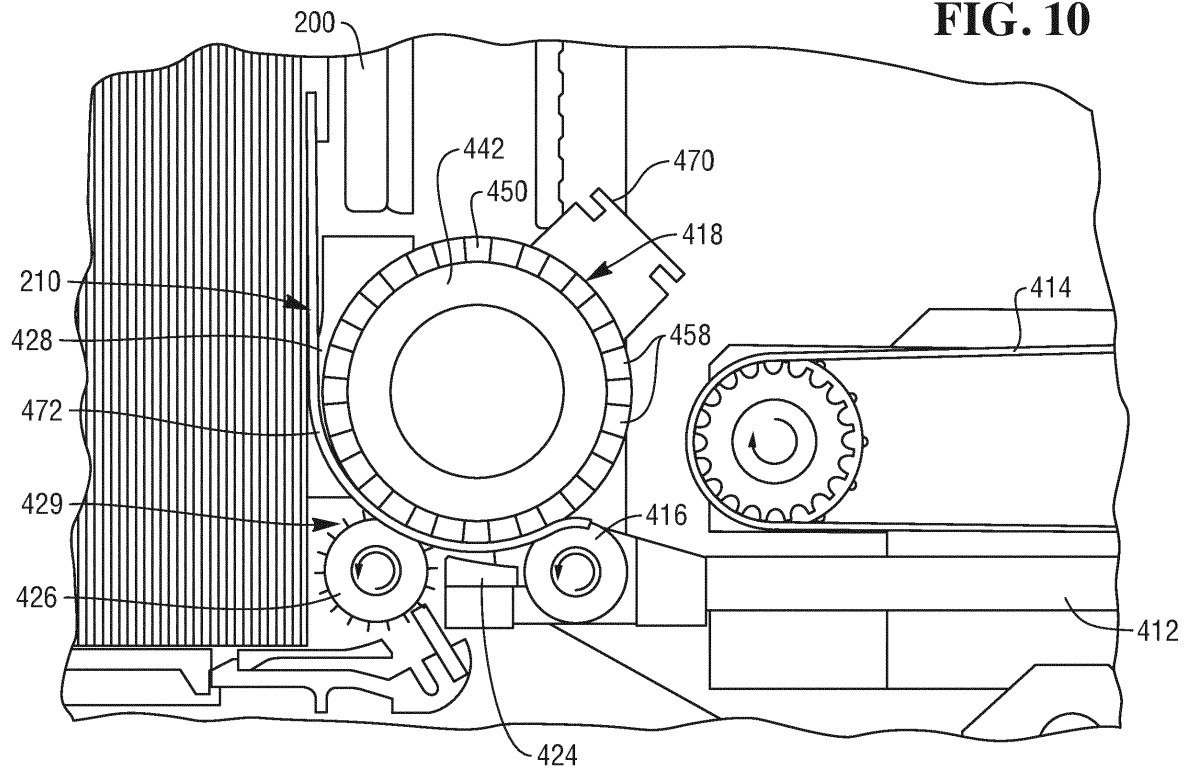


FIG. 4

FIG. 10





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1. claims: 1-7, 11-13

An apparatus comprising a sleeve or a substantially cylindrical body, or method of loading a media item into a media item container.

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1.1. claims: 6, 7, 12

An apparatus comprising an item release guide member, or method comprising releasing a media item from a rotatable member via an item release guide.

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2. claims: 8-10, 14

An apparatus comprising a pinch roller, or method comprising turning a leading edge of an incoming media item via a guide surface.

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