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(54) Separating adhered plys

(57) A method of separating first and second flexible elongate plys (4,6) adhered together by adhesive force overcomable to allow the plys to be peeled apart comprising constraining the adhered plys (8) to follow a path leading to a turn at or adjacent to which turn the first ply (4) on the inside of the turn peels away from the second ply (6) on the outside thereby causing the plys to separate.

A force may be applied to one of the first or second plys (4,6), which compels the ply to move along its path. The remaining ply is preferably allowed to fall away from the turn. The turn may be substantially 90°, or greater or less than this.

An apparatus to separate the first and second flexible elongate plys (4,6) is also provided.

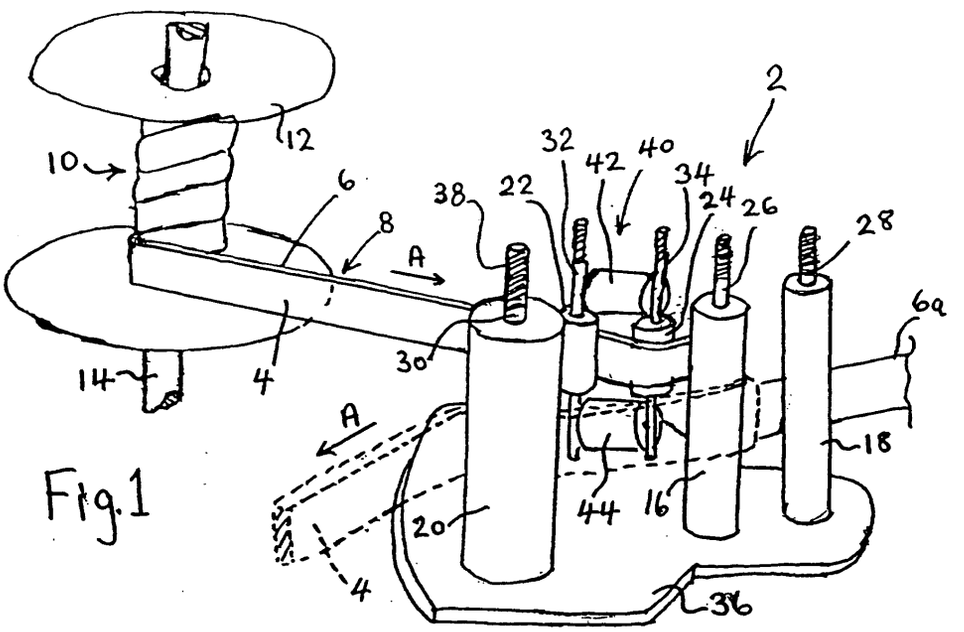


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