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(54) A Multi-colour pad printing machine for printing on objects

(57) A compact and light multi-colour pad printing machine (1) for printing objects comprises a plurality of plates (5, 6), respective inked cartridges (19, 20) and pads (14, 15) disposed in respective parallel alignments along one direction (Y-Y), the pads (14, 15) being movable stepwise along the said direction between the plates (5, 6) and an object-carrier table (16) for successively pad printing an object (17) positioned on the object carrier table (16).

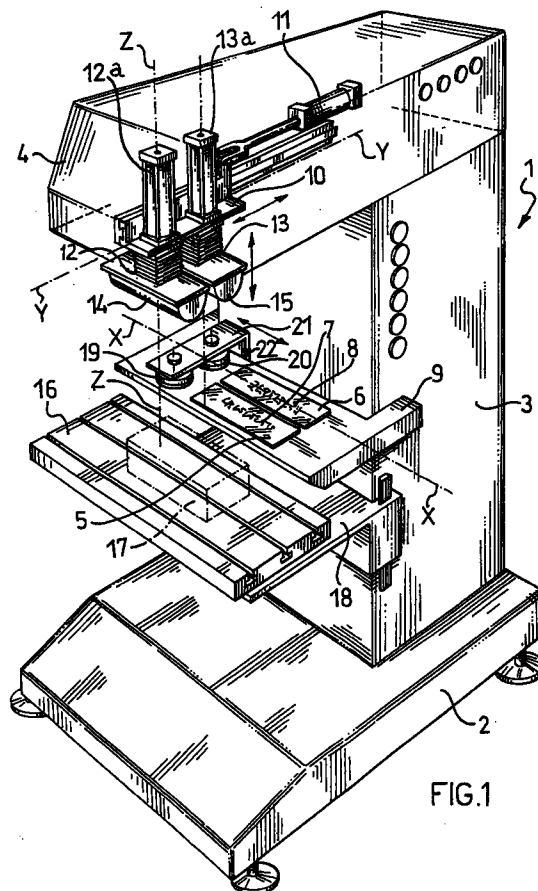


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