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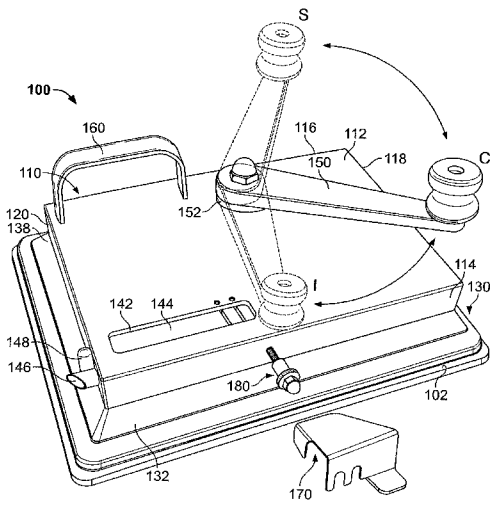


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: In one embodiment, a cigarette-making machine of the tobacco-injecting type includes an improvement being a handgrip that provides improved ergonomics to a user of the machine. The handgrip is configured to project upward from a top surface of the housing of the machine to position the user's hand distal from the compacting chamber and the hollow nipple, thereby preventing potential user injuries. Furthermore, the handgrip is configured on the top surface to provide the user with a convenient location to apply a downward force to the machine to prevent the machine from sliding on a surface without damaging components of the machine. In another embodiment, a cigarette-making machine of the tobacco-injecting type includes an improvement being an adjustable volume compacting chamber. The cigarette-making machine may include a volume-adjusting member that is configured to axially partition the compacting chamber into a tobacco-receiving portion and a vacant portion.

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