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(54) **Method for protecting photographic negatives and machine for implementing the method.**

(57) A method for protecting photographic negatives, characterised in that before cutting the negative (4) into pieces, there is applied to each of its surfaces a transparent film (2, 2') having a height less than the

height of the negative by an extent sufficient to leave the reference notches (13) provided in the edges of said negative (4) uncovered.

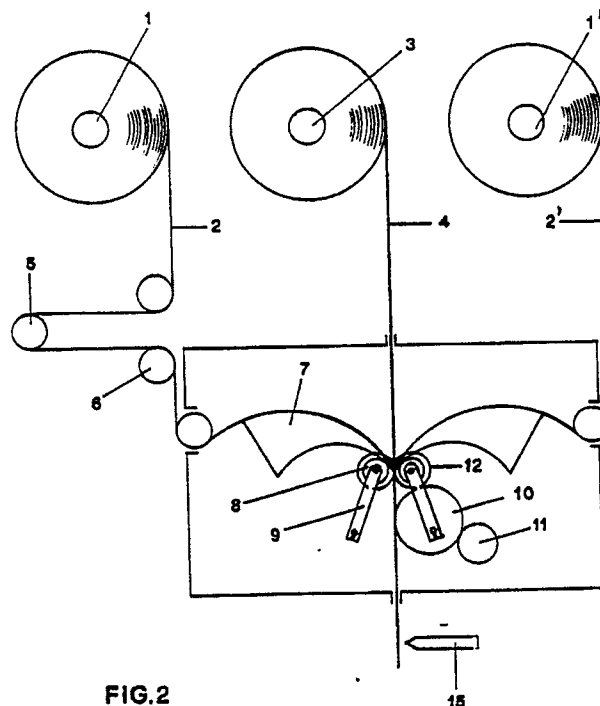


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