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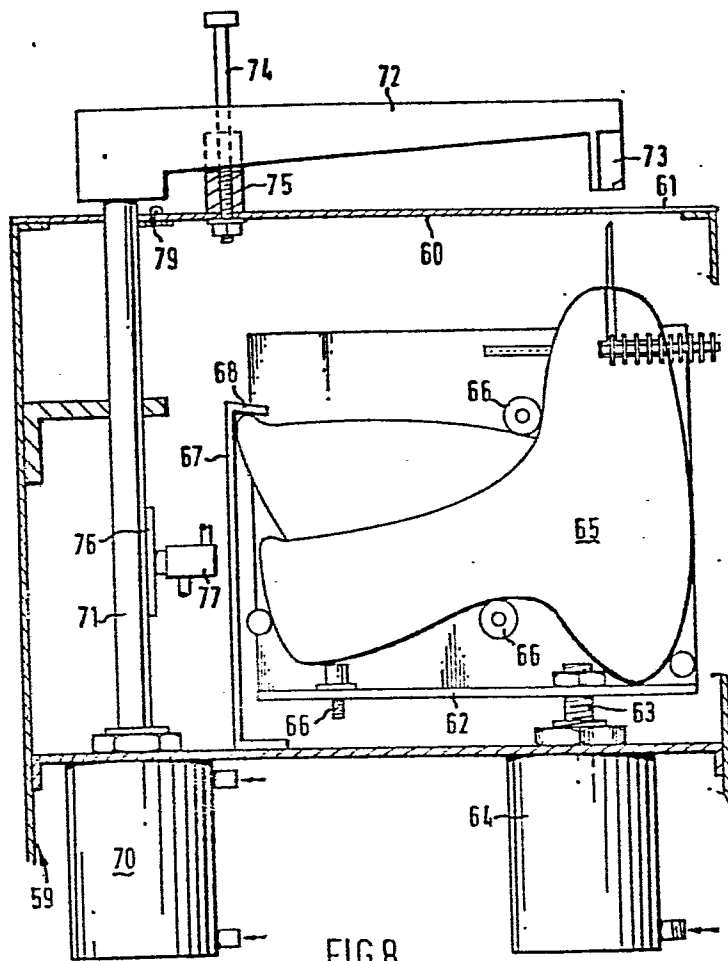
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(54) **Tagging apparatus.**

(57) An apparatus for inserting labelling tags into garments has a conventional manual tagging gun 65 mounted on a carrier 62 for vertical movement by a pneumatic ram 64 such that the tagging needle may be projected through or withdrawn from an aperture 61 in a work table 60. A bracket 67,68 serves to operate the gun trigger to effect tagging as the gun is advanced to project the needle.

A shield bar 72 is disposed over the work table 60, there being a recess 73 to receive the projecting tagging needle. The bar 72 is movable vertically by means of a double-acting pneumatic ram 70 so that bulky items may be placed on the work table, compressed by the bar and then tagged by the gun.



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DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int. Cl. ³)
X	<u>US - A - 3 598 025 (COTTON)</u> * columns 6-8; claims 1,5-7; column 3, lines 15-24; figures 1-8 * --	1-2, 4-6	B 65 C 7/00
X	<u>US - A - 4 237 779 (KUNREUTHER)</u> * columns 8-10; claims 1-3,9-14, 24; figures 1-4 *	1,7,9	TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int. Cl. ³) B 65 C
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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

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1. Claims 1-2,4-10: Tagging mechanism with a single drive mechanism.
2. Claims 1,3: Tagging mechanism with two separate drive mechanisms.

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