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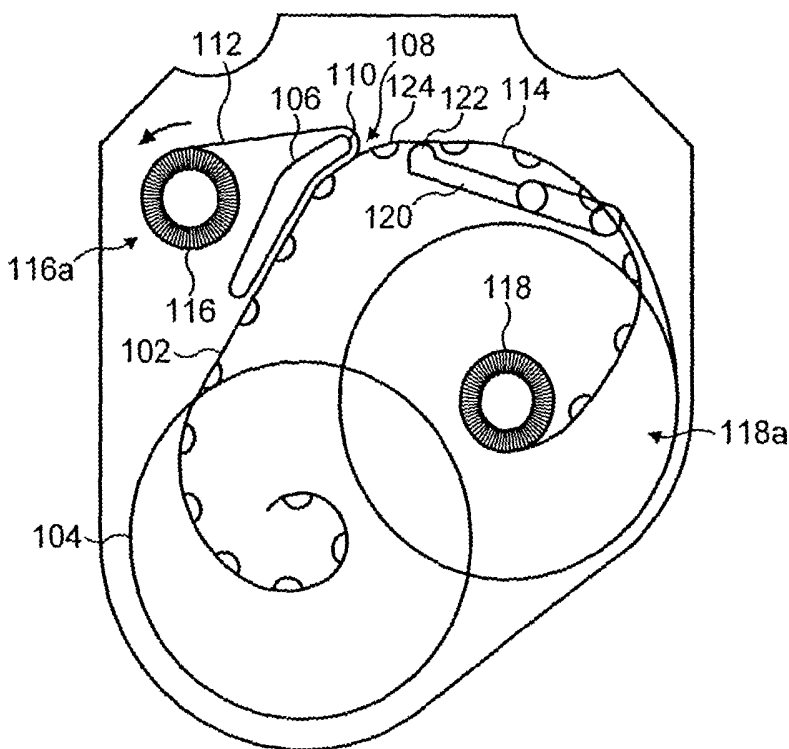
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a medicament dispenser for use with a medicament carrier (102) having a plurality of pockets for containing medicament wherein said pockets are spaced along the length of and defined between two peelable sheets secured to each other. The dispenser has an opening mechanism (108) for opening received pockets of the medicament carrier (102). The mechanism (108) includes a peeler for peelably opening a pocket, said peeler including a lid driver (116) for drivably peeling a lid sheet (112) from a base sheet (114) of said pocket; and an indexer (120) for indexing pockets of a medicament carrier (102) in use with said medicament dispenser. The mechanism additionally comprises a primer moveable between a primed position in which said primer stores mechanical energy and a release position in which the primer releases said mechanical energy to said lid driver (116) and/or said indexer (120).

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