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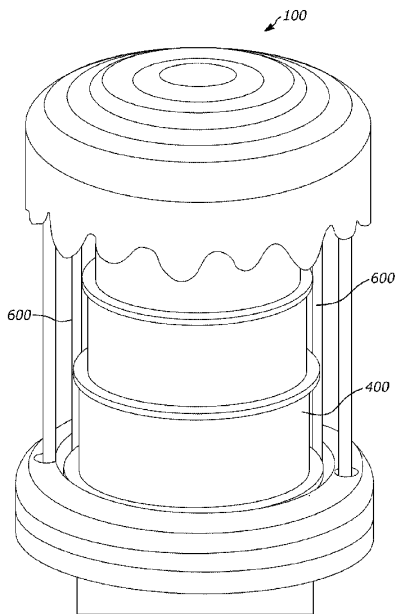


FIG. 4

(57) **Abstract:** A shutter system for a dice system that includes a motorized platform and a cylinder positioned over the platform for containing dice. The motorized platform is configured to be moved independent of the cylinder to throw the dice as part of a dice game. The shutter system comprises a telescopic cylindrical shutter positioned within the cylinder, having an upper portion having a first exterior diameter and a lower portion having a second exterior diameter, the second exterior diameter being larger than the first exterior diameter such that the upper portion will fit within the lower portion. Flexible supports are connected at a first end to the lower portion. A drive motor connected to a second end of the flexible supports opposite the first end is configured to wind up and wind down the flexible supports to raise and lower the shutter system.

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