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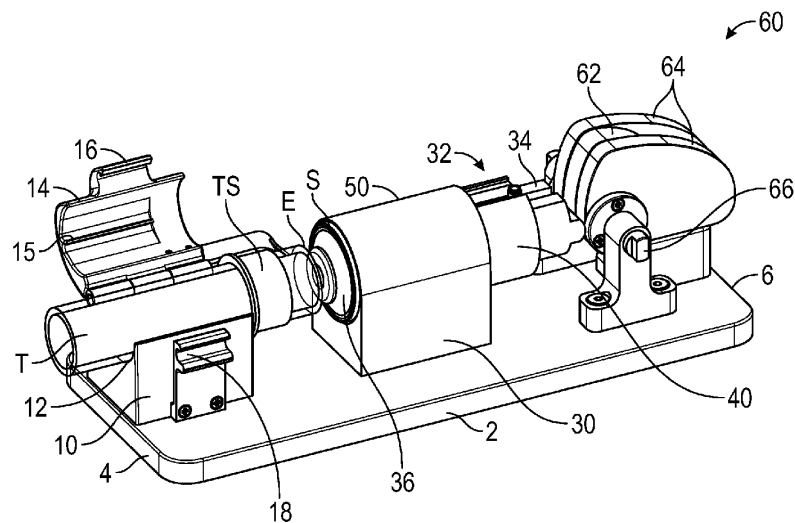


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** Apparatus for rolling back the end of a flexible tube, the apparatus comprising a flexible tube support, a plunger assembly having a flared conical end, a cover around the outside of the plunger assembly and actuator means for moving the plunger assembly into the flexible tube, and moving the cover over the rolled back end. In use a flexible tube is placed into the tube support, and its end is placed over the conical end. While the tube is held in position, plunger assembly advanced into the tube, flaring the end of the tube. The cover then continues to advance urging the flared end back on forming the rolled back end. The apparatus can fit a sleeve over the rolled back end, holding it in place, and can connect the sleeve to a tubing support.

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