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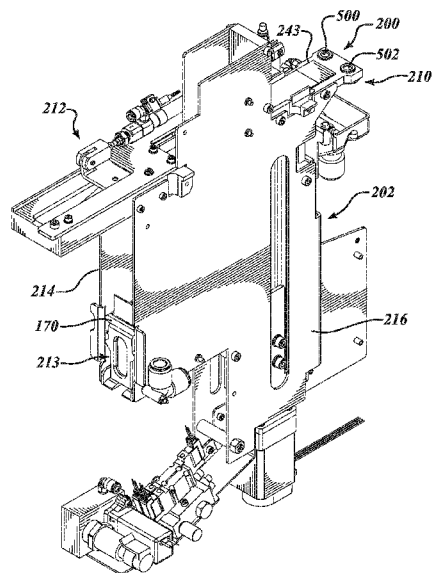


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: A specimen processing system is capable of processing spe-
cimens carried on slides. The specimen processing system can sequentially
deliver slides and opposables to specimen processing stations. The speci-
men processing stations can use the opposables to apply a series of liquids
to the specimens. The applied liquid can be moved along the slide using
capillary action while the specimen processing stations control the pro-
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