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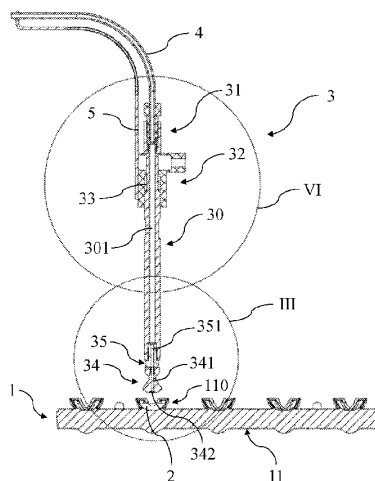


Fig. 2

(57) **Abstract:** A gripper for the transportation of an ophthalmic lens comprises: - a gripper shaft having a longitudinal shaft axis and a fluid channel extending through the gripper shaft; - a connector at the proximal end of the gripper shaft for connecting a flexible supply tube and the proximal end of the gripper shaft; - a support movably accommodating the gripper shaft; - a spring mounted between the support and the gripper shaft, the spring biasing the gripper shaft distally away from the support; and - a gripper head attached to the gripper shaft at a distal end portion thereof, the gripper head having a further fluid channel extending therethrough, the gripper head further having a suction opening which is centrally arranged in a distal end surface of the gripper head, the suction opening being in fluid communication with the fluid channel of the gripper shaft through further fluid channel. The gripper head is configured to be pivotable about a pivot portion of the gripper head.

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