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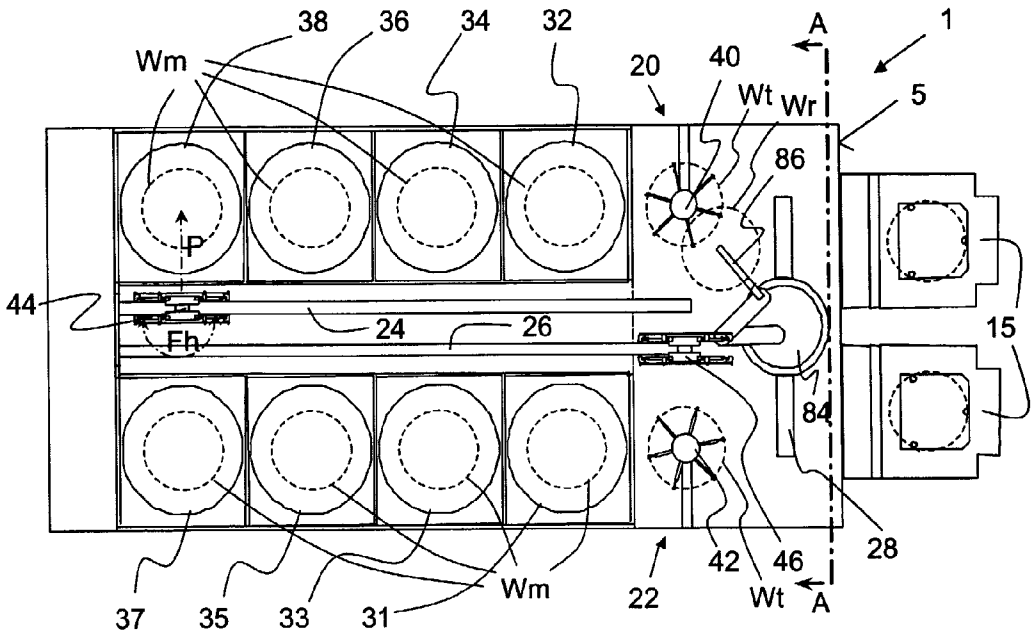
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(54) Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING WAFER-SHAPED ARTICLES



(57) Abstract: Disclosed is an apparatus for treating wafer-shaped articles comprising at least one linear arranged array of a plurality of at least two process units wherein in each such process unit one single wafer-shaped article can be treated, a cassette-holding unit for holding at least one cassette storing at least one wafer-shaped article therein and a transport system for picking a wafer-shaped article from a cassette and placing it into one of a process unit. The apparatus comprises a transport unit movably mounted on a linear track. Said transport unit comprising at least one holding means for holding a single wafer-shaped article in a substantially vertical plane parallel to the linear track.

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