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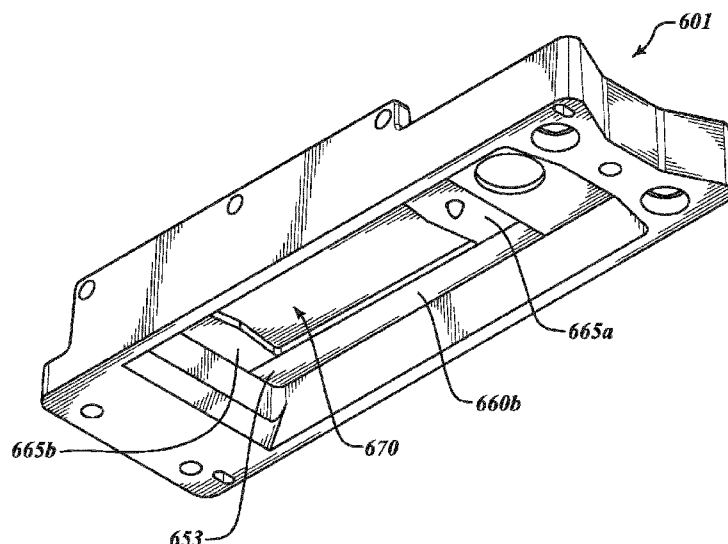


FIG. 22

(57) Abstract: A specimen processing sys-
tem is capable of processing specimens
carried on slides. The specimen processing
system can sequentially deliver slides and
opposables to specimen processing sta-
tions. The specimen processing stations
can use the opposables to apply a series of
liquids to the specimens. The applied li-
quid can be moved along the slide using
capillary action while the specimen pro-
cessing stations control the processing tem-
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