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METHOD OF MAKING A HYDROLYZED CELLULOSE ESTER PRINTING PLATE

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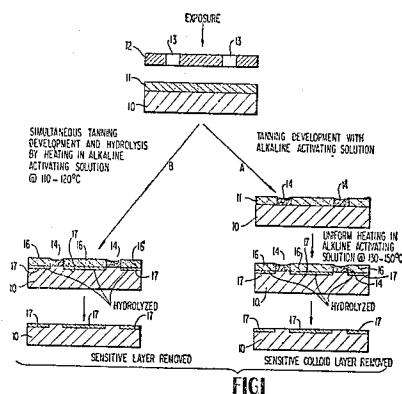
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Preparation of lithographic printing plates by coating a substantially fully esterified cellulose organic acid ester support with a hydrophilic unhardened, tannable colloid layer such as gelatin containing light sensitive silver halide, exposing the sensitive colloid layer to a subject, developing the exposed layer with a tanning developing agent, heating the developed layer in alkaline hydrolyzing solution at a temperature of about 110° F. to 150° F. to hydrolyze areas on the cellulose organic ester support and form on said support an image corresponding to said subject and removing the colloid layer from said support.



In a preferred aspect of the invention, the heating of the developed layer is effected by infrared radiation.

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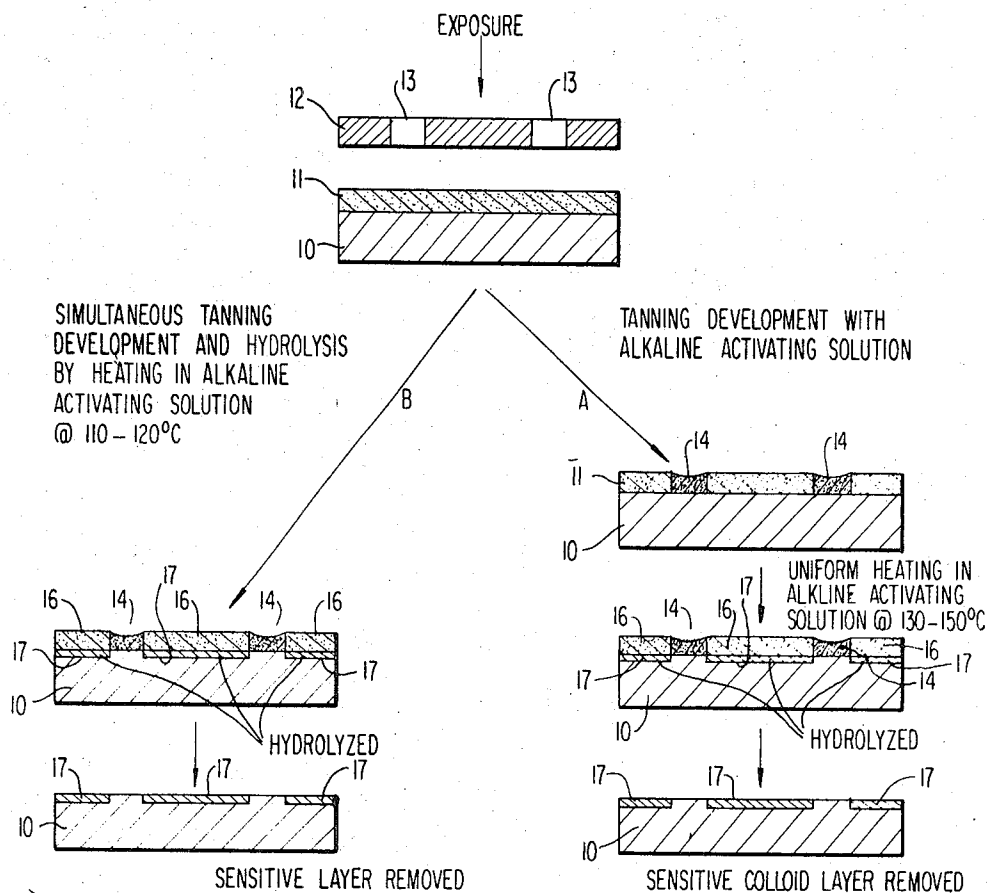


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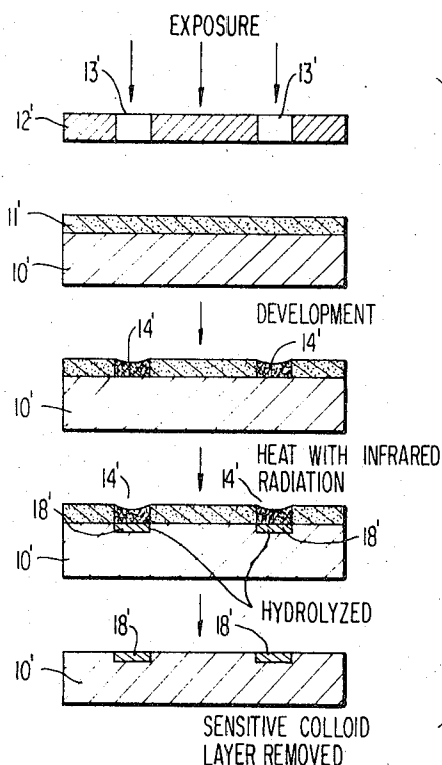


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