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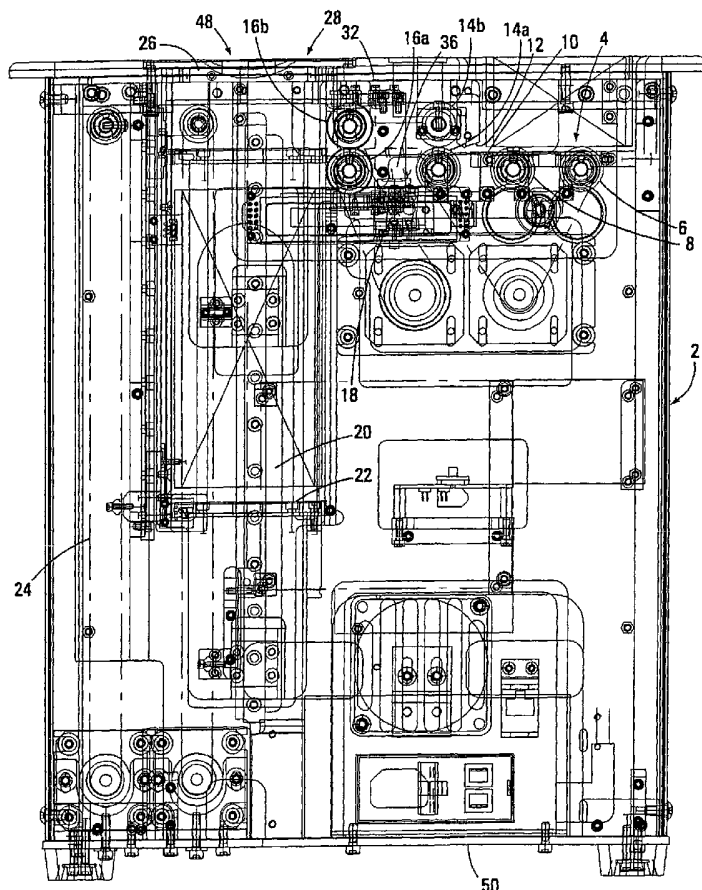
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(57) Abstract: A discard rack moves and reads
suit and rank of individual cards. The cards are
provided to a card in-feed area and moved to
a card collection area. Both suit and rank of
each card is read in the card in-feed area or be-
tween the card in-feed area and the card col-
lection area. The discard rack comprises a) a
card infeed area with card moving elements that
move only a bottom card from a set of cards in
the card in-feed area, b) a card collection area
that receives cards from the card moving area
in the same sense as cards are received in the
card in-feed area, c) an image capture device
that captures data from a card while the card
is between the card in-feed area and the card
collection area, d) preferably a communication
port to send out captured data to a processor,
and e) an elevator that lowers to maintain a level
at which cards are received in the card collec-
tion area.



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