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(54) **Processing photographic material**

(57) Apparatus for processing exposed photographic material has an inclined ramp up which the material is driven by rollers. Solution for washing the material after it has passed through developing, bleach-

ing and fixing stages flows down the ramp beneath the material.

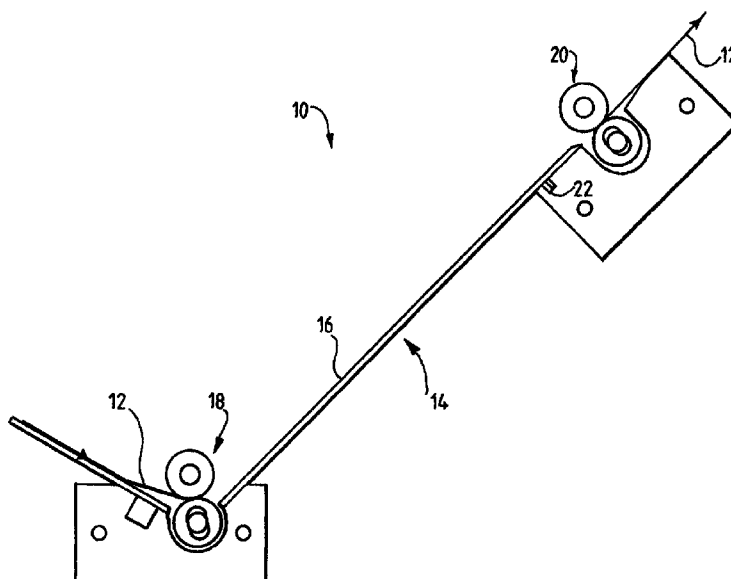


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