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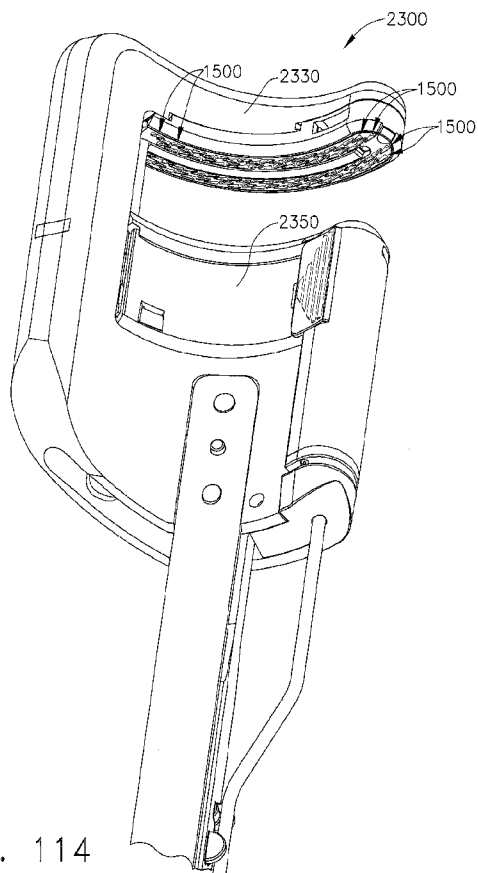


FIG. 114

(57) Abstract: A surgical stapler, comprising a curved anvil assembly, comprising staple pockets formed in a tissue contacting surface. Said staple pockets are positioned along a curved path, wherein each said staple pocket comprises a staple pocket midline, wherein a said staple pocket midline of a first staple pocket is neither parallel to nor collinear with a said staple pocket midline of a second staple pocket. The staple pockets further comprise a first forming cup, and a second forming cup.



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