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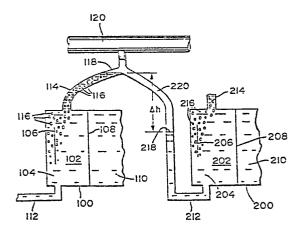
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## (54) Electrolysis of aqueous salt solutions.

(57) An electrolysis process is disclosed in which an electrolyte, either anolyte or catholyte, is transferred serially from one cell (100), in a bank of a plurality of cells, to the corresponding electrolyte compartment of a succeeding cell (200) in the bank. The transfer is accomplished by means of a gas-lift in which gas, present in the compartment of the electrolyte to be transferred, rises through a confined space (114). The space is dimensioned such that the gas serves to lift the electrolyte upward to a point (118) where the gas and liquid separate and the liquid electrolyte is allowed to fall freely to a collection point from which it is introduced into the corresponding electrolyte compartment of a succeeding cell.



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