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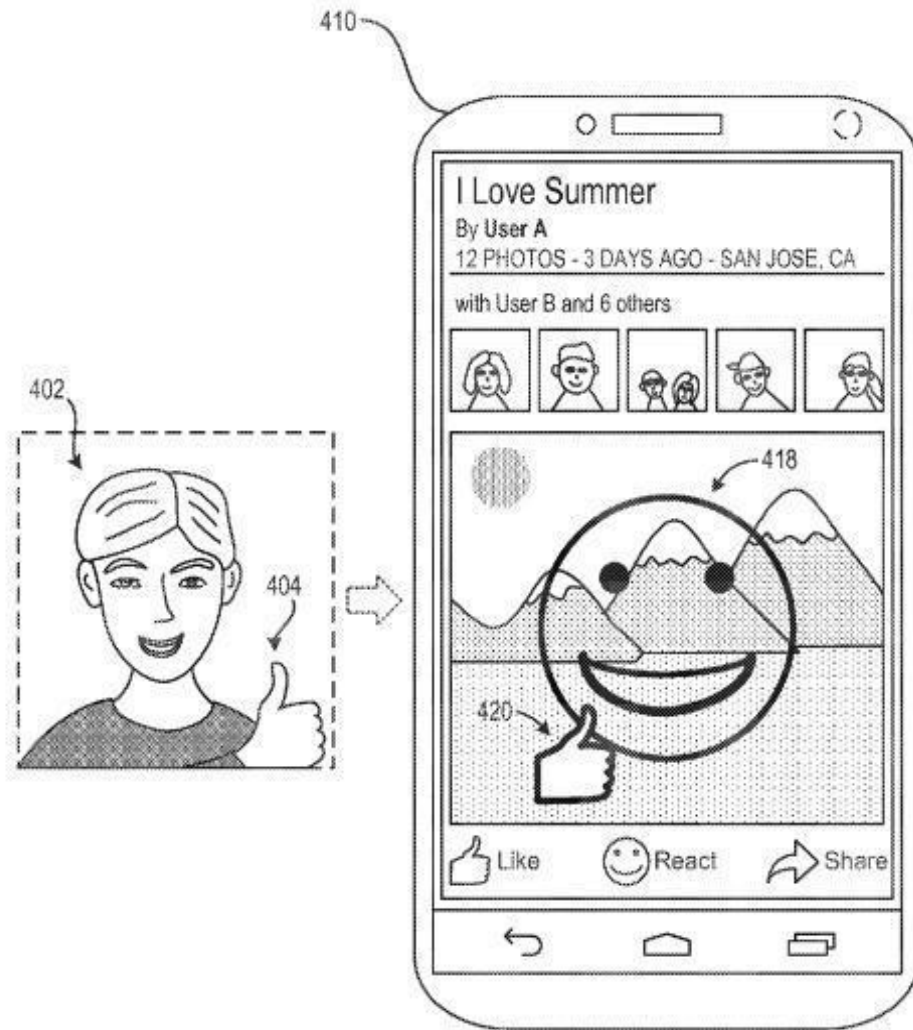
Facebook wants to spy on people through their smartphone camera and analyse the emotions on their face

Social network patents technology which monitors users' reactions to the posts, messages and adverts they see on its app

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FACEBOOK has been secretly developing creepy technology which spies on people and automatically analyses their facial expressions.

The social network applied for a patent to capture pictures of a user through their smartphone.



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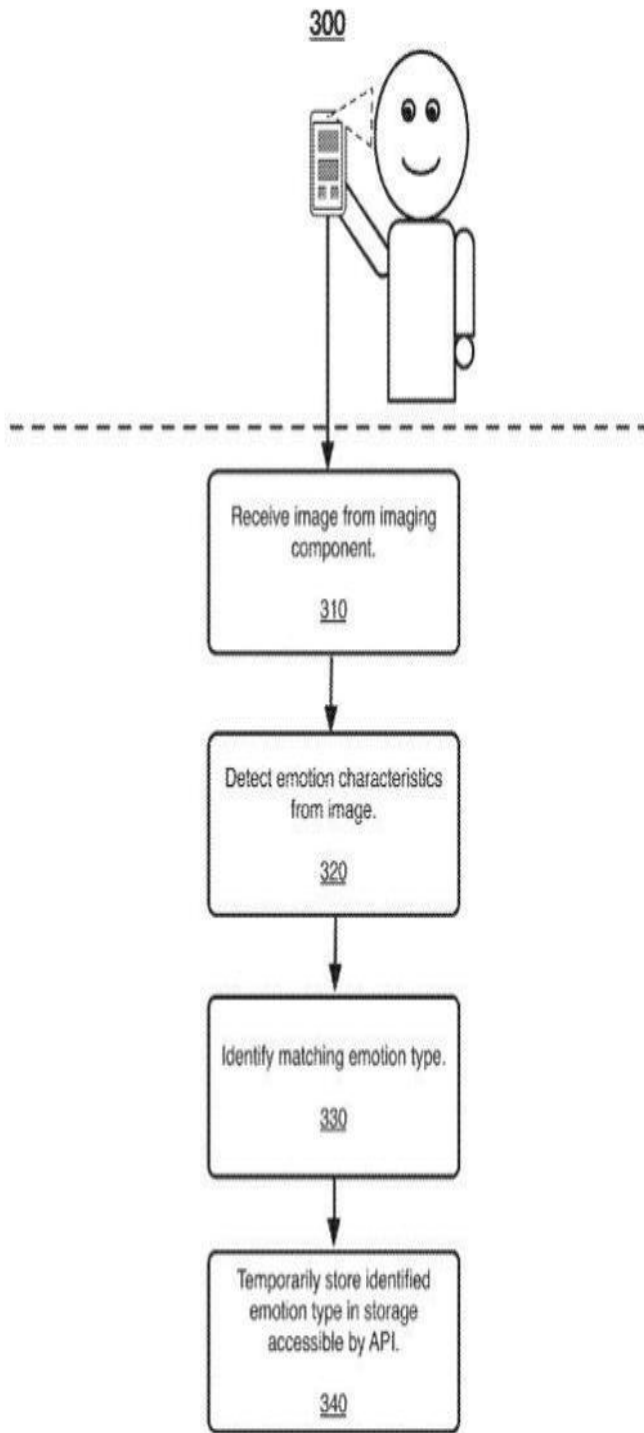


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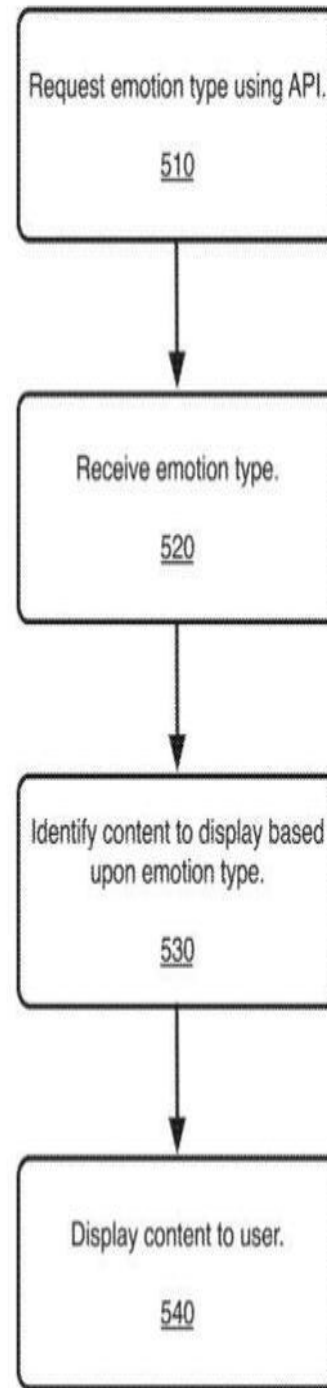


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