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DEVICE FOR HANDLING WELL CASINGS

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Application  
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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP0171144A1] A device (1) for use in handling casing (20) in a rotary drilling rig configuration comprises a first member (30) attachable to a lifting block (10), a second member (31) to which the casing (20) can be connected and a bellows (40) which is disposed between the first member (30) and the second member (31) and can be inflated via an air line (41). The casing (20) is positioned directly above the assembled casing string (21). In operation the bellows (40) is pressurized until the maximum pressure permitted by a relief valve (not shown) is attained. The rig hand may then manually adjust the pressure downward until the preferred pressure is reached. Because of the <<lift>> provided by the bellows (40), that preferred pressure will be characterized by the seemingly weightless suspension of the casing (20) above the box (22) and the relative ease with which the casing (20) may be manually lowered by the rig hand under the increased control provided by the device, so that the threads of the pin (23) and box (22) may be properly aligned and connected with damage to neither. If the weight of each casing (20) is substantially the same weight as the prior casing, the rig hand may simply adjust the adjustable pressure relief valve to vent at a pressure corresponding to the bellows being nearly fully extended with the load applied.

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