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Autonomous inflow restrictors for use in a subterranean well

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Autonome Zuflussbegrenzer zur Verwendung in einem unterirdischen Bohrloch

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Abstract (en)
Autonomous flow restrictors for use in a subterranean well. An apparatus is disclosed for use in a well wherein both oil and gas are produced. The apparatus includes multiple flow blocking members (7) having a density less than that of the oil. The members are positioned within a chamber (24) with the members increasingly restricting a flow of the gas out of the chamber through multiple outlets (4). Another apparatus is disclosed for restricting production of at least one undesired fluid which has a density different from a density of a desired fluid. The apparatus includes at least one flow restrictor and at least one bypass flow restrictor. The bypass restrictor may have a greater restriction to flow therethrough as compared to the other flow restrictor. The apparatus further includes multiple flow blocking members operative to increasingly restrict flow of the undesired fluid through the flow restrictor in response to an increased proportion of the undesired fluid.

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