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⑤④ **Fluid storage device.**

⑤⑦ Gas or light liquid (211) is stored in an open bottomed floating container device (202) stabilised by peripherally disposed vertical buoyancy/balancing units (209) in and part out of the surrounding liquid (211) which units (209) give differential buoyancy forces on disturbance of the device (202) from a uniform floating attitude.

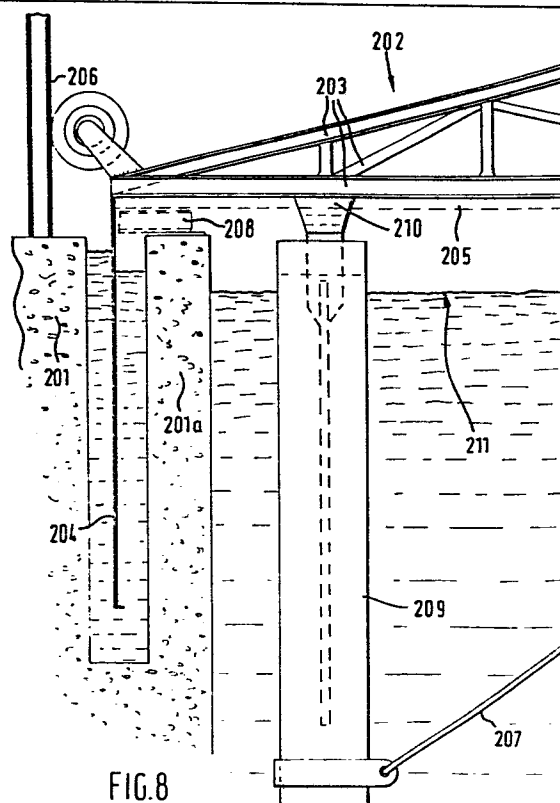


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