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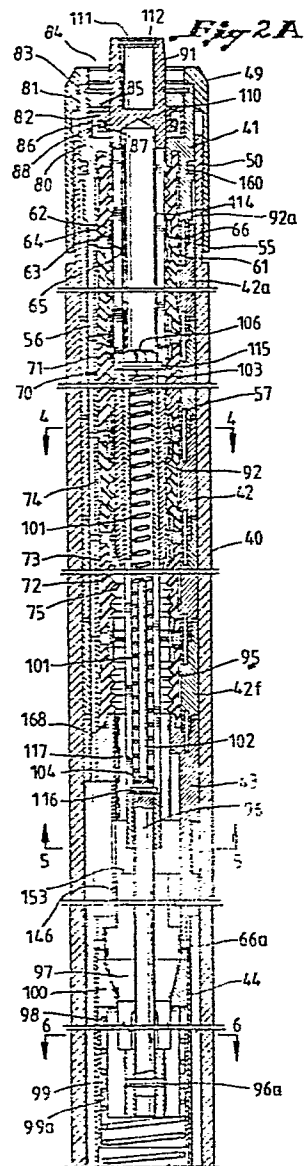
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(54) **Wet electrical connector.**

(57) Connector assembly for use in fluid medium comprising a male connector with a cylindrical pin (10) with several axially spaced contact elements (11), and a female connector with a tubular housing (40) and axially spaced annular contacts (61, 62) secured inside the housing (40). Seals (70, 91) with a flexible central portion are alternated with the contacts and with the latter define a bore to accommodate the pin. A chamber (121) filled with dielectric liquid is defined within the housing (40) as a rear extension of the bore, the entry of which is closed to external fluid by a sealing member. A free space (74) is left around the flexible portion of each tubular seal, and each of said spaces (74) communicates with the aforementioned chamber (121). Means are provided by which the pressure

increases in the chamber (121) when the pin (10) is inserted. The pressure rise in the spaces (74) around the seals (70) increases the pressure force of the seals against the pin (10).





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