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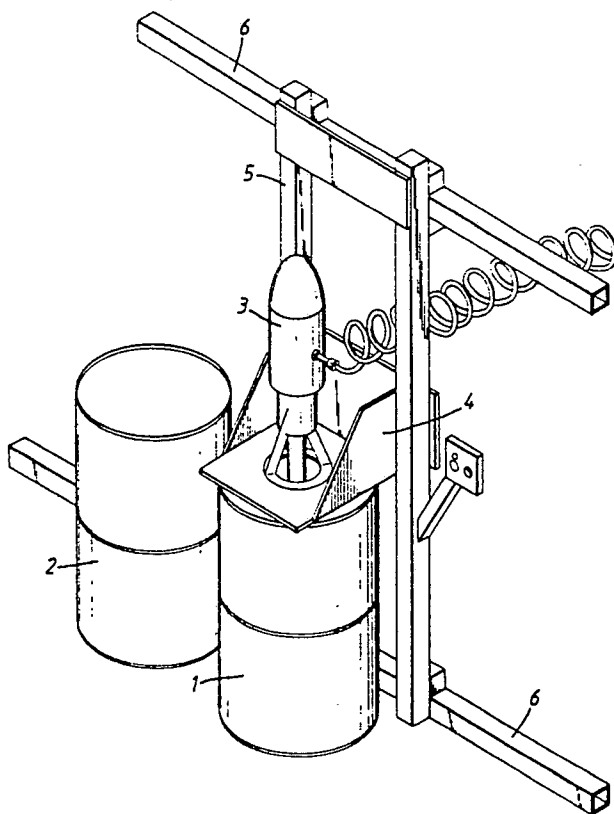
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(54) Pumping apparatus.

(57) A pump apparatus is provided for removing viscous material from containers (1). The apparatus comprises a pump assembly (3,4) adapted to fit sealingly within the container to extract material from the container beneath a seal of the assembly. A rigid mounting means (4) for the assembly is movable in use upwardly and downwardly on second mounting means (5). The second mounting means (5) are movable in a translational direction along elongate support means (6) to bring the assembly into position for pumping one or more other containers. The apparatus enables successive containers to be pumped in quick succession but without any loss in the rigidity of the pumping apparatus.



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