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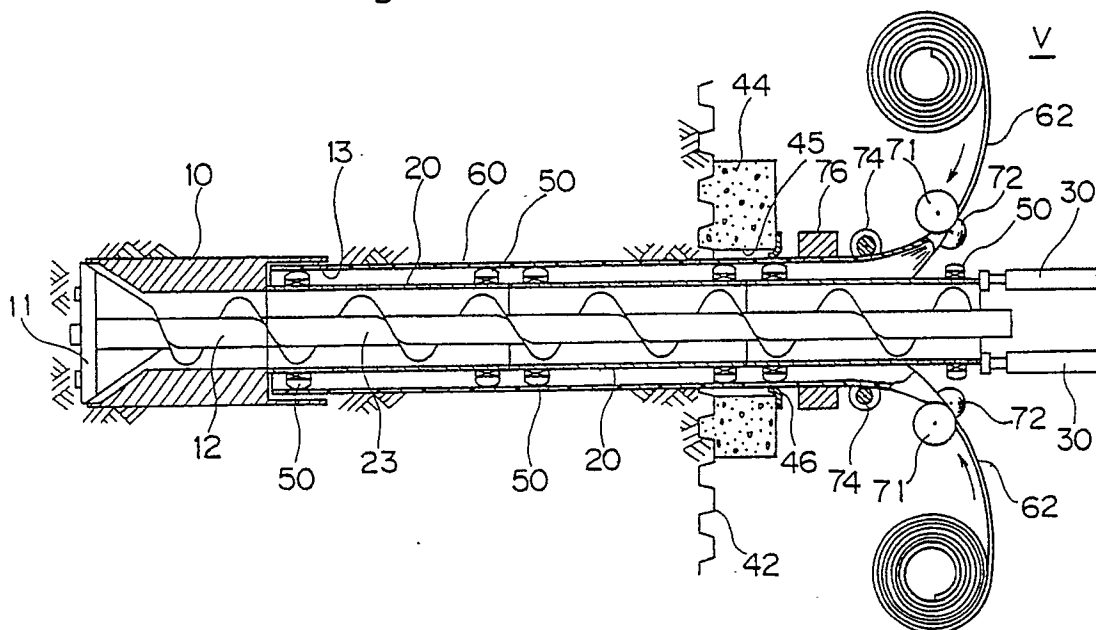
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(54) **Propulsion process of buried pipe.**

(57) In a propulsion process of buried pipe, an endless pipe to be buried is formed by sequentially curving a pipe material (62) of long hoop shape made of a plastic material, and this endless pipe is

successively inserted and propelled into the burying hole while forming the burying hole by propelling a leader (10) in the ground.

Fig. 1



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