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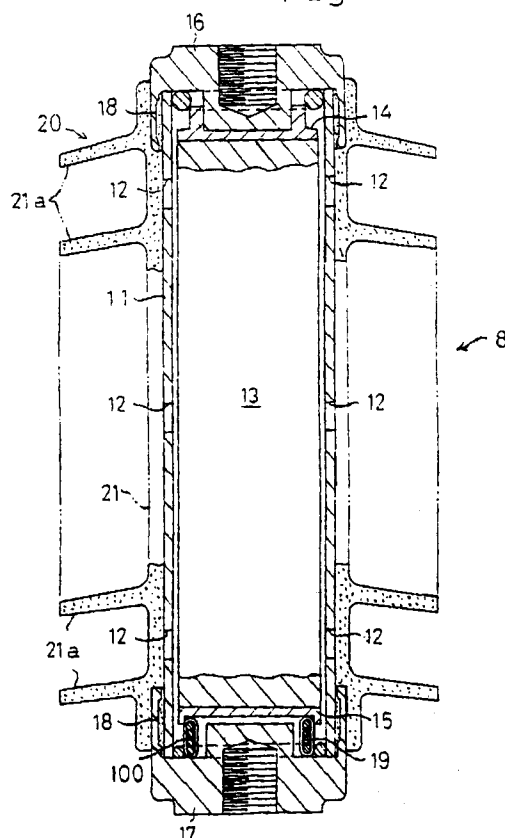
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(57) An arrestor unit is disclosed for protecting a power transmission (5) line against lightening surges. The arrestor unit includes a discharge electrode (9) that is electrically separated from the power transmission line (5) by a series air gap (G). A plurality of non-linear resistors (13) are provided between the discharge electrode (9) and an electrical ground. A container (20) is provided to house the non-linear resistors (13). The container (20) is arranged to discharge residual electric charges that accumulate in the non-linear resistors (13). The discharge constant of the container (20) and non-linear resistors (13) is set to a value less than the time interval between voltage surges of a normal multiple surge lightning current.

Fig. 1

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