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### (54) Method of and apparatus for assembling a tool string

(57) A method of and apparatus for assembling a tool string includes a body member (12) and a coupling mechanism (6, 7, 8, 9) on the body member (12). The coupling mechanism (6, 7, 8, 9) releasably secures the body member (12) to an internal profile (3) in the bore-hole (1). The apparatus also includes a support mech-

anism (15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23) on the body member (12). The support mechanism (15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23) is movable between a support position (50) in which the tool string or a portion (24) of the tool string is supported on the body member (12), and a release position (52) in which the tool string or portion (24) is released from the body member (12).

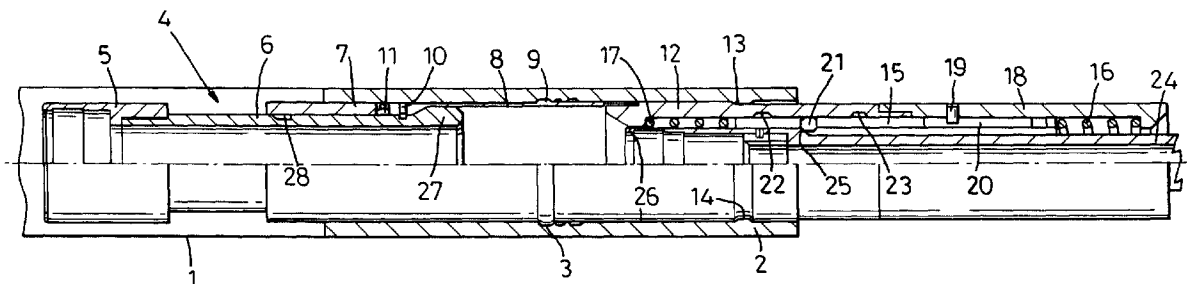


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