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(54) Flammable fluid heating apparatus

(57) This invention provides a flammable fluid fuelled heater (1) providing a direct opening (5) into the primary combustion chamber (2) to provide an unobstructed view of the fire. Any circulating means such as a fan (6) may be provided adjacent the opening (5) so as to provide an air curtain across the opening. This may limit the flow of air through the opening (5) to reduce overall throughput as well as reducing spillage out the opening. In addition, the artificial log assembly (16) in the fire may be arranged so that at least some of the logs (17) meet reflective surfaces (18,19,20) at right angles so as to provide a visual continuity into the reflective surface and thereby provide a larger visual appearance to the fire.

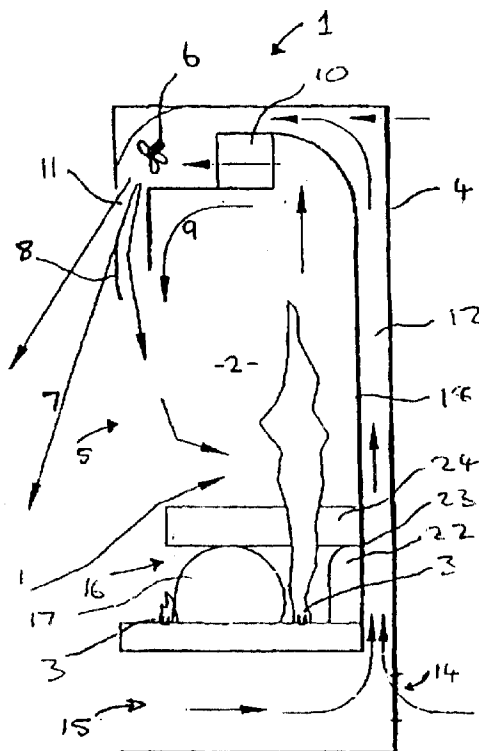


FIGURE 1

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