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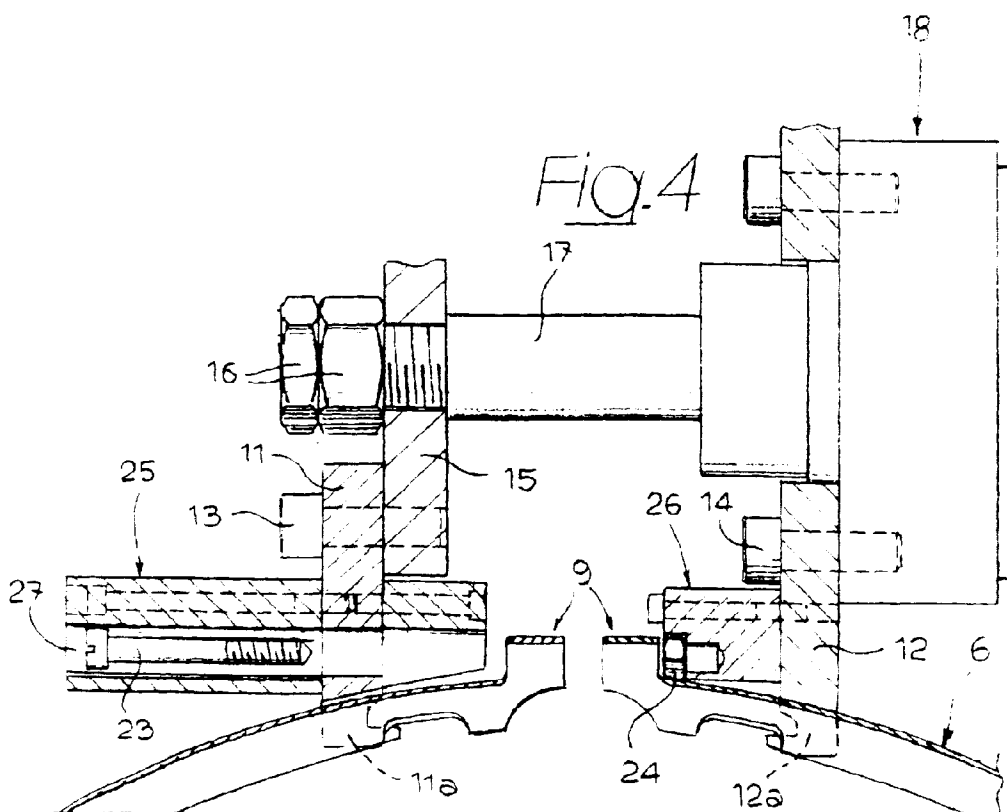
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(54) Method for mounting a coupling ring on for a washing machine tub

(57) When mounting a split coupling ring (6) on the two juxtaposed peripheral flanges (2a, 3a) of two elements (2, 3) constituting the tub (1) of a laundry washing

machine, a clamping tangential bolt (23, 24) is applied and tightened only once the ends (9) of the coupling ring (6) have been moved towards each other at least to a first extent by an auxiliary tool (11, 12, 18).



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