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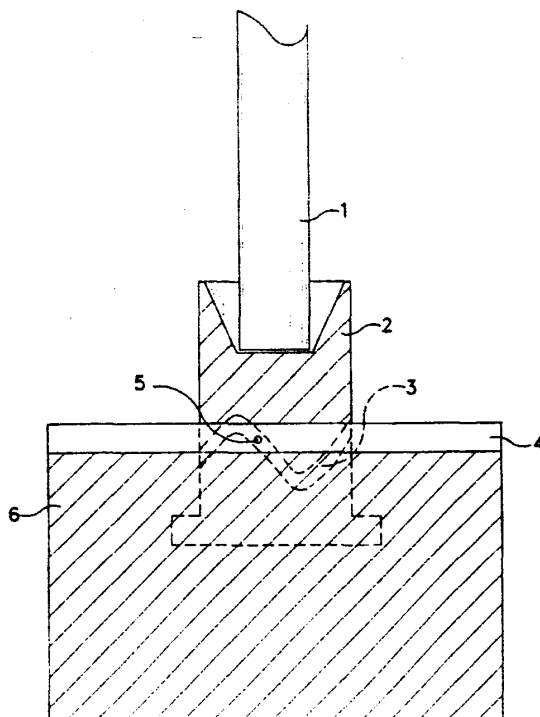
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(54) **Centrifugally actuated tube rotor mechanism**

(57) The present invention relates to an apparatus for producing rotation of a vessel about its longitudinal

axis during centrifugation. The apparatus of the present invention is adapted for placement within, for example, a centrifuge rotor.

FIG-1



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