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(54) **Central heating boiler**

(57) The invention relates to a central heating boiler, comprising a furnace (11) whose inlet (11a) is fitted with an oil or gas burner (12) and whose rear section is provided with an outlet (11b) for flue gases, a water space (10) encircling the furnace, through which is extended a heating water circulation (14, 15), as well as at least one heat exchanger for heating warm service water. The heat exchanger comprises a flattish container (3) located in the rear section of the furnace (11) and at a small distance from the rear wall of the furnace. The warm service water has its output (21) fitted with a thermostat (5) which is coupled to control said oil or gas burner (12) on the basis of the service water temperature. In the boiler of the invention, the heat exchanger (3) is provided with an inlet pipe (31) whose end (32) opens into the interior of the heat exchanger (3) at a point substantially higher than an end (34) of its outlet pipe (33).

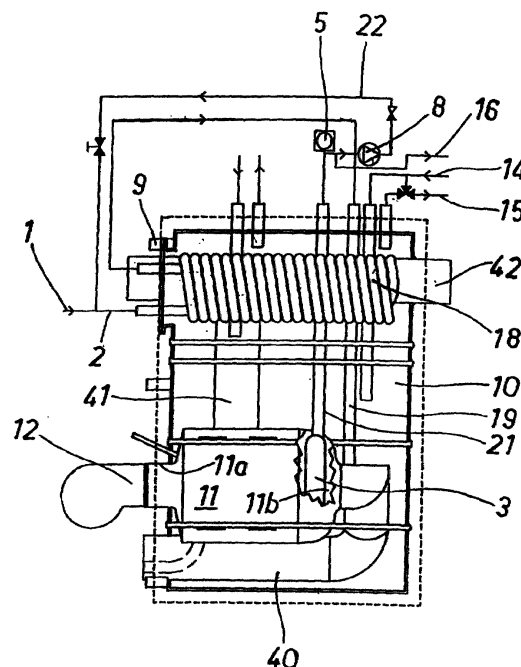


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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-11

Claim 1 and the following dependent claims relate to a central heating boiler which is capable of quickly heating of service water, CHARACTERIZED in that the heat exchanger (3) is provided with an inlet pipe (31) whose end (32) opens into the interior of the heat exchanger (3) at a point substantially higher than the end (34) of its outlet pipe (33).

2. Claim : 12

Independent claim 12 relates to a central heating boiler which is capable of achieving an effective heating of heating water CHARACTERIZED in that the heat exchanger container (3) opens at its top and bottom portion into the water space (10) surrounding the furnace (11)

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