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(57) A housing 4 includes a carriage 6 and block 8, which are slidably cooperable to retain a first cable 18 therebetween. A further cable 40 to be electrically coupled to the first cable 18 fits within the block 8. Screw members 36, 38 electrically couple the cables 18, 40

together within the confines of the housing 4. A blade 26, also within the confines of the housing 4, is able to sever the cable 18 prior to electrically coupling this with the further cable 40. Because all of the operations are carried out within the confines of the housing 4, the risk to an operative of an electric shock is reduced.

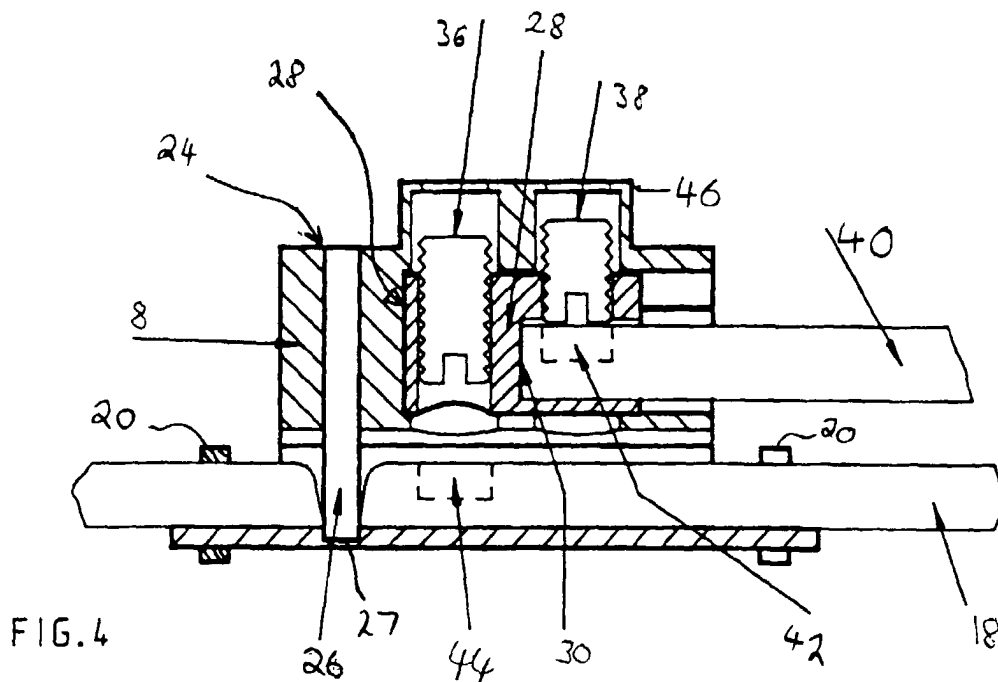


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