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(54) **Equipment for stowing and handling rods used in drilling rigs**

(57) Equipment (8) for stowing and handling rods (5) used in drilling plants presenting a service well (7) for removing and placing the individual rods (5), and a control unit (8) for moving the rods (5) suitable for moving the rods from and to the service well (7) itself, and presenting, in turn, a preassembled tiltable loader which is

able to move between a flat working position and a raised working position in order to arrange the rods (5) on an upright (B) of said service well (7); said equipment also presents a sliding positioning device (21) which is associated with the tiltable loader (13) in order to position each rod (5) in a set-up working position at a determined height along the upright (B) of the service well (7).

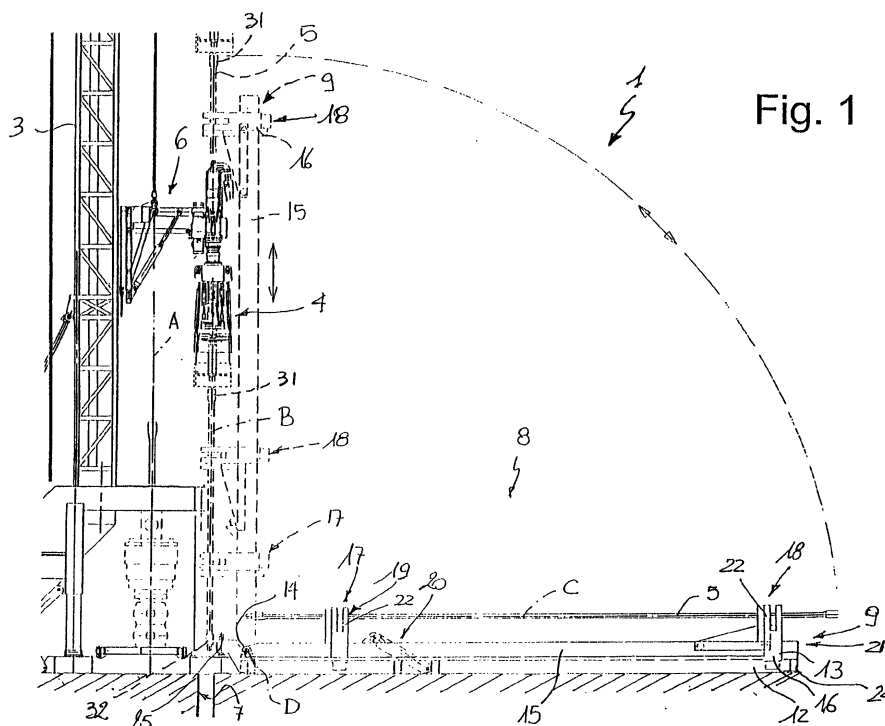


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