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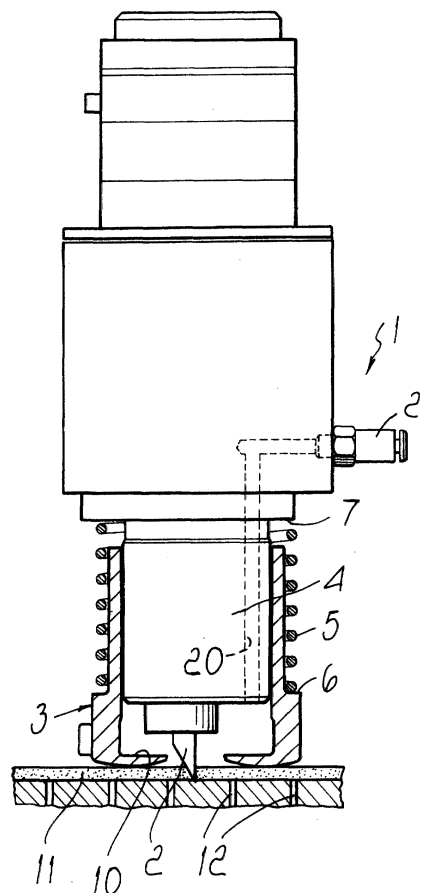
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(54) **Cutting unit for sheet-like elements in general and particularly for hides and the like**

(57) A cutting unit (1) for sheet-like elements (11) in general and particularly for hides, comprising a cutting blade (2) arranged inside a telescopic element (3) which ends axially with a pad (10) acting on the upper face of the sheet-like element (11) to be cut. Means (20) for introducing pressurized fluid in the telescopic element (3) being provided in order to apply pneumatic pressure to the upper face of the sheet-like element (11).



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