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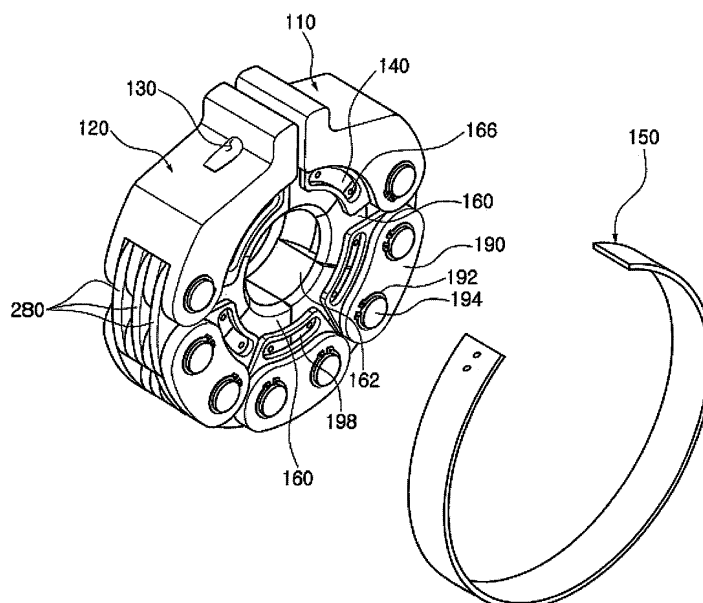
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(54) **Press-connecting apparatus for pipes**

(57) An apparatus for press-connecting pipes (100) is disclosed. The apparatus (100) has integrally organized but simply structured chain links and identically molded support blocks (180). So the apparatus requires reduced parts in number and reduced steps in manufacture and assembly processes. Because of reduced

number, the parts of the apparatus have a reduced possibility of damages. In addition, the apparatus has conical shaped receptive groove (130) allowing a non-straight or nonlinear engagement of engaging ends (540) of a pressing tool (500). So the apparatus can be used for a free-directional pipe pressing work even in a space not enough to perform a straight work.

[Figure 10]





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