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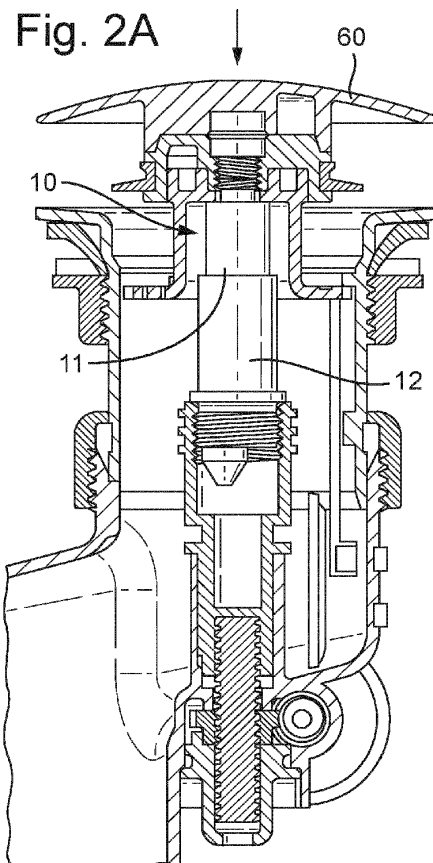
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(54) **ASSEMBLY AND DRAIN COVER**

(57) In the present invention, an assembly for sealing a drain is provided. The assembly is configured to be operated manually and automatically. The assembly comprising a mechanism comprising a first member and a second member, a sealing module comprising a seal for sealing an aperture, and an automated device. In the present invention, a further assembly for sealing a drain is provided. The assembly comprising a sealing module comprising a seal for sealing an aperture, and a cover for covering a drain.





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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: 1-12(completely); 13, 15(partially)

An assembly for sealing a drain, wherein the assembly is configured to be operated manually and automatically, the assembly comprising: a mechanism comprising a first member and a second member, the first member being configured to move in a linear direction relative to the second member to move the mechanism between a first configuration, in which the mechanism is in a stable extended state, and a second configuration, in which the mechanism is in a stable compressed state; a sealing module comprising a seal for sealing an aperture, the sealing module being connected to the first member so as to move with the first member in the linear direction; a protrusion configured to limit movement of the first member; and an automated device connected to the second member; wherein during manual operation, the second member is stationary and the first member is moved by a user between a first position, in which the mechanism is in the first configuration, and a second position, in which the mechanism is in the second configuration, and wherein during automatic operation, the automated device is configured to move the second member so as to move the first member from the first position to the second position or from the second position to the first position.

2. claims: 14(completely); 13, 15(partially)

An assembly for sealing a drain comprising: a sealing module comprising a seal for sealing an aperture, the sealing module being configured to connect to a mechanism configured to control movement of the sealing module in a linear direction; and a cover for covering a drain, the cover and sealing module being releasably connected to each other, wherein the cover is configured to automatically detach from the sealing component.

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