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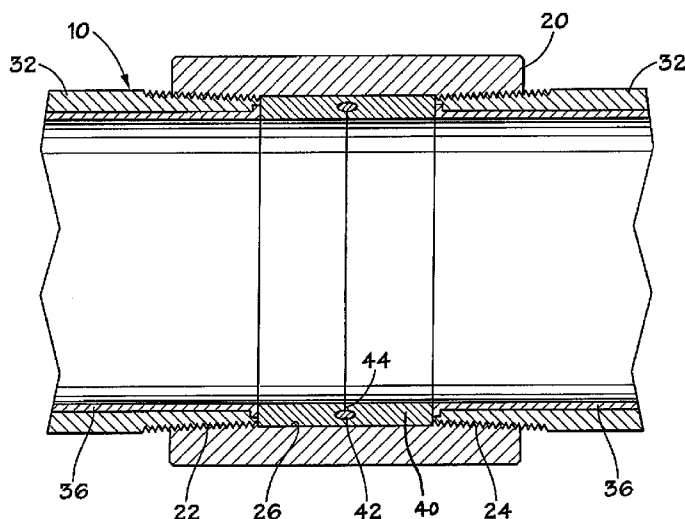
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(57) Abstract: A protective ring (40) for use in a coupling assembly (10), the coupling assembly comprising a coupling body (20) of generally cylindrical shape with a channel therethrough, each end of said coupling body having a thread (22, 24) for threaded mating with a tubular (32) so that the coupling assembly may provide a connection between two tubulars, the protective ring comprising a ring body for positioning adjacent an interior wall (26) of said coupling body (20) between the two ends thereof and located for contact by said two tubulars (32), said ring body being generally cylindrical and having a ring channel therethrough, characterised in that said protective ring comprises an energizing member (42), the arrangement being such that, in use, upon compression of said protective ring (40) between said two tubulars (32) said energizing member (42) urges said ring body against said interior wall (26) of said coupling body (20) whereby corrosive material is inhibited from contact therewith.

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