

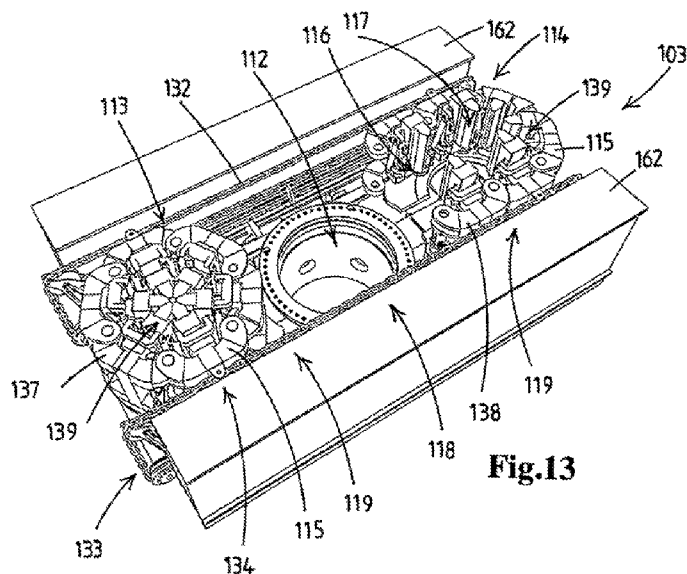
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**Fig.13**(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to a drilling
vessel comprising a drilling tower and a tubular
string support structure for supporting a tubular
string in the firing line of the drilling tower. The
tubular string support structure comprises two par-
allel rails and two carts supported by those rails.
Both carts have a hanger body, comprising a cen-
tral passage, for supporting a tubular, and each cart
can be moved between a central support position
for supporting a tubular in the firing line, and a
secondary position adjacent the central support
position. When both carts are located in their sec-
ondary position, the carts are located on opposite
sides of the firing line, such that between the carts
there is a passage for passing through large objects
along the firing line.