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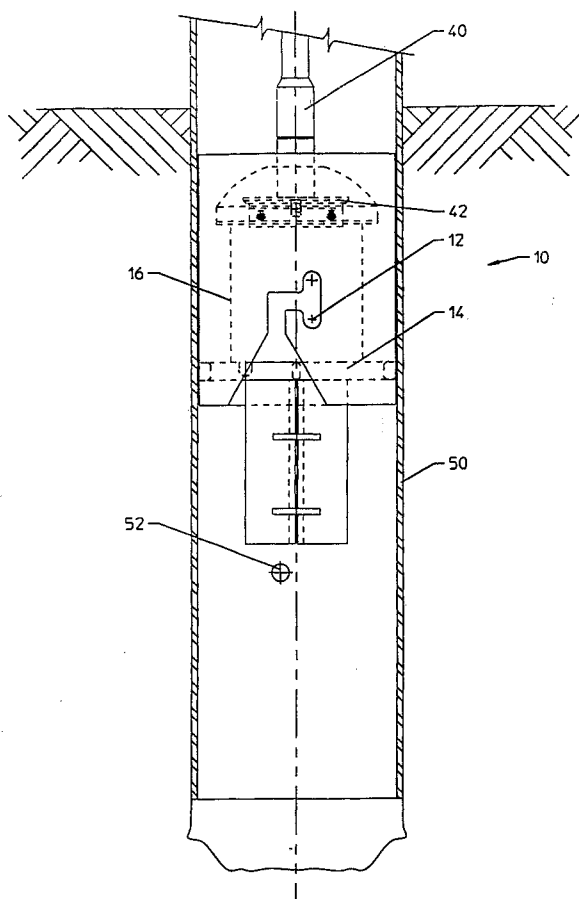
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(54) Title: DOWNHOLE TUBULAR SPLITTER ASSEMBLY AND METHOD



(57) Abstract: A splitter assembly (10) is positioned downhole within a conductor (50) for separating two or more tubular strings placed within the conductor. A splitter housing may include a first bore (26) and a second bore (28) for separating a first well from a second well, and a plug (24) positioned in one of the bores including a top face (25) sloping downwardly toward the other bore. One or more guide plates (18) secured to the splitter housing and positioned above the plug guide a bit or other tool toward one of the first bore and the second bore. The splitter housing (10) may be positioned along the conductor (50) after the conductor is jettied in place. According to the method, the plug in one of the bores is retrieved after a casing is run in one well, so that the second bit and the second casing will pass through the bore which previously included the plug.



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