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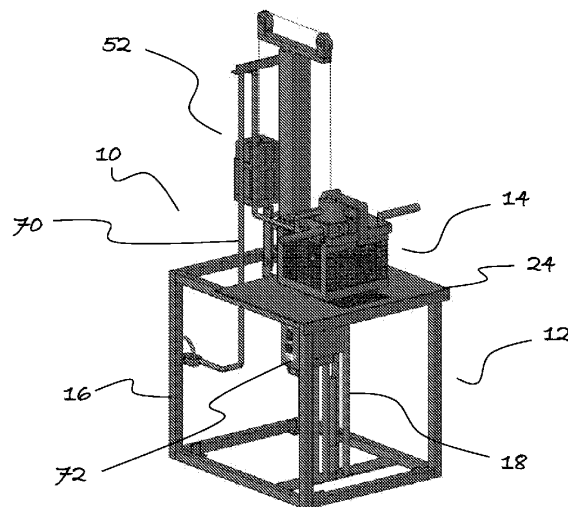


Fig 3

(57) Abstract: An apparatus and method for cleaning a threaded section having a first thread adapted to receive a counterpart threaded section having a second thread, the apparatus comprising a source of rotational movement, rotational means for operatively connecting either the threaded section or the counterpart threaded section or the threaded section to the source of rotational movement, and fixing means for fixing either (1) the counterpart threaded section to impede rotational movement the counterpart threaded section when the threaded section is operatively connected to the source of rotational movement or (2) the threaded section to impede rotational movement the threaded section when the counterpart threaded section is operatively connected to the source of rotational movement.

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