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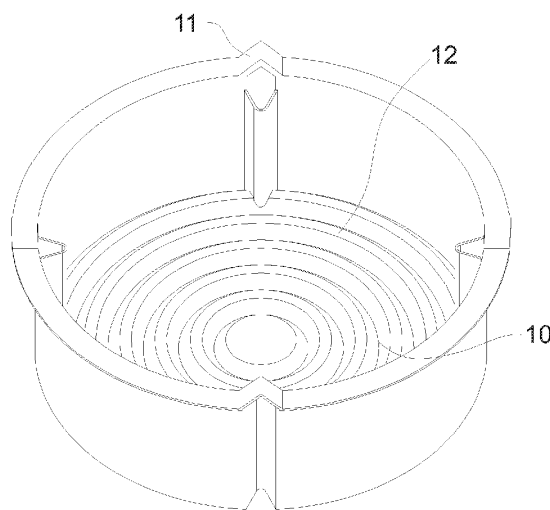


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses an end protector (1) for mounting on a tubular element (9). The end protector having a side portion (2), a closed bottom end portion (3), and an open top end (4). The bottom end (3) faces the tubular element (9) when mounted, and the top end (4) is enclosed by a peripheral brim (5) along the side portion (2). The side portion (2) includes at least one longitudinal slit (6) extending from the top end (4) to the bottom end portion (3) and is formed by at least one connecting element (7) that extends at least partially into the interior of the side portion (2), connecting the side portion (2) on both sides of the slit (6). The brim (5) includes at least one cutout (8) and at least one elevation portion (11), which prevent the brim (5) from bulging. The closed bottom end portion (3) features a plurality of grooves (10) and elevations (12). As the walls of the slits (6) move towards each other, the opposite walls (13) and (14) of the elevations (12) on the bottom end portion (3) also move towards each other, thereby reducing

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the likelihood of the bottom end portion (3) surging.