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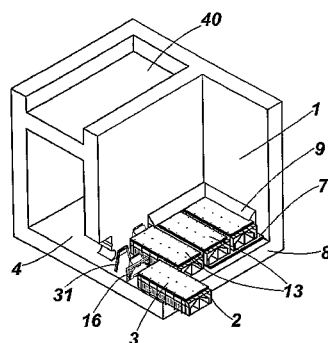
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**Fig. 1**

(57) **Abstract:** A water filtration apparatus has at least one tank (1) in fluid communication with a conduit (4) through at least one aperture (11, 12) in a wall (10). The or each tank (1) uses filter blocks (2) to support the filter medium and to direct the filtered water to the conduit (4) via the apertures. An end plate (16) for the filter block (2) is provided, the end plate being adapted to seal against a free end of the filter block. The end plate also provides aperture means (18) for fluid flow into and out of the filter block, and means (17) for receiving a sealant to provide a seal between the end plate (16) and the wall (10). The end plate improves the installation of the apparatus, and the sealant improves the reliability of the seal round the aperture means, which in turn improves the efficiency of a backwash operation used to clean the filter medium.