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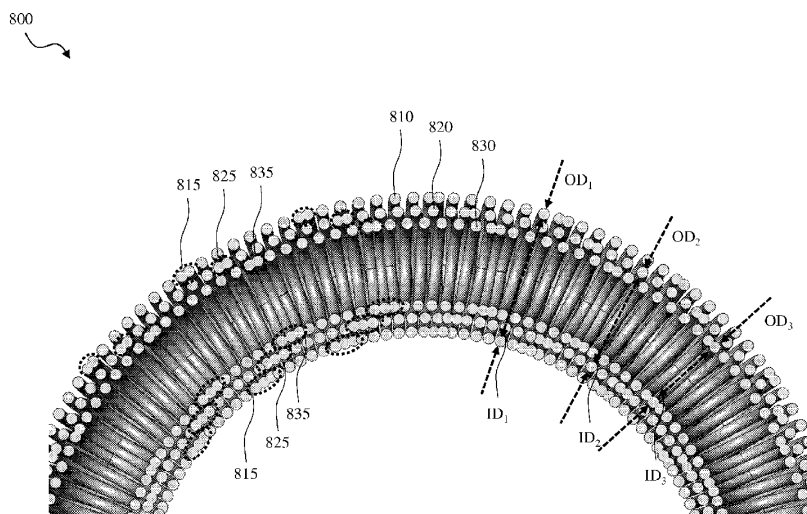


FIG. 8C

(57) Abstract: Provided is a garter spring, a downhole tool and a well system. The garter spring, in one aspect, includes an outer coiled spring member having an inside diameter (ID<sub>1</sub>) and an outside diameter (OD<sub>1</sub>). The garter spring, in accordance with this aspect, further includes a middle coiled spring member having an inside diameter (ID<sub>2</sub>) and an outside diameter (OD<sub>2</sub>) located within the inside diameter (ID<sub>1</sub>) of the outer coiled spring member. The garter spring, in accordance with this aspect, additionally includes an inner coiled spring member having an inside diameter (ID<sub>3</sub>) and an outside diameter (OD<sub>3</sub>) located within the inside diameter (ID<sub>2</sub>) of the middle coiled spring member. coiled spring member, and a plurality of spaced balls located within an inside diameter (ID) of the coiled spring member.

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