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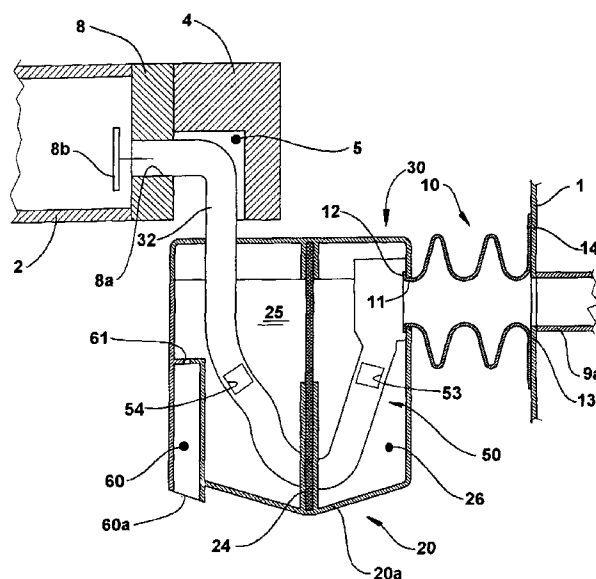
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(57) Abstract: A suction muffler for a reciprocating hermetic compressor mounted inside a hermetic shell (1), said suction muffler comprising a hollow body (20) defining at least one acoustic chamber and provided with a gas inlet (22) connected to a suction line (9) by means of a tubular connector, and with a gas outlet (32) connected to a suction valve (8b) of the compressor, said equalizing chamber (60) being provided, on one side, with an opening (60a) to the interior of the hermetic shell (1) and, on the other side, with a fluid communication (61) with the acoustic chamber, said equalizing chamber (60) being dimensioned to minimize, simultaneously, the noises of the gas pulses inside the suction muffler, the mixture of said gas with that contained inside the hermetic shell (1), and the pressure differential between the interior of the latter and the suction line (9), upon operation of the compressor after a stop period.



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