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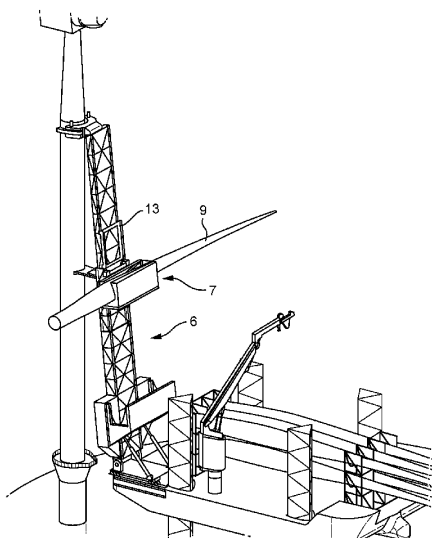
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Fig. 8



(57) Abstract: Method for installing a wind turbine blade to a nacelle of an offshore wind turbine, comprising the steps of: providing a vessel or barge with wind turbine blades and a blade installer unit comprising a blade receiving cart; at the offshore wind turbine, bringing a boom of the blade installer unit towards a wind turbine tower of the wind turbine; actuating a tower gripping device unit until the tower gripping device unit engages the tower; inserting a blade into the blade receiving cart, wherein the blade is in approximately horizontal position in the cart; moving the blade receiving cart up towards the upper end of the boom of the blade installer unit; rotating the blade until the blade is in approximately vertical position; moving the blade with respect to the cart until the blade engages the nacelle for coupling to the nacelle.

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