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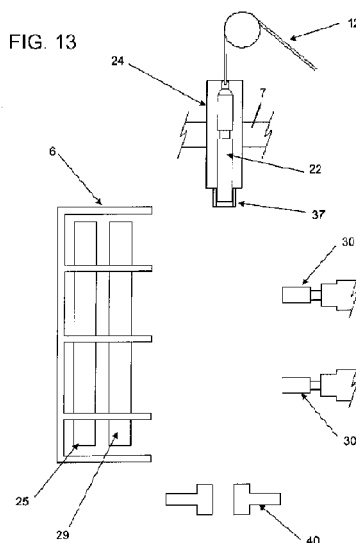
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(57) Abstract: A device and a method for seabed and water bottom drilling, core sampling and measuring, include a vertically movable and horizontally fixed cross beam, a winch fixed to the cross beam and having a rope wound thereon, a drill head disposed on the cross beam, a spindle having a bore formed therein and being driven by the drill head and an overshot having one end connected to the rope and another end passing through the bore in the spindle for attachment to and detachment from a drilling tool of a drillstring. The spindle, the rope and the drillstring together define a common centerline during attachment and detachment of the overshot to and from a drilling tool and during drilling. A lift rod connected between the rope and the overshot can be pulled into the bore in the spindle prior to commencing rotary drilling for sealing the top of the bore.

