



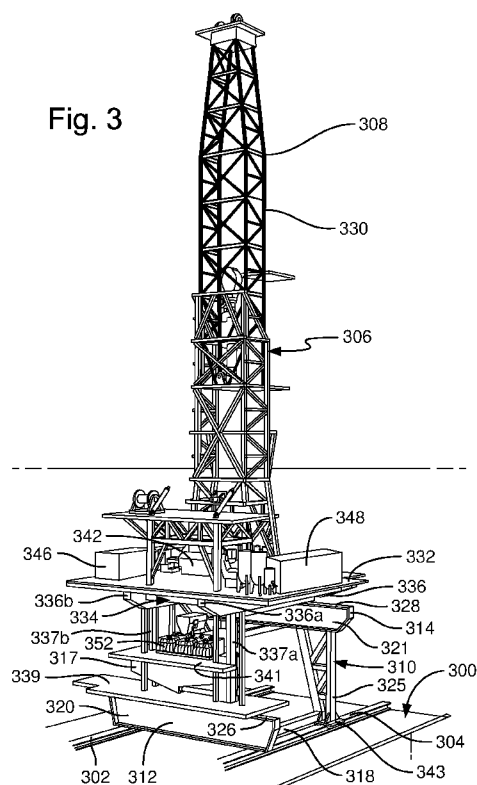
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Fig. 3



(57) Abstract: A skid assembly (300) for supporting a drilling tower (308), said skid assembly (300) comprising : (i) a first member (312) for slidably supporting a drilling tower (308); and (ii) a second member (314) for slidably supporting said drilling tower (308); said first member (312) and said second member (314) being spaced apart in a horizontal direction; characterized in that; said second member (314) is located at a higher level than said first member (312).



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