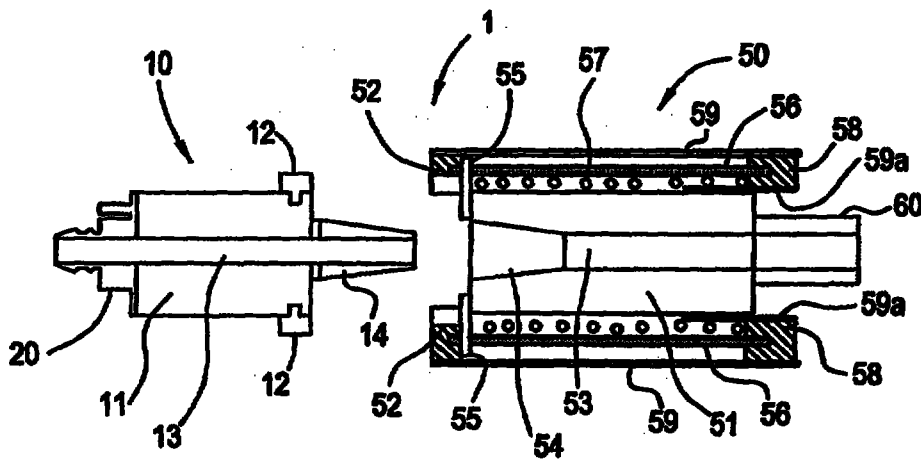




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A coupling device can connect two cryogenic fluid conduits in fluid communication without creating a temperature change. The coupling device includes a fluid flow path extending therethrough having a substantially constant cross-sectional area. The coupling device is designed to be easy to connect and disconnect and to provide a secure connection, in particular at low temperature.