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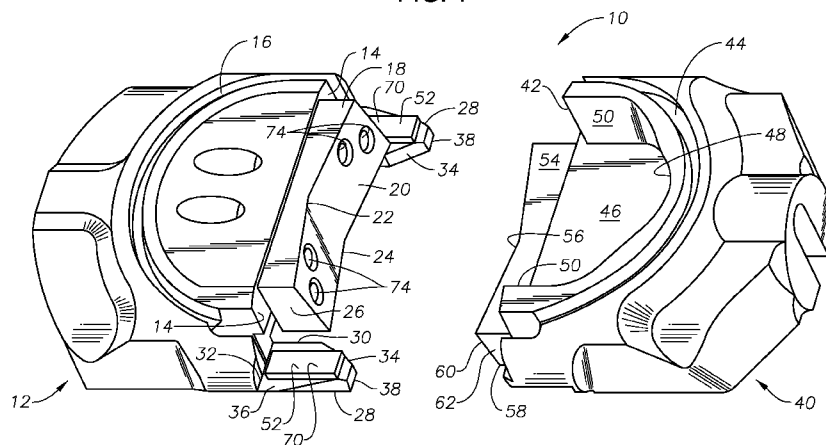
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FIG. 1



(57) Abstract: A shear ram assembly including upper and lower ram blocks having blades positioned on opposing sides of pipe and other, more ductile items, and arranged to close around and shear the pipe and the more ductile items. The shear ram assembly includes pipe guide arms attached to the upper ram block and configured to guide pipe and other items into the path of the blades, and to be received by recesses in the lower ram block. Also included are wear plates mounted on top of the pipe guide arms and positioned to force the lower ram block to rise as the arms enter the recesses, thereby causing the gap between the blades to decrease so that the blades can better shear the more ductile items.