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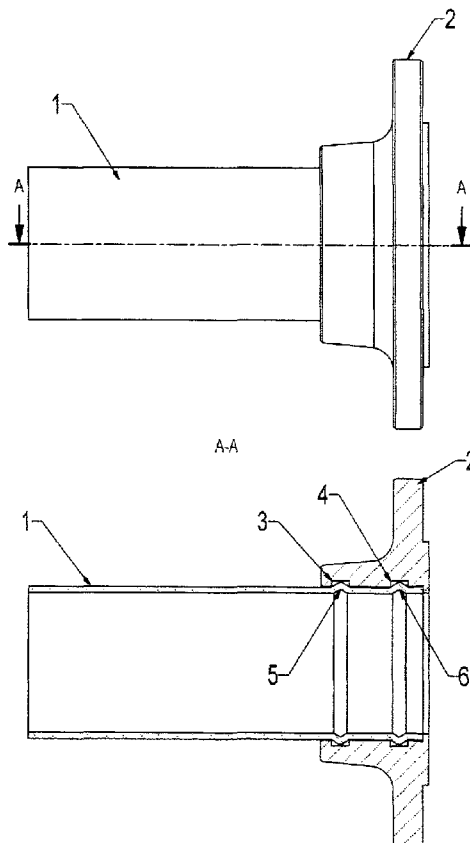
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COLD JOINING FLANGES AND COUPLINGS ELEMENTS TO PIPES



(57) Abstract: A method for joining flanges or other couplings to pipes, wherein a plurality of radially expanding segments (10) with circular ridges (11) on a tool inserted into the pipe (1), press beads (5, 6) in the pipe wall into corresponding grooves (3, 4) in the surrounding coupling element (2), where the pipe end, by means of a projection on the segments, is given an overbending outwards that prevents the pipe end from tapering inwards during the pressing of the beads. The invention comprises the interior configuration of the coupling element as well as a tool for pressing the beads.

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