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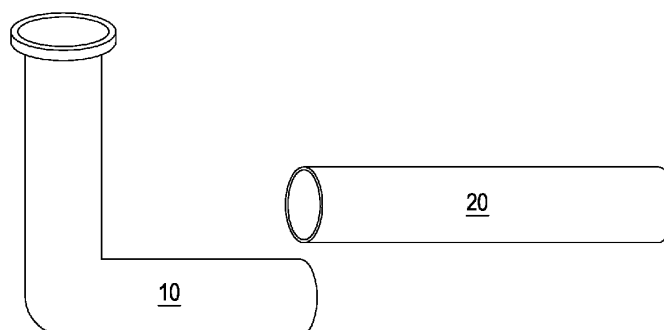


Figure 1

(57) **Abstract:** A method of cleaning the inside of pipework (10, 20, 30, 80, 90, 100) is disclosed. The method comprises the steps of selecting a section of the pipework to be cleaned, determining a hold point of the pipework. A cleaning apparatus (60) is inserted into an entry point of the pipework section, the apparatus being coupled to a fluid supply and equipped to blow the fluid along the pipework section from the first or last hold point to the entry point. The apparatus further includes image recording means (61) to obtain a visual record of the inside of the pipework. Insertion of the apparatus into the pipework continues until the apparatus reaches the hold point. A collector (70) is secured over the entry point to collect debris blown from the pipework, and a compressed air supply (111) activated. The apparatus is moved from the hold to the entry point, so blowing debris towards and into the collector. On completion, the fluid supply is deactivated and the collector containing the collected debris removed from the entry point. The apparatus is removed from the pipework and, images of the cleaned pipework reviewed.

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