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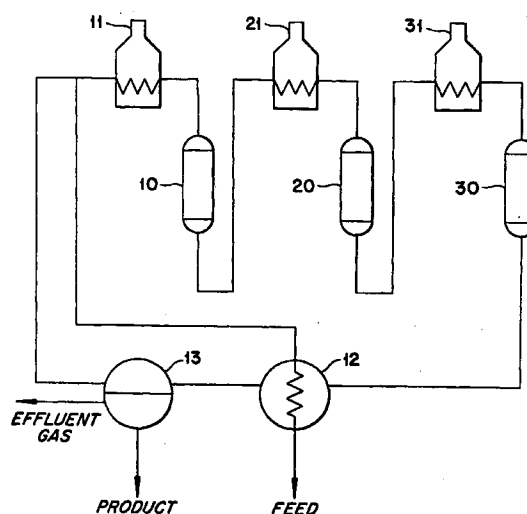
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(54) Low-sulphur reforming processes

(57) There is disclosed a method for increasing the carburization resistance of at least a portion of an apparatus for hydrocarbon conversion upon exposure to hydrocarbons at elevated temperatures, said method comprising applying a reducible paint to a steel portion of the apparatus and heating the applied paint under reducing conditions to form a protective layer which provides said carburization resistance.

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