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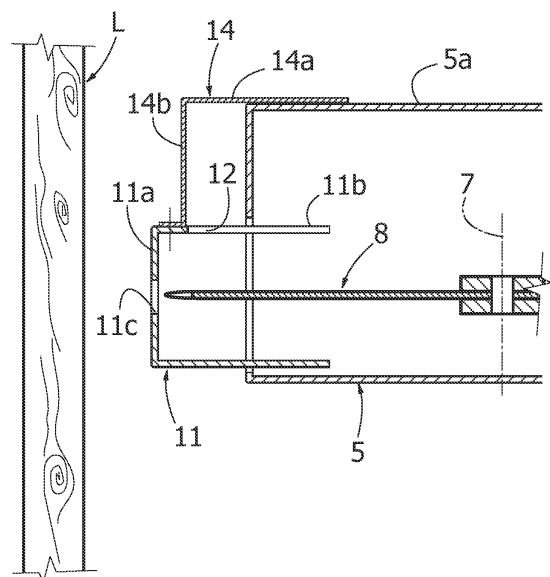
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(54) **Protection assembly for vertical panel splitting machine cutting disks, and a splitting machine including said assembly**

(57) Protection assembly (14,15,16,17), that may be mounted on a vertical splitting or sawing machine for wood panels, the protection assembly being an additional protection structure including a surface (14a,14b) that can cover an aperture (12) in an auxiliary cover (11) so as to exclude any possible access to the circular blade (8). The additional protection structure may be made in any suitable material, such as metal sheet, or metal mesh, or synthetic material, including transparent material. Also disclosed is a vertical panel splitting machine with a saw guard comprising an additional protection structure (14) that prevents any possible access by the operator to the circular blade (8).

FIG. 4





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