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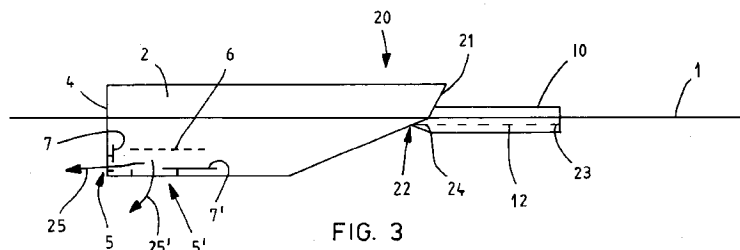


FIG. 3

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an apparatus and method for collecting material from a water system, especially from the surface or close to the surface of a water system. The method comprises - maneuvering an apparatus with a cargo space in a water system; - conducting water, present in the surface and close to the surface of the water system, and material therein to be collected, in response to the vessel's advancing speed through a collect opening, located in a fore section of the apparatus in its traveling direction, into the cargo space; - conducting water from the cargo space back into the water system through an exhaust opening in the cargo space's bottom.



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