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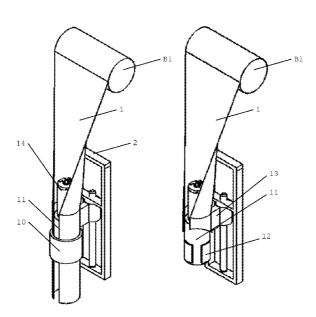
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(57) Abstract: A mechanism for forming a tube from a flat sheet wound on a drum (B1) comprises jaws (12) inside the tube pressing the tube against an outer moulder (10). A method of drilling a wellbore uses two coaxial tubes, both formed from flat strips, the inner one of which can be pulled together with the drill head leaving the outer tube as well bore casing.

Fig. 5a

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Fig. 5b

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