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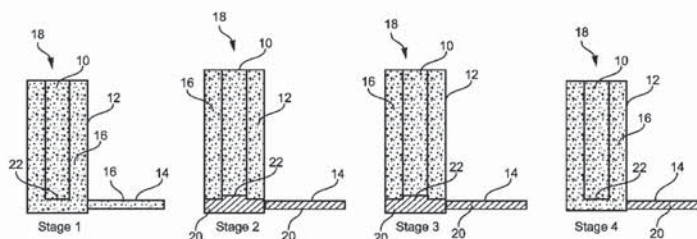


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method of treating lost circulation issues stemming from loss zones during the drilling and cementing process through the utilization of a thixotropic cement. The method comprises the steps of encountering a loss zone in a bore hole during drilling or running casing and pumping a treatment fluid into the loss zone, wherein the treatment fluid is a gel capable of gelling, breaking when sheared, and building back shear strength after shearing is removed.