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(54) **MECHANICAL CLAMP FOR CYLINDRICAL OBJECTS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A clamp for cylindrical objects uses a plurality of split-rings, each of which has a first half-ring and a second half-ring. Each first half-ring is hingedly coupled to a corresponding second half-ring at a hinge point. Means, coupled to each first half-ring at a distance from the hinge point, are coupled to a control assembly. The control assembly is operated to apply one of a pulling force to each first half-ring to simultaneously open each of the split-rings, or a pushing force to each first half-ring to simultaneously close each of the split-rings.

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