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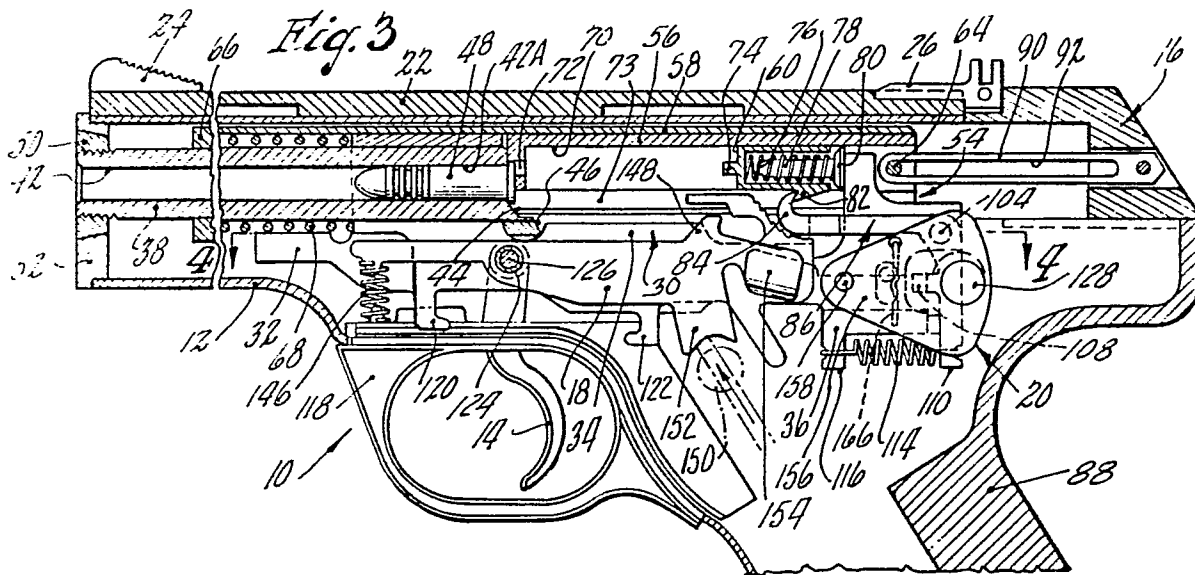
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(54) **Automatic pistol.**

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(57) A semiautomatic pistol (10) has a frame (30) defined by a stamping having two sections (30a, 30b) A barrel (38) is mounted upon a tubular portion (40) of the frame (30). A breech slide (54) is mounted upon the barrel (38) for reciprocating movement between battery and recoil positions. The barrel (38) and breech slide (54) are encased in a shell (12) which includes a charging handle (16). A slotted pulling bar (20) interconnects the charging handle (16) and the breech slide (54) so as to permit charging movement of the handle (16) and also reciprocating movement of the breech slide (54)

during firing operation of the pistol (10) without movement of the handle (16). The frame (30) arrangement foster economical manufacture and the encasement by the shell (12) of the reciprocating breech slide (54) prevents diversion of a user's attention from a target.





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