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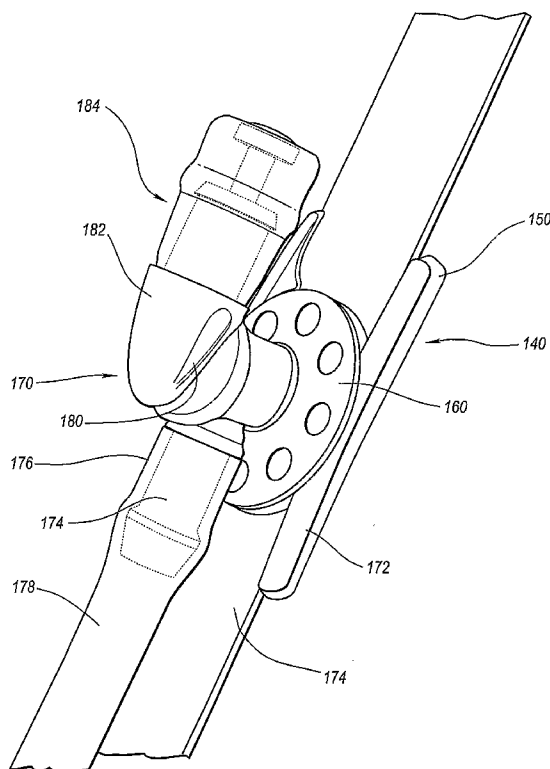
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(57) Abstract: A system for hydration has a back pack that holds a bladder with liquids for consumption by the user. The bladder has an intake port for filling and a discharge port connected to a discharge tube to transmit the fluid to a bite valve. A magnet is attached to the bite valve; and a magnet is attached to a buckle on the straps supporting the back pack. The bite valve has a free position remote from the buckle and a stored position in which the magnet on the bite valve is magnetically attached to a magnet on the buckle. The magnet has sufficient force to draw the bite valve to the buckle when the bite valve is proximate the buckle so that a user need not use a hand to unite the bite valve with the buckle.

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