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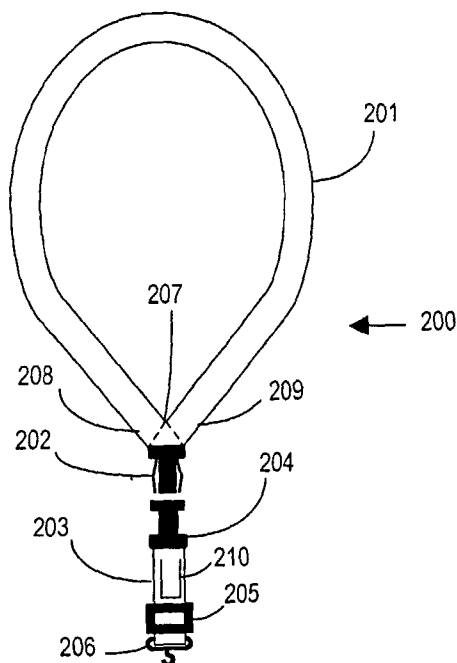
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(57) Abstract: A strap system (200) is provided which comprises a fabric neck loop (201) having two ends and a first connection (202) component affixed to at least one end of the neck loop. A connection strap (203) comprising a length of fabric is provided. A second connection component (204) is affixed to a first end of the connection strap for enabling a connection with the first connection component (202). connection means (206) may be affixed to a second end of the connection strap for enabling a connection between an object and the connection strap. The connection means may comprise a hook, a snap ring, or the like.

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## Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
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because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
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  - The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
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**BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING**

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In order for more than one species to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid. The species are as follows:

- Group I: The species in figure 2,
- Group II: the species in figure 4, and
- Group III: the species in figure 5.

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

- Group I: claims 1-6, 9-27,
- Group II: claims 1-5, 7, 9-27, and
- Group III: the species in figures 1-5, 8-27.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The species are independent and distinct from each other with respect to the specificities that exhibited in each of the corresponding species. Thus, there is no single inventive concept.