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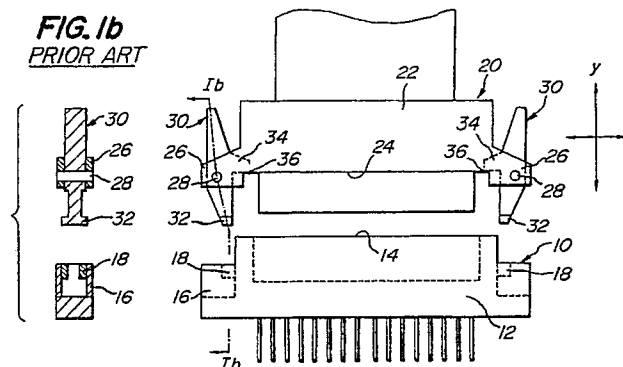
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(54) **Locking device for connectors.**

(57) A locking device for connectors includes levers rockably provided on both sides of one of the connectors and latches provided on both sides of the other connector. Each of the levers has a removing pawl extending toward the other lever and a latch piece to be engaged with the latches of the other connector to lock the connectors. When the levers are rotated for unlocking the connectors, a removed distance of one connector relative to the other con-

connector during a first half period of the rotation of the levers is made smaller than a removed distance of the one connector during the latter half period of the rotation of the levers. The above arrangement of the levers ensures that clearances between the latch pieces and the latches are as small as possible and an ultimate removed distance of the one connector from the other connector is sufficient.

**FIG. 1b**  
*PRIOR ART*



**FIG. 1a**  
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