

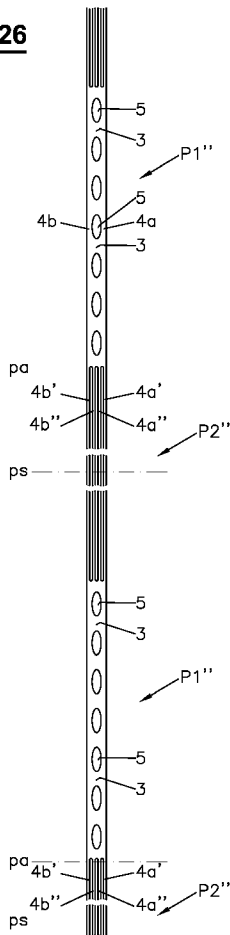


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(54) Title: IMPLANTABLE TEXTILE ANCHOR

**FIG. 26**



(57) Abstract: The implantable textile anchor comprises a collapsible member (1) including a first end (1a), a second end (1b) and a plurality of eyelets (5) arranged between the first end and the second end, and at least one filament (16- 19). The collapsible member is braided to form bifurcating and converging portions, which define the eyelets. The at least one filament (16, 17) is guided through eyelets of the collapsible member so that by pulling on the at least one filament the collapsible member collapses to a form with an increased lateral extension. The at least one filament is knotted to an eyelet and/or the at least one filament (16) and at least a second filament (17-19) are made integral with the collapsible member (1).



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