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**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF A CONVENTION  
APPLICATION FOR A PATENT**

In support of the Convention application made for a patent for an invention entitled:

APPLIANCE FOR SWIMMING IN THE TRAIL OF A BOAT

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do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:--

1. I am the applicant for the patent

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for the XXXXXXXX Federal Republic

2. The basic application as defined by section 141 of the Act was made in of Germany on the  
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me, the said FRANZ BAUMANN

3. I am the actual inventor of the invention referred to in the basic application.

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is the actual inventor of the invention and the facts upon which I am entitled

4. The basic application referred to in paragraph 2 of this Declaration was the first application made in a Convention country in respect of the invention the subject of the application.

(or, where a request is made under section 142AA of the Patents Act 1952, for an earlier application made in a Convention country to be disregarded)

4.-(1.) The basic application referred to in paragraph 2 of this Declaration was not the first application made in a Convention country in respect of the invention the subject of the application.

(2) An earlier application in respect of the invention the subject of the application was made in  
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(3.) A request has been made to you under section 142AA of the *Patents Act* 1952 to disregard that earlier application.

*(Here set out in succeeding sub-paragraphs the facts that show that section 142AA is applicable)*

Except as stated in this paragraph, the basic application referred to in paragraph 2 of this Declaration the first application made in a Convention country in respect of the invention the subject of the application. Declared at Arnsberg, Germany, this 20th day of April, 19 89.

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(57) Claim

1. Appliance for swimming in the trail of a boat, characterised by the following features:

- it consists of a board-shaped floating body (10) having a substantially square basic shape with a V-shaped edge formation, a glass panel (12) being inserted in its centre part;
- at each longitudinal side of the floating body (10) there is formed a handle (14) in the shape of an arcuate extension having a handle opening (15) located in front of a transversal axis (19);
- there is provided a coupling rope (16) the ends of which are each fastened laterally to a handle (14) in front of the transversal axis and the middle of which forms a vertex (17) positioned in front of the floating body in the stretched position of the rope.

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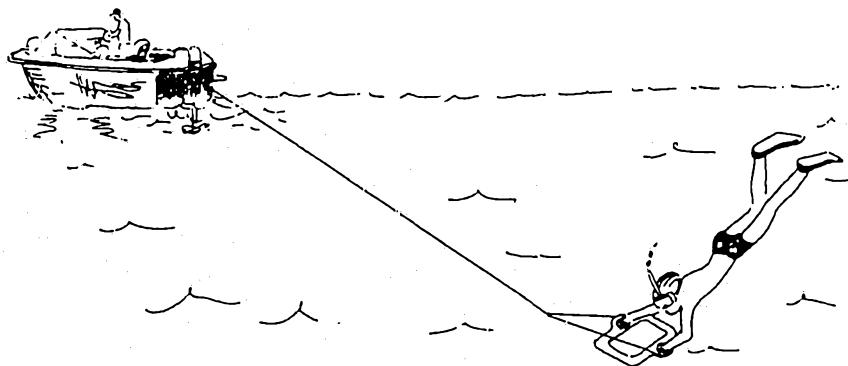
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## (57) Abstract

An appliance is composed of a board-shaped floating body, basically in the form of a square, with side handles to be gripped by a swimmer. A coupling rope is secured by its ends to each of the side handles, and its vertex is coupled to the trailing rope of a boat. While the boat is moving, the swimmer can move out to the left or to the right by turning or tilting the floating body, in the same way as a water skier, but he can also intermittently plunge underwater. A glass panel allows the swimmer to observe the submarine world.

## (57) Zusammenfassung

Das Gerät besteht aus einem brettförmigen Schwimmkörper von einer quadratischen Grundform mit seitlichen Griffteilen, wo der Schwimmer anfaßt. Dazu gehört ein Kupplungsseil, dessen Enden jeweils an einem Griffteil befestigt sind und dessen Scheitel am Schleppseil eines Bootes angekuppelt wird. Wenn das Boot fährt, kann der Schwimmer durch eine Drehung oder Schwenkung des Schwimmkörpers wie ein Wasserskiläufer nach links oder rechts ausscheren, aber auch streckenweise tauchen. Dabei hat der Schwimmer durch eine Glasscheibe Einsicht in die Unterwasserwelt.

"Appliance for swimming in the trail of a boat"

The invention is based on the object to provide a simple appliance by means of which a sport swimmer may swim in the swimming position in the trail of a boat, and while doing so has the possibility to move out to the left and 5 to the right like a water skier and furthermore to swim under water for certain distances.

This object is attained by an appliance having the features 10 of the main claim. The subclaims contain preferred structural details.

During use, the appliance is fastened by means of its V-shaped coupling rope at the vertex of the latter to the trailing rope of a boat. The swimmer is drawn by the 15 boat in the wake thereof in the swimming position, the appliance being grasped by his hands laterally at the handles. The floating body has a carrying effect also when the dragging boat does not have any speed. During the course the swimmer has the possibility to veer out 20 to the left or to the right or to dive over certain distances by differently adjusting the floating body, e.g. by pivoting it about the transversal axis or by an inclined position of the longitudinal axis relative to the direction of movement. The transversal distance of the handles of, 25 for example, 70 to 80 cm and the arrangement of the handle openings in front of the transversal axis facilitate the handling for the swimmer. By the fact that the ends of the coupling rope are arranged in front of the transversal axis, the stability of the floating body during the course



is ensured. Furthermore, either above water or below water, the swimmer has the possibility to observe the world below water surface through the glass panel.

5 The following is a description of an embodiment of the invention with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the appliance according to the invention;

10 Fig. 2 is a section on the line II-II of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a section on the line III-III of Fig. 1;

15 Fig. 4 shows the use of the appliance according to the invention.

The appliance basically has the shape of a flat board of a floatable material with a square or approximately square basic form. In the centre part, there is inserted 20 a transparent glass panel 12. At its both longitudinal sides the floating body is arcuately extended in such a manner that handles 14 are formed which each have a handle opening 15. The handle openings 15 are in each 25 case provided in front of a transversal axis 19 in the middle of the longitudinal sides. A handle depression 15a is associated with each handle opening 15 behind the transversal axis 19.

30 Due to flow-line reasons, the leading edge 13 and also the trailing edge 13a of the floating body are formed V-shaped. This shape also extends over the handles 14.

35 For the purpose of coupling the floating body to the trailing rope of a boat, there is provided a coupling rope 16. The ends of the rope are each fastened to screws which



in their turn are laterally mounted at the handles 14 and project therefrom, these screws being provided in the region of the handle openings 15, i.e. in front of the transversal axis 19. The coupling rope 16 is dimensioned such that it assumes a V-shaped form in the stretched condition, the vertex 17 lying in front of the floating body. There, the trailing rope of the boat is fastened.

10 Fig. 4 shows the use of the appliance. The swimmer grasps the appliance in the swimming position at the handles 14 and has himself dragged by the boat at an appropriate and not very high speed. He has the possibility to adjust the position of the floating body in such a manner that he may move out to the left or to the right in the swimming position like during water-skiing. Additionally there exists the possibility of diving over certain distances in that the swimmer adjusts the leading edge of the floating body in such a manner that it is inclined downwardly.

20 Also in the position of rest, the appliance is floating flatly on the water surface and offers the possibility of observing the world below water surface through the glass panel without being disturbed by wave motions.



Claims:

1. Appliance for swimming in the trail of a boat, characterised by the following features:

- it consists of a board-shaped floating body (10) having a substantially square basic shape with a V-shaped edge formation, a glass panel (12) being inserted in its centre part;
- at each longitudinal side of the floating body (10) there is formed a handle (14) in the shape of an arcuate extension having a handle opening (15) located in front of a transversal axis (19);
- there is provided a coupling rope (16) the ends of which are each fastened laterally to a handle (14) in front of the transversal axis and the middle of which forms a vertex (17) positioned in front of the floating body in the stretched position of the rope.

2. Appliance as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that at each handle behind the transversal axis there is formed a handle depression (15a).

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3. Appliance as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the floating body is reinforced in the region of the glass panel (12) by means of a transverse web (20).



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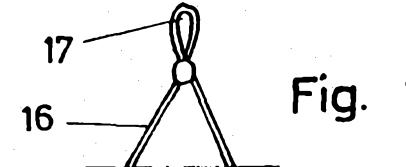
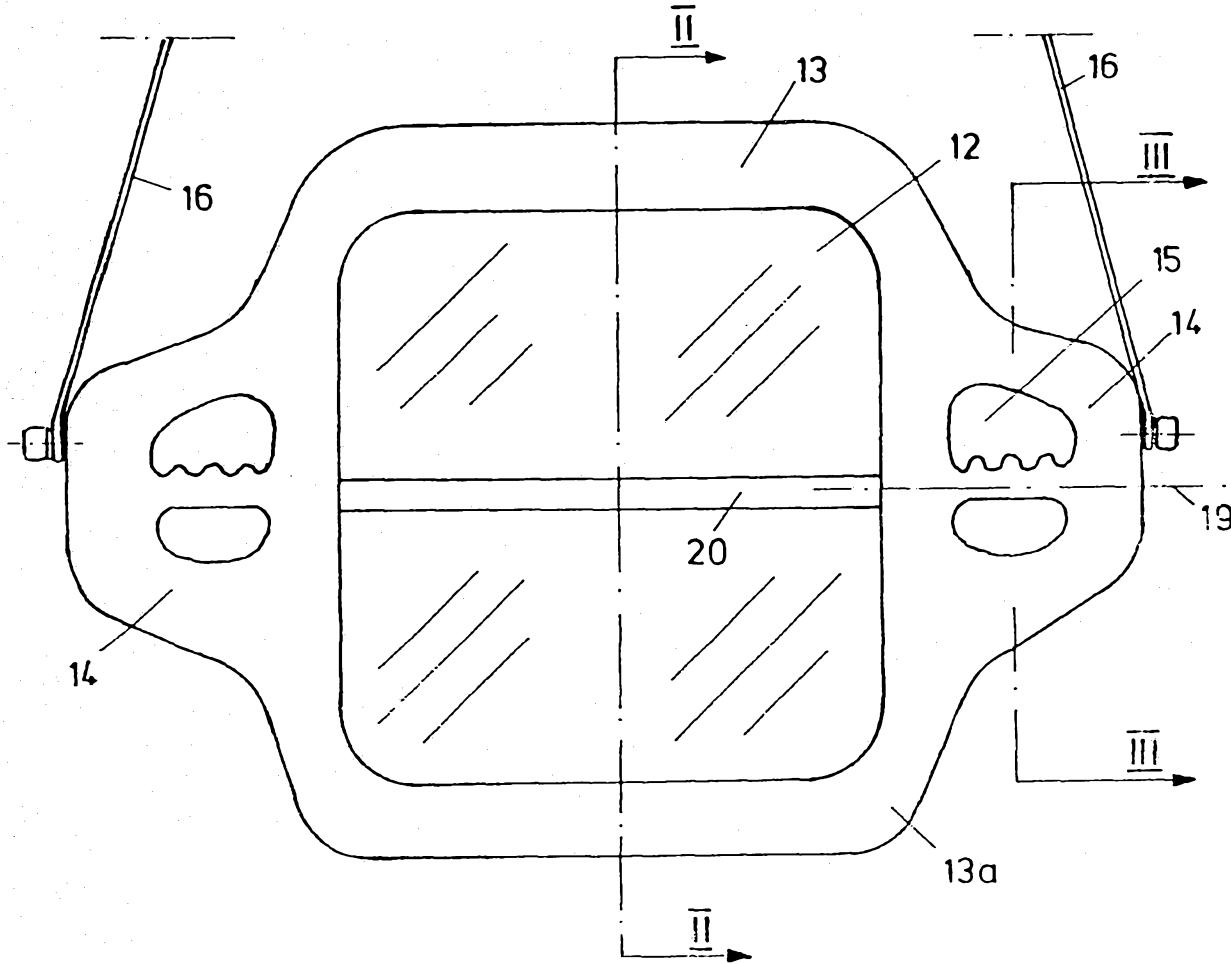


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

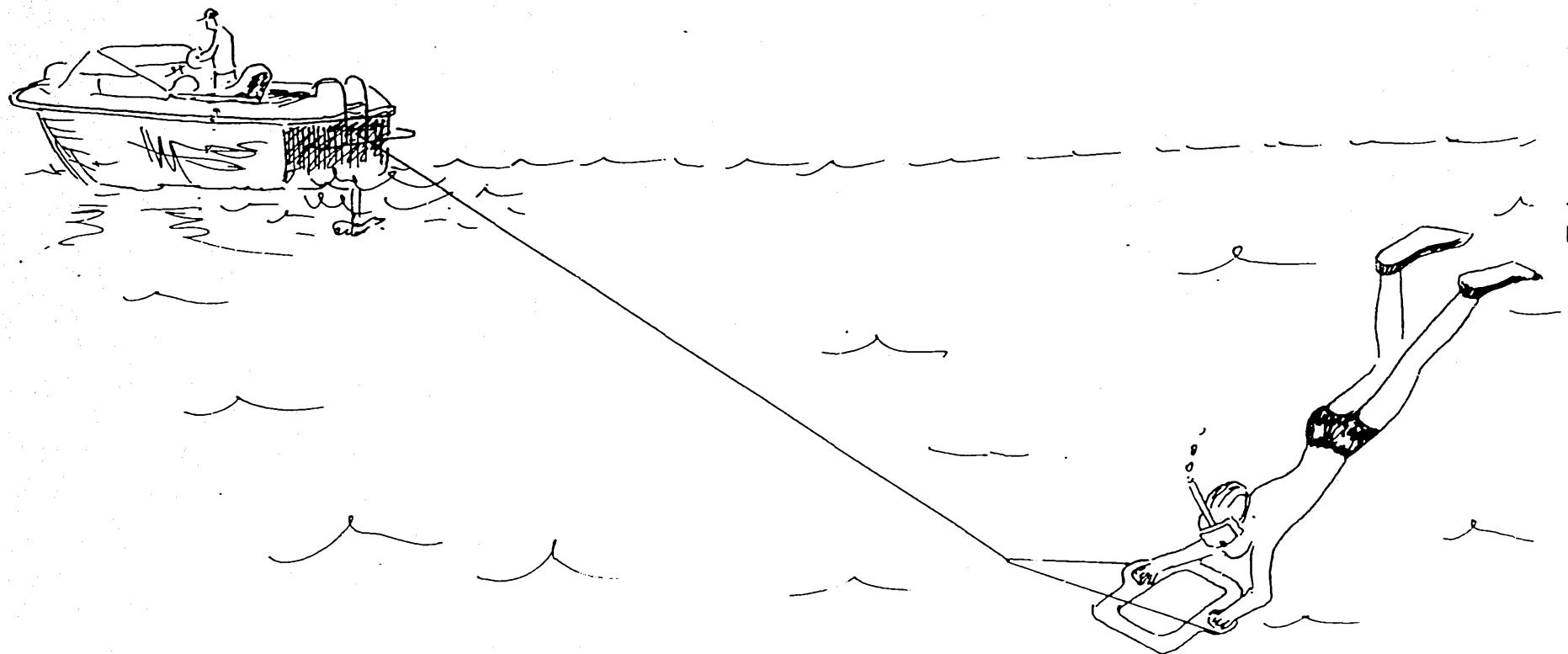
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Fig. 4



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