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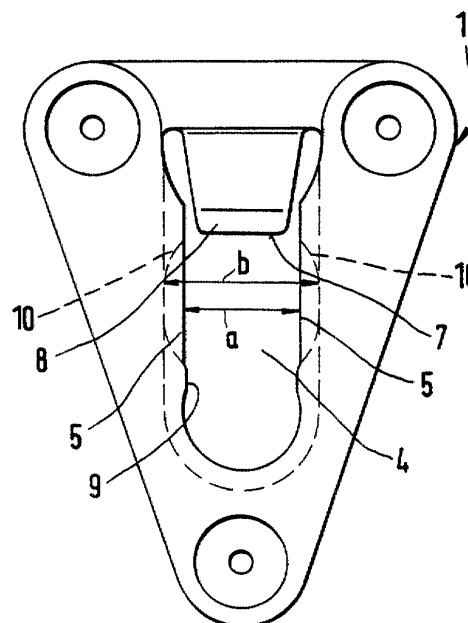
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(54) **Snap-in locking device**

(57) The snap-in locking device serves for securing holding elements for flashlights, mobile telephones, pistol holsters or similar special equipment in special articles of clothing, such as, for example, jackets, vests, trousers for craftsmen, police, border guards, watch personnel or the like. The device includes an anchor plate (1) securable to the article of clothing and a slide member (2) movable on the anchor plate approximately parallel to the principal plane of the anchor plate from a locking position into an unlocking position, wherein the slide member (2) is fixedly connected to the holding element. In order to avoid an unintentional separation of the slide member from the anchor plate, the anchor plate (1) is provided with a locking tongue (8) with a stop edge (7) which limits the release path for the slide member (2), wherein the locking tongue (8) is elastically deformable into a slide member release position when a force is applied to the locking tongue.

Fig.4





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