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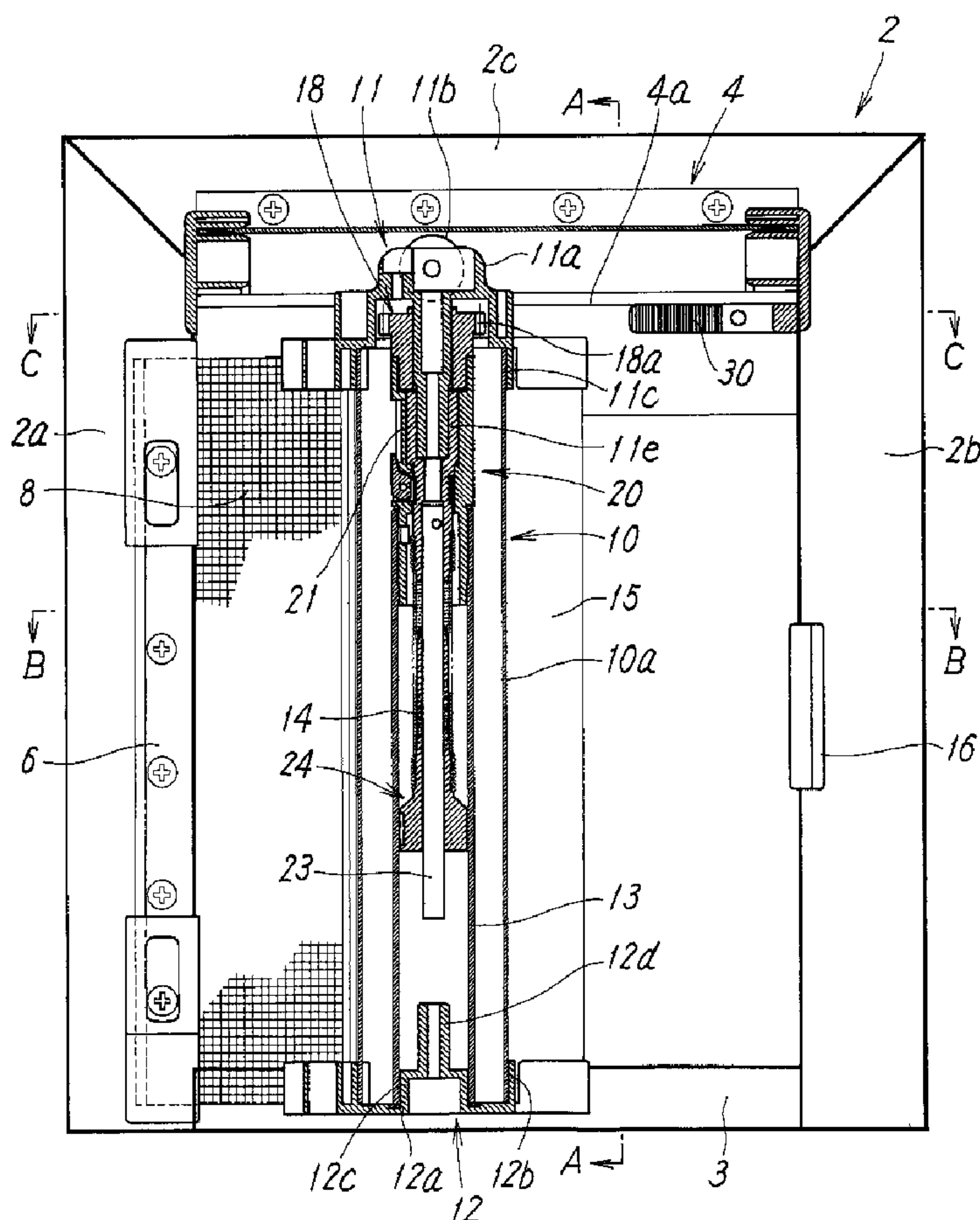
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opening/closing by horizontal pulling, a first and a second caps rotatably supporting the winding shaft are mounted at the both ends of the movable stile capable of replacement by each other, a lock mechanism which can hold a locked state as necessary is provided between a connecting cylindrical shaft connected to the winding shaft and an intermediate support member connected to the first or the second cap unrotatably and removably, and the present invention is constructed so that rotation of the winding shaft by an urging force of a winding spring is prevented by this lock mechanism even when the both caps are removed for assembling or change of the right/left hand.

ABSTRACT

The present invention is to provide a horizontal-pulling roll screen door for which the right/left hand can be set or changed easily and safely even by a layman and in a screen door in which a net wound up by a winding shaft of a movable stile is made capable of opening/closing by horizontal pulling, a first and a second caps rotatably supporting the winding shaft are mounted at the both ends of the movable stile capable of replacement by each other, a lock mechanism which can hold a locked state as necessary is provided between a connecting cylindrical shaft connected to the winding shaft and an intermediate support member connected to the first or the second cap unrotatably and removably, and the present invention is constructed so that rotation of the winding shaft by an urging force of a winding spring is prevented by this lock mechanism even when the both caps are removed for assembling or change of the right/left hand.

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DESCRIPTION

HORIZONTAL-PULLING ROLL SCREEN DOOR

Technical Field

The present invention relates to a roll screen door capable of opening/closing by horizontally pulling a net and more specifically to a horizontal-pulling roll screen door in which a right/left hand of opening/closing is made easily changeable in a net of a horizontal-pulling screen door constructed to be wound up by an urging force of a spring around a winding shaft extended between a side frame and a movable stile in a screen door frame and supported by the movable stile.

Background Art

A horizontal-pulling roll screen door in which a net is extended capable of being opened/closed horizontally to be wound up by an urging force of a spring around a winding shaft supported rotatably by a movable stile between a side frame and a movable stile in a screen door frame is publicly known as disclosed in Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2002-168070, for example.

Also, when a right/left hand of a horizontal-pulling screen door is to be set or changed according to the door of a building opening, it has been known that the screen door

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is reversed front and back with the vertical orientation unchanged or upside down with the horizontal orientation unchanged.

However, in many of the horizontal-pulling roll screen doors in the above type of winding up a net around a winding shaft of the movable stile, the front and back appearances are not symmetrical or the shapes of caps mounted to the upper and the lower ends of the movable stile are different, and their left/right hand can not be changed only by reversing the screen door front and back or upside down. Then, some disassembly and reassembly are needed to make the right/left hand changeable. Moreover, since the winding shaft for winding up the net by the urging force of the spring is housed in the movable stile, the urging force of the spring might be released at disassembly, which involves danger for those not skilled.

Moreover, for the conventional horizontal-pulling roll screen door, if an external force such as wind acts on the net in the net extended state, the winding shaft is rotated by the external force against the urging force of the spring in the direction to feed out the net remaining therein. As a result, the net is extended in the arc state and removed from the upper and the lower lateral frames of the screen door, and insect proof performance can not be necessarily kept favorably, which is a problem. In order to solve this

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problem, it is preferable to add winding-shaft fixing means for disabling rotation of the winding shaft when extending the net, but when the right/left hand of the above net opening/closing is to be changed, the change of the right/left hand should be able to be changed including this fixing means.

Disclosure of the Invention

An object of the present invention is to solve the above problem and to provide a horizontal-pulling roll screen door in which a net wound up by an urging force of a spring around a winding shaft supported by a movable stile between a side frame and the movable stile in a screen door frame in which the right/left hand can be set or changed easily and safely.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a horizontal-pulling roll screen door in which the right/left hand can be set or changed easily and safely even by a layman without using any special tools.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a horizontal-pulling roll screen door to which winding shaft fixing means is added for suppressing arc-state extension of the net due to action of an external force such as wind on the net in the net extended state, the right/left hand of opening/closing of the net can be changed including the

fixing means.

Certain exemplary embodiments can provide a horizontal-pulling roll screen door, comprising: a screen door frame having a side frame mountable on one of a pair of opening side frames forming a opening frame and extending in a vertical direction, an upper rail mounted on an opening upper frame forming the opening frame and extending in a lateral direction, and a movable stile having an upper end slidably supported by the upper rail for enabling horizontal pulling on the movable stile such that the stile moves between the pair of the opening side frames; a winding shaft accommodating a coil-state winding spring and being rotatably supported around a vertical axis of the winding shaft in the movable stile; a net extending between the side frame and the movable stile, the net being woundable by an urging force of the winding spring around the winding shaft such that the net can be opened and closed by horizontal pulling of the movable stile; the movable stile including a case for accommodating the winding shaft, and a first cap and a second cap supporting the winding shaft rotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft, the first cap and the second cap being detachably mounted at an upper end and at a lower end of the case in a vertical orientation such that the first cap and the second cap are interchangeable, the first cap being slidably supported by the upper rail; the movable stile further accommodates an intermediate support member mountable on the first cap or the second cap detachably and unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft, and a connecting cylindrical shaft mounted on a first end of the winding shaft in a direction of the vertical axis of the winding shaft relatively unrotatably around the vertical axis of the

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winding shaft and arranged on an outer circumference of the intermediate support member; a lock mechanism arranged between the connecting cylindrical shaft and the intermediate support member such that the connecting cylindrical shaft is rotatable around a vertical axis of the intermediate support member in an unlock state and the connecting cylindrical shaft is unrotatable around the vertical axis of the intermediate support member in a locked state; and wherein a first end of the winding spring in a direction of the vertical axis of the winding shaft is mounted on the intermediate support member unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft and a second end of the winding spring in the direction of the vertical axis of the winding shaft is mounted to the winding shaft relatively unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft.

Other embodiments provide a horizontal-pulling roll screen door in which a net extended between a side frame and a movable stile in a screen door frame is wound up by an urging force of a spring around a winding shaft accommodating the coil-state winding spring therein rotatably supported by the movable stile so that the net can be opened/closed by horizontal pulling, the movable stile has a first and a second caps rotatably supporting the winding shaft detachably mounted at both an upper and a lower ends of a case accommodating the winding shaft, at least the first cap mounted at the upper end of the case is slidably supported by an upper rail of the screen door frame, and the movable stile except the first and the second caps, the net wound up around the winding shaft and the side frame fixed to the other end of the net are constructed so as to form an outer shape in substantially vertical symmetry

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so that the first and the second caps can be replaced by each other, the winding spring accommodated inside the winding shaft has its one end connected to the winding shaft and the other end fixed to an intermediate support member unrotatably and removably connected to the first or the second cap, and a lock mechanism is provided between a connecting cylindrical shaft connected to one end of the

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winding shaft and the intermediate support member for temporarily disabling their relative rotation.

In the horizontal-pulling roll screen door of the present invention having the above construction, since the outer shape of the movable stile except the first and the second caps, the net wound up around the winding shaft in the movable stile and the side frame fixed to the net end are made in the substantially vertical symmetry so that the first and the second caps at the both ends of the movable stile can be replaced by each other, the right/left hand in opening/closing of the screen door which can be opened/closed by horizontal pulling of the net wound up by the urging force of the spring around the winding shaft supported by the movable stile can be freely set or changed according to a door of a building opening, and there is no need to use a special tool. Moreover, the net is wound up by the urging force of the spring around the winding shaft supported by the movable stile, but since the winding shaft is prevented from being rotated by holding the urging force of the spring in the locked state by the lock mechanism provided between the intermediate support member and the connecting cylindrical shaft, even if the first and the second caps are removed from the both ends of the movable stile in the state where a rotational urging force is accumulated in the winding spring, the net is not wound up.

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Therefore, a work to install the screen door or to change the right/left hand can be done safely and easily by replacing the first and the second caps at the both ends of the movable stile by each other to be vertically reversed.

When the lock mechanism is brought into the non-locked state, the rotational urging force of the winding spring acts on the winding shaft to wind up the net, and when the movable stile is moved in the direction to withdraw the net, the rotational urging force is accumulated in the winding spring.

In the preferred embodiment of the roll screen door of the present invention, the lock mechanism is constructed so that a lock lever is rotatably supported by a support pin in an opening provided at the connecting cylindrical shaft and an engagement portion is provided at the base end of the lock lever to be engaged with any of a large number of recess portions provided on the outer circumference of the intermediate support member by rotational movement of the lever to a standing locked position. By this lock lever, the rotation can be locked by the connecting cylindrical shaft and the winding spring of the winding shaft at the locked position. Moreover, since the lock mechanism can be easily brought into the locked state or the locked state can be released only by rotationally moving the lock lever, the right/left hand of the horizontal-pulling roll screen door

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can be changed easily and safely even by a layman without requiring any special tools.

In the preferred embodiment of the horizontal-pulling roll screen door of the present invention, a cylindrical member provided with a pinion rotated in conjunction with the winding shaft is supported by at least one of the first and the second caps, and a rack meshed with the pinion and rotating the winding shaft in the feed-out direction of the net at stretched installation of the net is provided on a face opposite to the pinion in the lateral frame of the screen door frame at a portion opposite to the pinion including the fully extended state or that immediately before that of the net.

By this construction, when the movable stile is at the position where the net is fully extended, the pinion fixed to the winding shaft is meshed with the rack of the lateral frame of the screen door frame. Thus, even if an external force such as wind acts on the net, rotation of the winding shaft in the net feed-out direction pulled by the net can be suppressed. It is preferable that the outer diameter of the pinion is formed larger than the outer diameter of the winding shaft in order to keep the extended net in the tensioned state as much as possible.

Moreover, in the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the cylinder member is constructed by the pinion

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and a fitting portion integral with it, and the fitting portion is constructed so that it is unrotatably and removably connected to the connecting cylindrical shaft connected to the winding shaft and the other end of the winding shaft, respectively. By this, in the horizontal-pulling roll screen door in which winding shaft fixing means for suppressing extension of the net in the arc-state due to action of the external force such as wind on the net in the net extended state, that is, the pinion and the rack are provided, the right/left hand in opening/closing of the net can be changed including the fixing means.

Also, in the preferred embodiment of the horizontal-pulling roll screen door of the present invention, the first cap has a head portion to which the track roller is rotatably mounted, the connecting cylinder portion detachably connectable to either an upper and a lower ends of a case of the movable stile whose sectional shape is constant, a shaft support portion inward the connecting cylinder portion for rotatably supporting the winding shaft or a member connected to it, and a tip end shaft portion in the spline shaft state extending from the tip end of the shaft support portion, and the second cap has a connecting cylinder portion which can be detachably connected to either the upper and the lower ends of the case, a shaft support portion inward in the connecting cylinder portion for

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rotatably supporting the winding shaft or a member connected to it, and a tip end shaft portion in the same spline shaft state as the tip end shaft portion in the first cap extending from the tip end of the shaft support portion, and each of the tip end shaft portions of the first and the second caps are constructed unrotatably and capable of removal with respect to the intermediate support member. As a member rotatably supported by the shaft support portions of the both caps and connected to the winding shaft, a cylinder member is usually used having a pinion and a fitting portion integral with it, in which the fitting portion is connected to the winding shaft through the connecting cylindrical shaft.

Moreover, in the present invention, it is preferable that by providing a recess groove fitted with a projection streak provided on the surface of the fitting portion of the cylinder member inside the end of the connecting cylinder shaft, they are connected unrotatably and removably, and the same recess groove as the end inner surface of the connecting cylinder shaft is provided on the inner surface of the end of the winding shaft so that it can be connected to the fitting portion of the cylinder member unrotatably and removably and the fitting portion of the cylinder member and the winding shaft are supported rotatably and removably with respect to the shaft support portion of the second cap.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a front sectional view showing an embodiment of a horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view in A-A line in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view in B-B line in Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing a meshed state of a pinion and a rack in C-C position in Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged partial sectional view of an essential part of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a partial enlarged perspective view showing a non-locked state in a lock mechanism of a winding spring.

Fig. 7 is a partial enlarged perspective view showing a lock state of the lock mechanism.

Fig. 8 is an exploded enlarged perspective view showing an internal structure of a winding shaft.

Fig. 9 is an explanatory view showing a state where a first and a second caps are removed from both ends of a movable stile.

Fig. 10 is an explanatory view showing a state where the first and the second caps are replaced mounted to the both ends of a case of the vertically reversed movable stile.

Reference Numerals

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- 2 Building opening frame
- 2a, 2b Opening side frame
- 2c Opening upper frame
- 3 Sash lower frame
- 3a Lower rail
- 4 Upper rail
- 4a Rolling face
- 6 Side frame
- 8 Net
- 10 Movable stile
- 10a Case
- 10b Opening
- 10c Guide member
- 10d Guide groove
- 11 First cap
- 11a Head portion
- 11b Track roller
- 11c Connecting cylinder portion
- 11d Shaft support portion
- 11e Tip end shaft portion
- 12 Second cap
- 12a Bottom portion
- 12b Connecting cylinder portion
- 12c Shaft support portion
- 12d Tip end shaft portion

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- 13 Winding shaft
- 13a Recess groove
- 14 Winding spring
- 15 Hook
- 16 Locking member
- 16a Locking portion
- 18 Cylinder member
- 18a Pinion
- 18b Fitting portion
- 20 Connecting cylindrical shaft
- 20a Recess groove
- 20b Fitting cylinder portion
- 20c Projection streak
- 20d Opening
- 21 Intermediate support member
- 21a Fitting portion
- 21b Engagement groove
- 21c Shaft portion
- 21d Recess portion
- 21e Spring receiving portion
- 21f Helical groove
- 23 Spring shaft
- 24 Spring receiver
- 24a Helical groove
- 24b Projection streak

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- 25 Pin
- 26 Support pin
- 27 Lock lever
- 27a Engagement portion
- 30 Rack
- 35 Handle

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

The attached drawings show an embodiment of the horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to the present invention.

This horizontal-pulling roll screen door is, as shown in Figs. 1 to 3, to be used by being mounted at a building opening frame 2, and the right/left hand in opening/closing of the net can be set arbitrarily at installation of the screen door or can be changed as appropriate after the installation. The building opening frame 2 is provided with right and left opening side frames 2a, 2b and an opening upper frame 2c and a lower frame is provided when necessary. But here, such a case is shown where a lower frame 3 of a sash installed at the building opening is used to hold the screen door.

As the screen door frame to be mounted to the building opening frame 2, at least an upper rail 4 as a lateral frame mounted to the opening upper frame 2c of the building

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opening frame 2 and a side frame 6 fixed to one opening side frame 2a to hold one end of a net 8 of the roll screen door are provided. Also, a winding shaft 13 for winding up the other end of the net 8 is housed inside a case 10a of a movable stile 10, and the winding shaft 13 is rotatably supported between a first and a second caps 11, 12 provided at an upper and a lower ends of the case 10a of the movable stile 10. The case 10a has an opening 10b having a constant sectional shape for leading out or the like of the net 8 on the building opening frame 2 side. This movable stile 10 is suspended movably on a rolling face 4a provided on the upper rail 4 through a pair of track rollers 11b rotatably mounted to a head portion 11a of the first cap 11.

A side frame opposite to the side frame 6 may be provided on the opening side frame 2b of the building opening frame 2, but as shown in Fig. 3, a locking member 16 provided with a locking portion 16a for locking a hook 15 provided at the movable stile 10 may be directly mounted to the opening side frame 2b. In this case, when considering change of the right/left hand after installation of the screen door, it is necessary to detachably mount the locking member 16 by fastening means such as a screw. When a side frame opposite to the side frame 6 is to be provided, the locking member 16 is provided on it, but in this case, too, it is necessary to make the side frame detachable as

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necessary.

The horizontal-pulling roll screen door is, as shown in Figs. 1 and 5, constructed as a winding box in which the movable stile 10 accommodates the winding shaft 13 in its outline. The winding shaft 13 is rotatably supported by a movable stile 10 through the first cap 11 and the second cap 12, and the net 8 having one end mounted to the winding shaft 13 is wound up by an urging force of a winding spring 14 in the coil state accommodated inside the winding shaft 13, and the other end of the net 8 is mounted to the side frame 6 so that the net 8 can be extended by horizontal pulling between the side frame 6 and the movable stile 10.

When the construction of the movable stile 10 is described in more detail, the first cap 11 has, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the head portion 11a to which the pair of track rollers 11b are rotatably mounted, a connecting cylinder portion 11c which can be detachably mounted to either of the upper and the lower ends of the case 10a of the movable stile 10 with a constant sectional shape as clearly shown in Fig. 5, a shaft support portion 11d located inward the connecting cylinder portion 11c and disposed coaxially with that, and a tip end shaft portion 11e in the spline shaft state extending from the tip end of the shaft support portion 11d, and rotation of the first cap 11 itself around the center axis thereof is restrained by contact with

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the upper rail 4, and the track rollers 11b are loaded capable of rolling along the rolling face 4a of the upper rail 4.

Also, the second cap 12 has a connecting cylinder portion 12b standing from a bottom portion 12a and capable of being detachably mounted to either of the upper and the lower ends of the case 10a of the movable stile 10 as with the connecting cylinder portion 11c of the first cap 11, a shaft support portion 12c located inward the connecting cylinder portion 12b and rotatably supporting the winding shaft 13, and a tip end shaft portion 12d in the spline shaft state protruding from the tip end of the shaft support portion 12c. The circumferential face shape of this tip end shaft portion 12d is the same as that of the tip end shaft portion 11e in the first cap 11.

In this second cap 12, its connecting cylinder portion 12b is fitted to the case 10a with a variant section, and the rotation around the center axis is suppressed similarly to the first cap 11, but as shown in Fig. 2, a guide member 10c having a guide groove 10d on the side wall of the case 10a is provided at a position proximate to the second cap 12 in the case 10a of the movable stile 10 and the guide groove 10d is slidably engaged with a lower rail 3a provided on the upper face of the sash lower frame 3 to perform guiding. And in this point, too, the rotation of the second cap is

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suppressed.

When the case 10a of the movable stile 10 is to be reversed upside down to change the right/left hand in opening/closing of the screen door, it is necessary to attach the guide member 10c to the other end of the case 10a, and thus, it is necessary that mounting of the guide member 10c to the case 10a should be detachable. The guide member 10c may be provided at the second cap 12. In this embodiment, the lower end of the net 8 is also brought into contact with the side face of the sash lower frame 3 similarly to the movable stile 10 for guiding.

The first cap 11 and the second cap 12 can be replaced by each other, but as can be seen from Figs. 9 and 10, which will be described later, when the movable stile 10, the net and the like are reversed upside down to change the right/left hand in opening/closing of the net, the right/left orientation of the first and the second caps 11, 12 should be also changed and thus, the front and rear are formed substantially in the symmetrical shape in Fig. 5 so that they can be attached to the case 10a even if the orientation is changed. However, if the case 10a is in the shape to which the first and the second caps 11, 12 can be attached even if their orientation is changed, there is no need to make the both caps 11, 12 in the symmetrical shape as described above.

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As clearly shown in Figs. 4 and 5, to the shaft support portion 11d of the first cap 11, a fitting portion 18b of a cylinder member 18 attached with a pinion 18a on the circumference is rotatably fitted, and the winding shaft 13 is connected to the cylinder member 18 through a connecting cylindrical shaft 20 so that it makes integral rotation.

That is, in the connecting cylindrical shaft 20, as shown in Fig. 8, a recess groove 20a is provided on the inner surface of its end and by fitting the recess groove 20a with a projection streak (not shown) fitted with the recess groove 20a provided on the surface of the fitting portion 18b of the cylinder member 18, they are connected detachably but unrotatably with respect to each other. Fixing of the winding shaft 13 to the connecting cylindrical shaft 20 is also carried out by fitting of the projection streak 20c in the fitting cylinder portion 20b in the connecting cylindrical shaft 20 with the same shaped recess groove 13a (See Fig. 3) extending in the axial direction of the winding shaft 13. Therefore, the winding shaft 13 is rotatably supported by the shaft support portion 11d of the first cap 11 through the connecting cylinder portion 20 and the cylinder member 18. Also, the other end of the winding shaft 13 is rotatably supported by the shaft support portion 12c of the second cap 12.

To the tip end shaft portion 11e in the spline shaft

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state extending from the tip end of the shaft support portion 11d in the first cap 11, as shown in Figs. 5 to 8, a fitting portion 21a of an intermediate support member 21 having an engagement groove 21b splined-fitted with the shaft portion 11e on the inner surface is fitted in capable of insertion/withdrawal. The fitting portion 21a of the intermediate support member 21 is also capable of spline-connection with the tip end shaft portion 12d of the second cap 12 in the same shape as that of the tip end shaft portion 11e. Also, the intermediate support member 21 has a large number of recess portions 21d with which an engagement portion 27a at the base end of a lock lever 27, which will be described later, is engaged around a shaft portion 21c continuing to the fitting portion 21a, and moreover, a helical groove 21f for fixing the end of the winding spring 14 is provided on the outer circumference of a spring receiving portion 21e continuing to the shaft portion 21c so that the end of the winding spring 14 is screwed/fixed and a spring shaft 23 is inserted into the spring receiving portion 21e and it is fixed by a pin 25. Into the tip end of the spring shaft 23, a spring receiver 24 is rotatably and slidably fitted in and the end of the winding spring 14 is fixed to a helical groove 24a of the spring receiver 24. This spring receiver 24 has a pair of projection streaks 24b extending in the axial direction on its outer

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circumferential face, and the projection streaks 24b are slidably inserted into the recess groove 13a (Fig. 3) provided on the inner circumferential face of the winding shaft 13 and extending in the axial direction.

In this way, since the other end of the winding spring 14 having one end fixed to the first cap 11 through the intermediate support member 21 is connected to the winding shaft 13 through the spring receiver 24, when the rotational urging force is accumulated in the winding spring 14, the urging force acts on the winding shaft 13 all the time and if the net 8 is not held against the urging force, the net 8 is wound up.

Also, the projection streak of the fitting portion 18b in the cylinder member 18 can be fitted in the recess groove 13a on the inner circumferential face in the shaft end located at the lower end of the winding shaft 13 in the state of Fig. 9 (same as Fig. 5) when the winding shaft 13 is reversed upside down with the connecting cylinder portion 20, the intermediate support member 21 and the like to change the right/left hand in opening/closing of the screen door (See Figs. 9 and 10), that is, the cylinder member 18 can be directly connected to the winding shaft 13 capable of withdrawal but not rotatable with respect to each other.

The connecting cylinder shaft 20 has, as shown in Figs. 5 to 8, the lock lever 27 rotatably supported by a support

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pin 26 in an opening 20d provided at a part of the circumferential wall of the connecting cylinder shaft 20 as a lock mechanism of the winding shaft 13, and it is provided with a mechanism that the engagement portion 27a at its base end is engaged with any of the large number of recess portions 21d provided around the shaft portion 21c in the intermediate support member 21 when the lock lever 27 is tilted outward.

In the lock lever 27, as shown in Fig. 7, the engagement portion 27a at its base end protrudes toward the intermediate support member 21 side when it is tilted outward and stood on the surface of the winding shaft 13 and engaged with any of the large number of recess portions 21d provided on the outer circumference of the intermediate support member 21, and the intermediate support member 21 and the connecting cylindrical shaft 20 connected to the winding shaft 13 are locked so that they can not be rotated with respect to each other. Also, as shown in Fig. 6, when the lock lever 27 is rotated in parallel with the surface of the connecting cylinder shaft 20, engagement between the engagement portion 27a at the base end of the lock lever 27 and the recess portion 21d on the outer circumference of the intermediate support member 21 is disengaged and the intermediate support member 21 and the connecting cylindrical shaft 20 can be rotated with respect to each

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other.

In the winding shaft 13, the right/left hand in opening/closing is changed by reversing it upside down, but as can be seen from the above mentioned, the internal mechanism of the winding shaft 13 is not in the vertically symmetrical shape. However, the side frame 6 fixed to the movable stile 10 except the first and the second caps 11, 12, the net 8 wound up by its winding shaft 13 and the end of the net 8 may be constructed with the outer shape in the substantially vertical symmetry so that the first and the second caps 11, 12 can be replaced by each other and the function can be exerted even if the internal mechanism of the winding shaft 13 is reversed upside down and thus, the right/left hand can be changed by reversing of the winding shaft and so on without any trouble.

As can be seen from the above mentioned, in the fully extended state of the net 8, since the urging force is accumulated in the spring 14 incorporated in the winding shaft 13 to extend the net 8, the net 8 is held in the tension state by the maximum urging force of the spring 14, but if the maximum urging force is increased too much, it could incur a problem in operability, while if the urging force is too small, the net 8 would be expanded to the downwind side by an external force such as wind acting on the net 8.

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Then, in order to solve the problem, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, at a portion opposite to the pinion including the fully extended state or immediately before that of the net 8 on the face opposite to the pinion 18a in the upper rail 4 mounted to the opening upper frame 2c, a rack 30 meshed with the pinion 18a on the cylinder member 18 rotating in conjunction with the winding shaft 13 is provided, and rotation of the pinion 18a meshed with it, that is, of the winding shaft 13 fixed to it is restricted. The rack 30 is disposed so that it is meshed with the pinion 18a so as to rotate the winding shaft 13 in the feed-out direction of the net 8 at stretched installation of the net 8. The cylinder member provided with the pinion may be provided also at the second cap 12 side.

Therefore, at the time when the net 8 is almost wound up by the winding shaft 13, the pinion 18a of the cylinder member 18 is meshed with the rack 30, and after that, the winding shaft 13 is driven by the pinion 18a meshed with the rack 30.

When a range is taken to some degree to restrict the rotation of the winding shaft 13 by meshing between the rack 30 and the pinion 18a, if there is a difference between the outer diameter of the pinion 18a and the winding diameter of the winding shaft 13, there would be a difference generated between the movement amount of the winding shaft 13 and the

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feed-out amount of the net 8 within the meshing range. That is, if the diameters of the both are substantially the same, the movement amount of the winding shaft 13 and the feed-out amount of the net 8 are also substantially the same and no fluctuation occurs in the tension state of the net 8.

However, if the pinion 18a is formed with a diameter larger than the winding shaft 13, the feed-out amount of the net 8 becomes smaller than the movement amount of the winding shaft 13, and the net 8 is gradually brought into the tension state. Therefore, the diameter of the pinion and the length of the rack 30 should be set considering the final tension state of the net 8. For example, if it is so set that a portion to be excessive sag of the net 8 is wound up while the pinion 18a and the rack 30 are moved in the meshed state, the net 8 can be brought into the tension state without sag when the movable stile 10 has reached the fully extended end of the net 8.

Reference numeral 35 in Figs. 2 to 4 denotes a handle used when moving the movable stile 10.

The horizontal-pulling roll screen door having the above construction is capable of setting or changing the right/left hand in opening/closing according to the door of the building opening, and when the right/left hand is to be changed from the state shown in Figs. 1 to 5, first, the net 8 wound around the winding shaft 13 is completely withdrawn

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and the lock lever 27 is exposed on the opening 10b side of the case 10a. And as shown in Figs. 5 and 7, the lock lever 27 is tilted outward so that the engagement portion 27a at the base end of the lever 27 is engaged with the recess portion 21d on the outer circumference of the intermediate support member 21, and then, the connecting cylindrical shaft 20 connected to the winding shaft 13 is brought into the state locked by the intermediate support member 21. And in this state, the side frame 6, the net 8 and the movable stile 10 are removed from the building opening frame 2 in the integrally connected state.

After that, as shown in Fig. 9, the first cap 11 and the second cap 12 are removed from the case 10a in the movable stile 10 and the both ends of the winding shaft 13, but since the connecting cylindrical shaft 20 and the winding shaft 13 are locked to prevent rotation with respect to the intermediate support member 21, even if the first cap 11 and the second cap 12 are removed, the connecting cylindrical shaft 20 connected to the winding shaft 13 and the intermediate support member 21 are not relatively rotated because of the rotational urging force accumulated in the winding spring 14. Therefore, the above work can be carried out easily and safely.

Then, as shown in Fig. 10, the side frame 6, the net 8 and the movable stile 10 are reversed upside down while they

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are integrally connected so as to change the right/left hand, the first cap 11 and the second cap 12 are reversed in orientation and mounted at the replaced upper and the lower ends of the movable stile 10 and the side frame 6, the net 8 and the movable stile 10 with the changed right/left hand are mounted to the building opening frame 2, and then, the lock lever 27 is rotationally moved to become parallel with the winding shaft, and the locked state of the connecting cylindrical shaft 20 is released.

Therefore, the horizontal-pulling roll screen door having the above construction is capable of work to replace the first and the second caps 11, 12 at the both ends of the movable stile 10 and reverse them upside down easily and safely, by which the right/left hand of the horizontal-pulling roll screen door can be changed easily and safely without using a special tool.

In the horizontal-pulling roll screen door on the above embodiment, the upper rail 4 and the side frame 6 constituting the screen door frame are mounted to be located outside the building opening frame 2, and the lower end of the movable stile 10 is slidably engaged with the lower rail 3a provided at the sash lower frame 3 through the guide member 10c. At the same time, the lower ends of the net 8 and the movable stile 10 are brought into contact with the side face of the lower frame 3 for guiding, and with this

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construction, the net 8 and the movable stile 10 can be guided with a simple and inexpensive construction using the sash lower frame 3 as it is.

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Claims:

1. A horizontal-pulling roll screen door, comprising:

a screen door frame having a side frame mountable on one of a pair of opening side frames forming a opening frame and extending in a vertical direction, an upper rail mounted on an opening upper frame forming the opening frame and extending in a lateral direction, and a movable stile having an upper end slidably supported by the upper rail for enabling horizontal pulling on the movable stile such that the stile moves between the pair of the opening side frames;

a winding shaft accommodating a coil-state winding spring and being rotatably supported around a vertical axis of the winding shaft in the movable stile;

a net extending between the side frame and the movable stile, the net being woundable by an urging force of the winding spring around the winding shaft such that the net can be opened and closed by horizontal pulling of the movable stile;

the movable stile including a case for accommodating the winding shaft, and a first cap and a second cap supporting the winding shaft rotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft, the first cap and the second cap being detachably mounted at an upper end and at a lower end of the case in a vertical orientation such that the first cap and the second cap are interchangeable, the first cap being slidably supported by the upper rail;

the movable stile further accommodates an intermediate support member mountable on the first cap or the second cap detachably and unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft, and a connecting cylindrical shaft mounted on a first end of the winding shaft in a direction of the

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vertical axis of the winding shaft relatively unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft and arranged on an outer circumference of the intermediate support member;

a lock mechanism arranged between the connecting cylindrical shaft and the intermediate support member such that the connecting cylindrical shaft is rotatable around a vertical axis of the intermediate support member in an unlock state and the connecting cylindrical shaft is unrotatable around the vertical axis of the intermediate support member in a locked state; and

wherein a first end of the winding spring in a direction of the vertical axis of the winding shaft is mounted on the intermediate support member unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft and a second end of the winding spring in the direction of the vertical axis of the winding shaft is mounted to the winding shaft relatively unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft.

2. The horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to claim 1, wherein the movable stile including the first and second caps, the net and the side frame are constructed such that outer shapes of the movable stile are substantially vertically symmetrical.

3. The horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the lock mechanism includes a plurality of recess portions arranged on the outer circumference of the intermediate support member in a circumferential direction and a lock lever rotatably mounted by a supporting pin in an opening provided at the connecting cylindrical shaft between a locked position and an unlocked position, wherein the lock lever includes an engagement portion for engaging any of the plurality of recess portions by rotational movement of the

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lock lever to the locked position and unengaged from any of the plurality of recess portions by rotational movement of the lock lever to the unlocked position.

4. The horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to any one of claims 1 to 3, further comprising a cylindrical member having a pinion rotated in conjunction with the winding shaft rotatably supported by at least one of the first cap and the second cap; and a rack meshed with a restricted portion of the pinion of the winding shaft is added on a face opposite to the pinion in a lateral frame of the screen door frame at a portion opposite to the pinion including a fully extended state of the net or a state immediately before the fully extended state of the net.

5. The horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to claim 4, wherein the cylindrical member includes a fitting portion mountable on the connecting cylindrical shaft mounted to the first end of the winding shaft or a second end of the winding shaft detachable and unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft.

6. The horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to claim 4, wherein an outer diameter of the pinion is larger than an outer diameter of the winding shaft.

7. The horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to claim 5, wherein the case has a constant cross-sectional shape in the vertical axis direction of the winding shaft, the cylindrical member being rotatably supported by the first cap and the rack being added to the upper rail of the screen door frame; the first cap including:

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a head portion to which a track roller supported by the upper rail is rotatably mounted,

a first connecting cylinder portion detachably mountable on either an upper end or a lower end of the case in the vertical axis direction of the winding shaft,

a first shaft support portion oriented inwards of the first connecting cylinder portion and configured to rotatably support the cylinder member around the vertical axis of the winding shaft, and

a first tip end shaft portion in a spline shaft state extending from a tip end of the first shaft support portion; the second cap including:

a second connecting cylinder portion detachable mountable on either the upper end or the lower end of the case in the vertical axis direction of the winding shaft,

a second shaft support portion oriented inside of the second connecting cylinder portion and configured to rotatably support the second end of the winding shaft or the connecting cylindrical shaft around the vertical axis of the winding shaft, and

a second tip end shaft portion in the spline shaft state and protruding from the second tip end of the second shaft support portion, wherein the intermediate support member is mountable on the first tip end shaft portion of the first cap or the second tip end shaft portion of the second cap detachably and unrotatably around the vertical axis of the winding shaft.

8. The horizontal-pulling roll screen door according to any one of claims 5 to 7, further comprising:

recess grooves arranged on an inner face of an end of the connecting cylinder shaft mounted on the first end of the

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winding shaft and an inner face of the second end of the winding shaft,

a projection streak engageable with the recess grooves arranged on a surface of the fitting portion of the cylinder member, wherein the fitting portion is adapted to fit to the end of the connecting cylindrical shaft or the second end of the winding shaft unrotatably and removably around the vertical axis of the mounting shaft.

FIG. 1

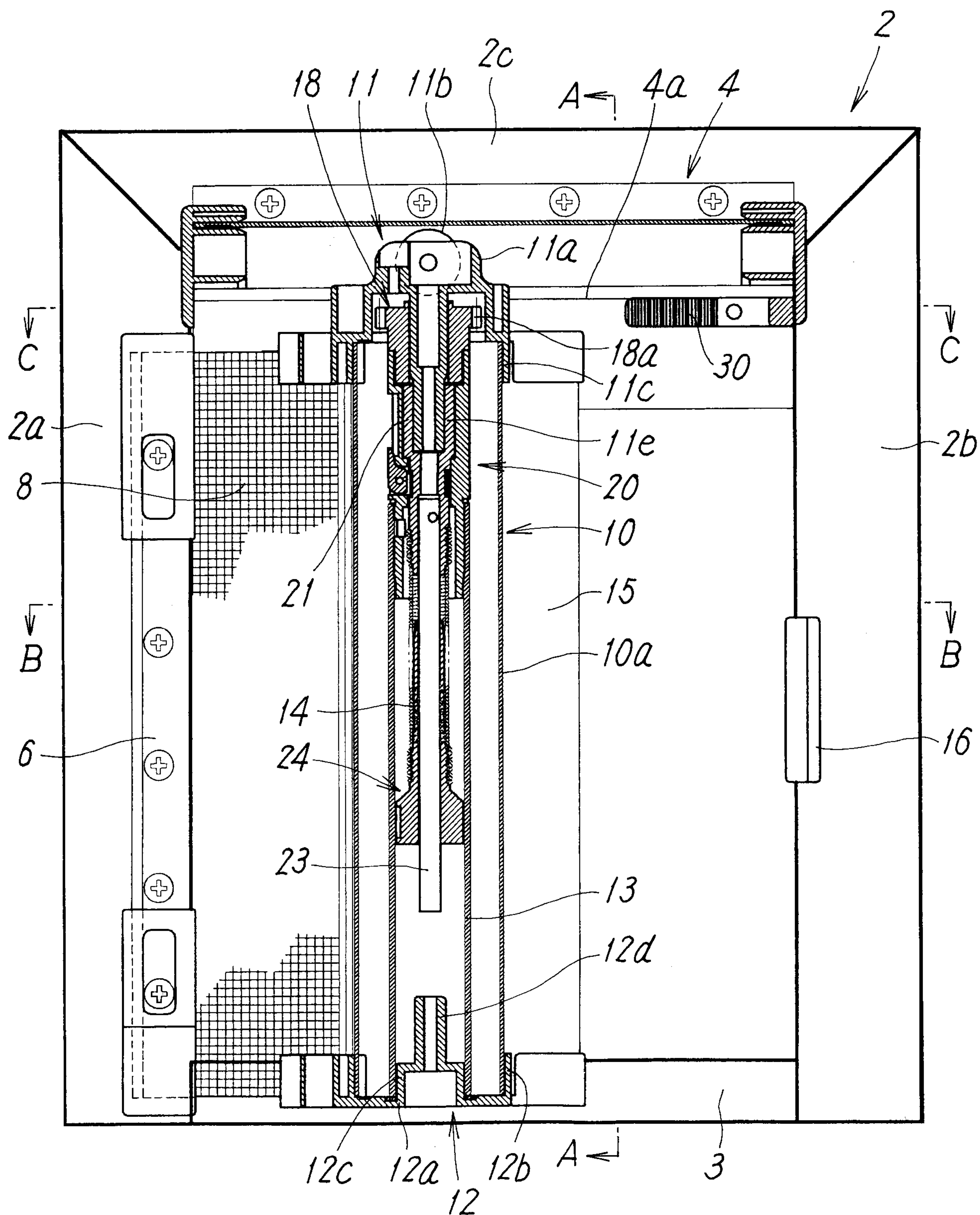


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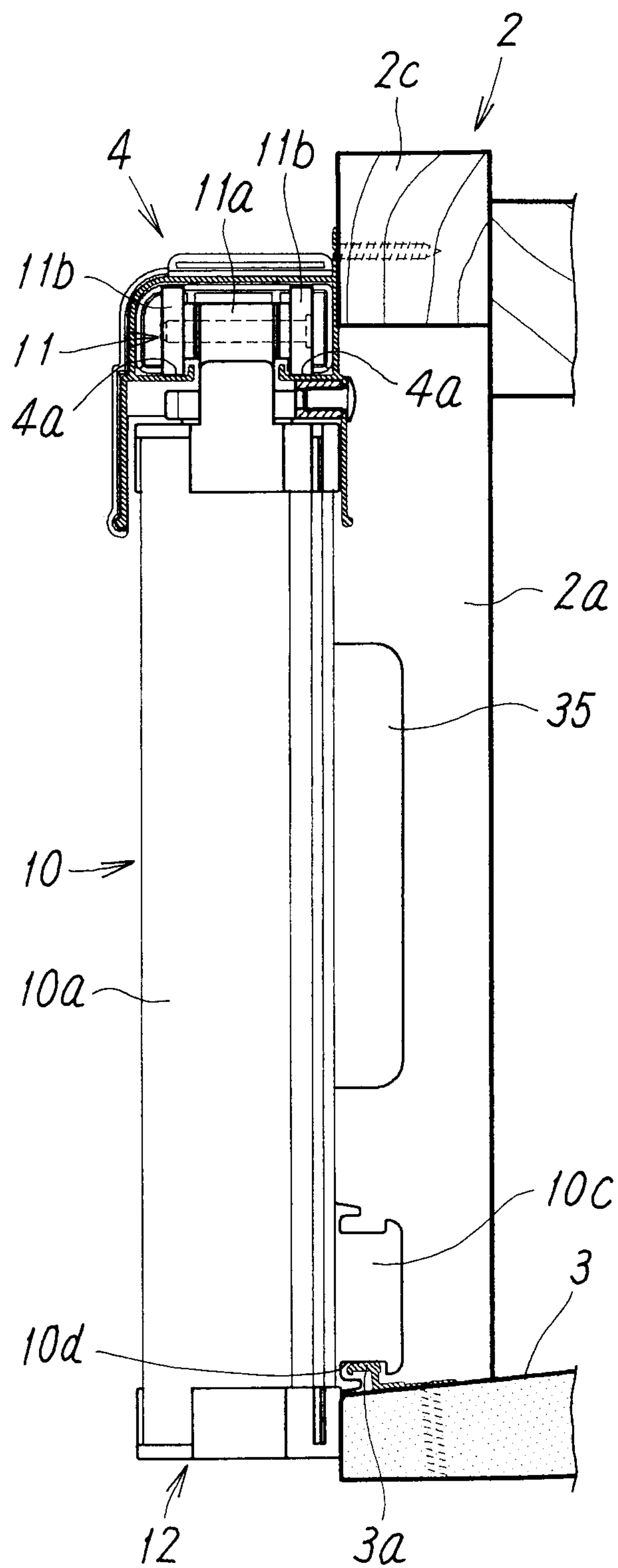


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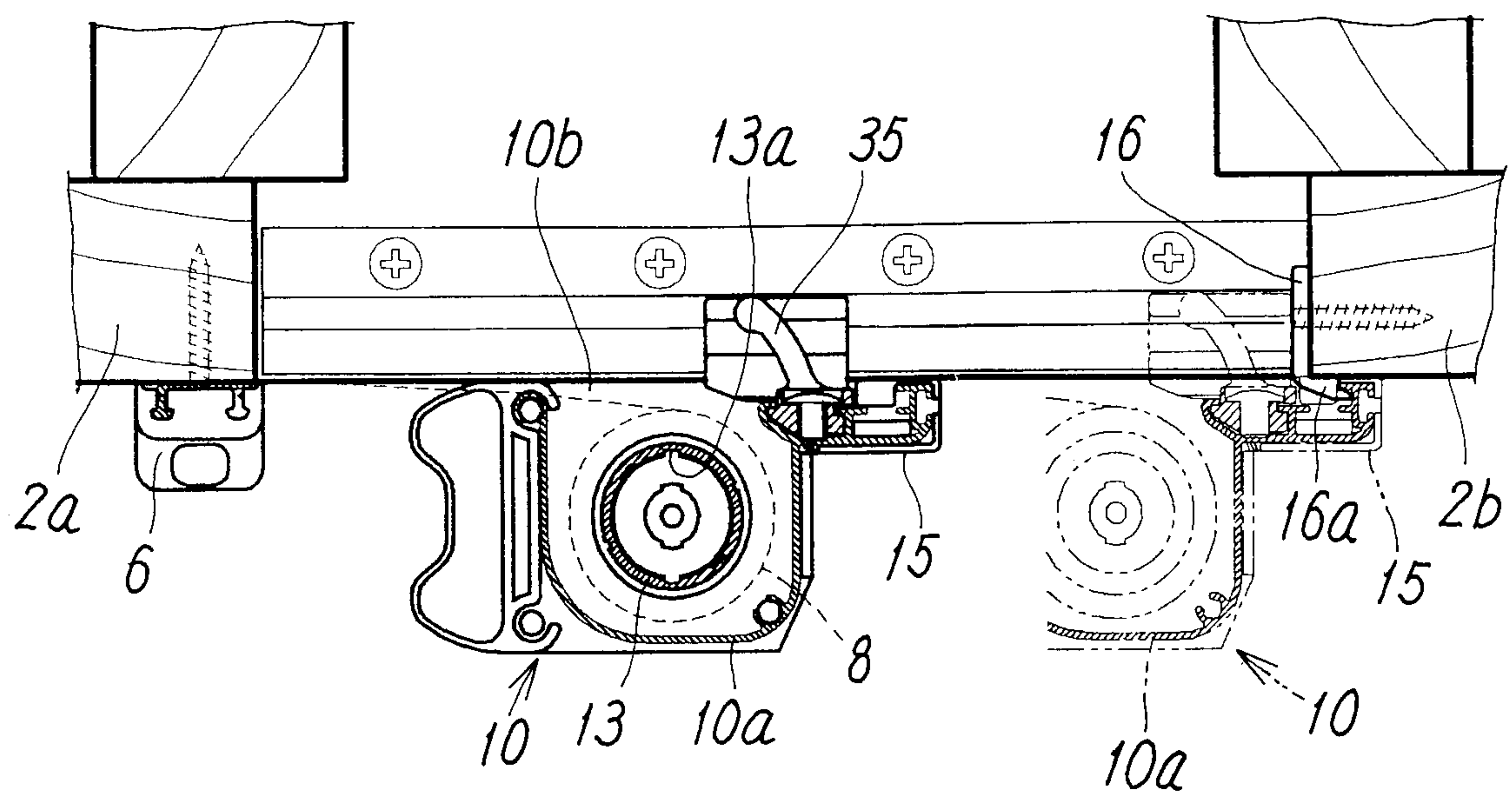


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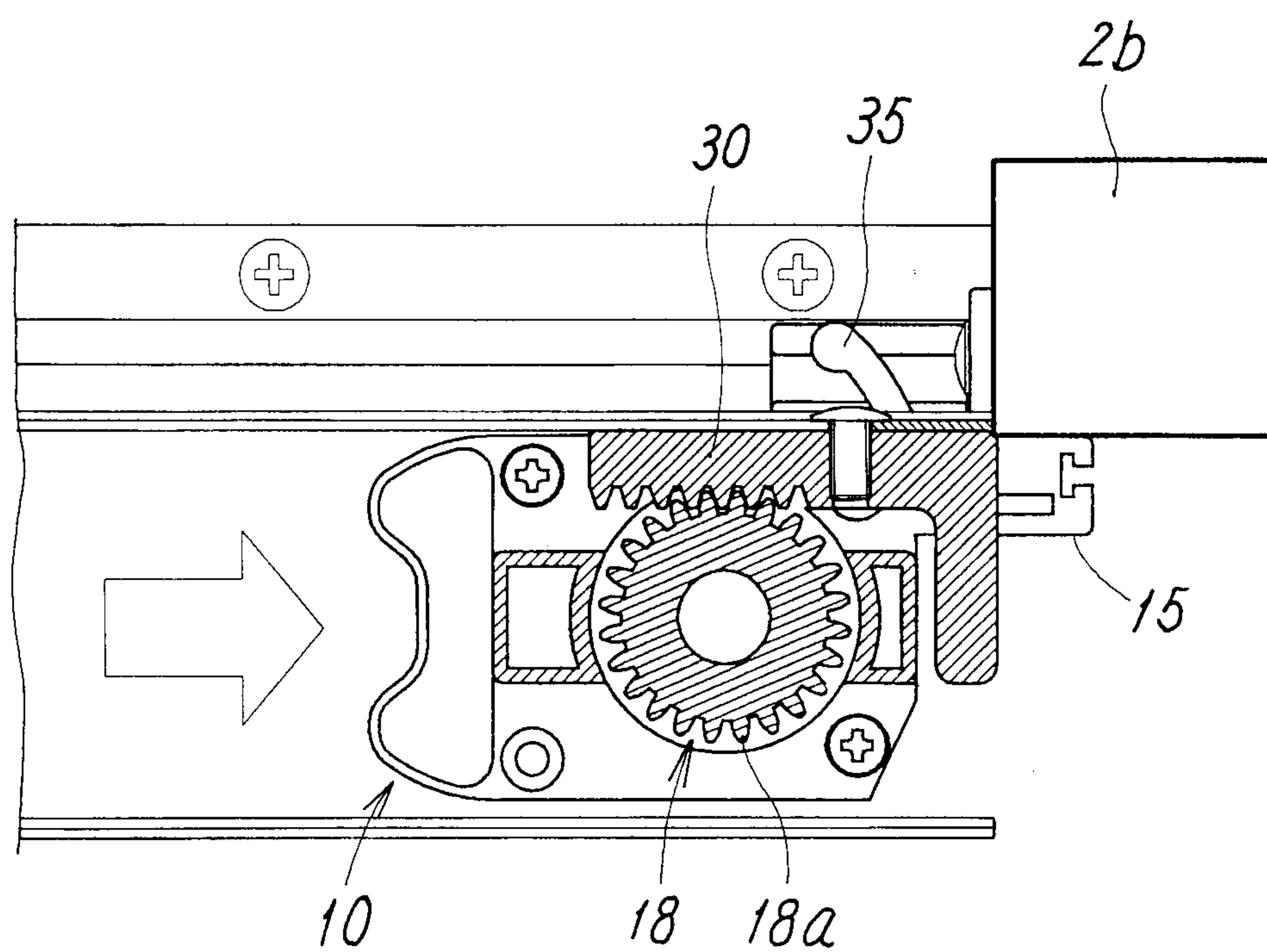


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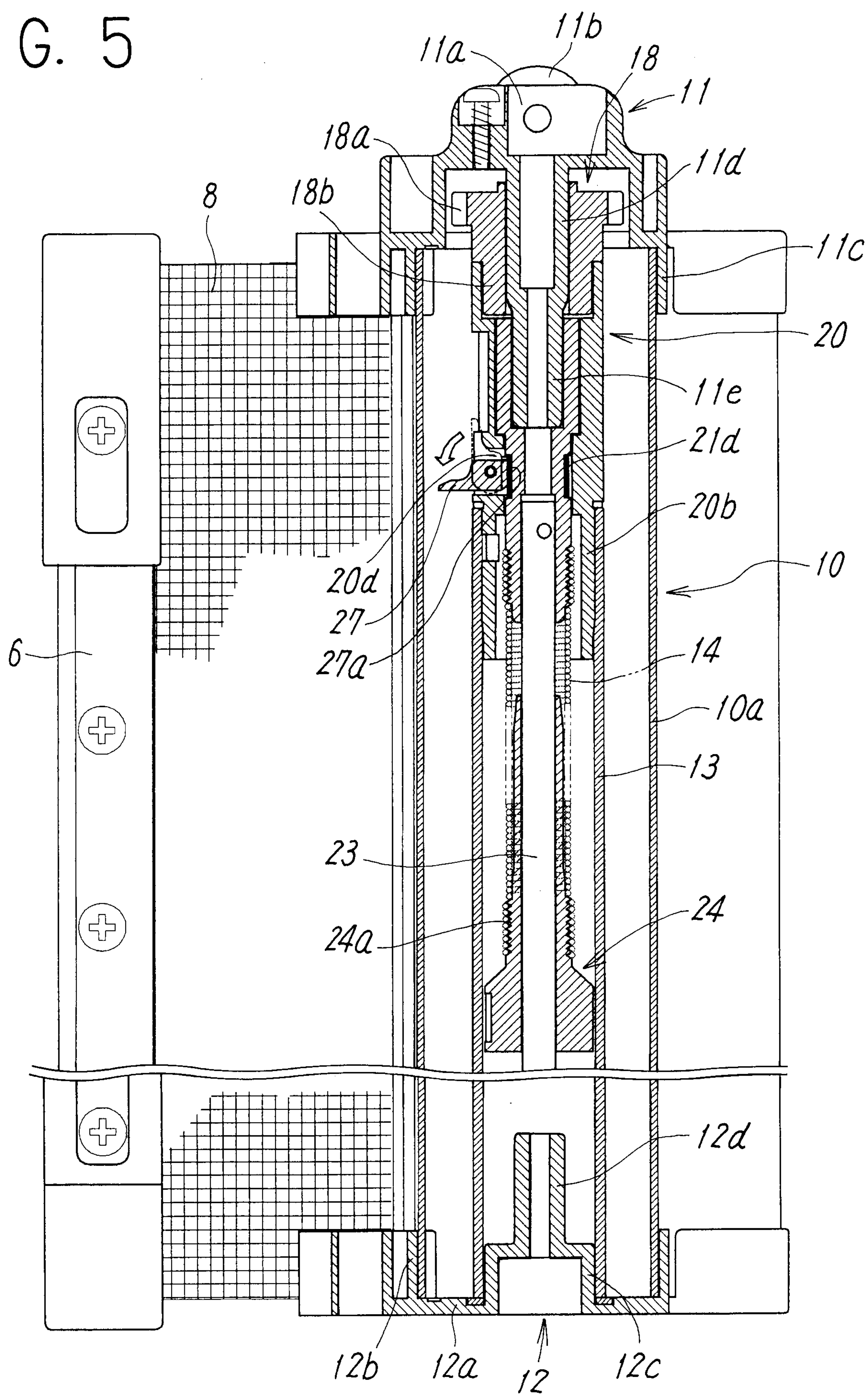


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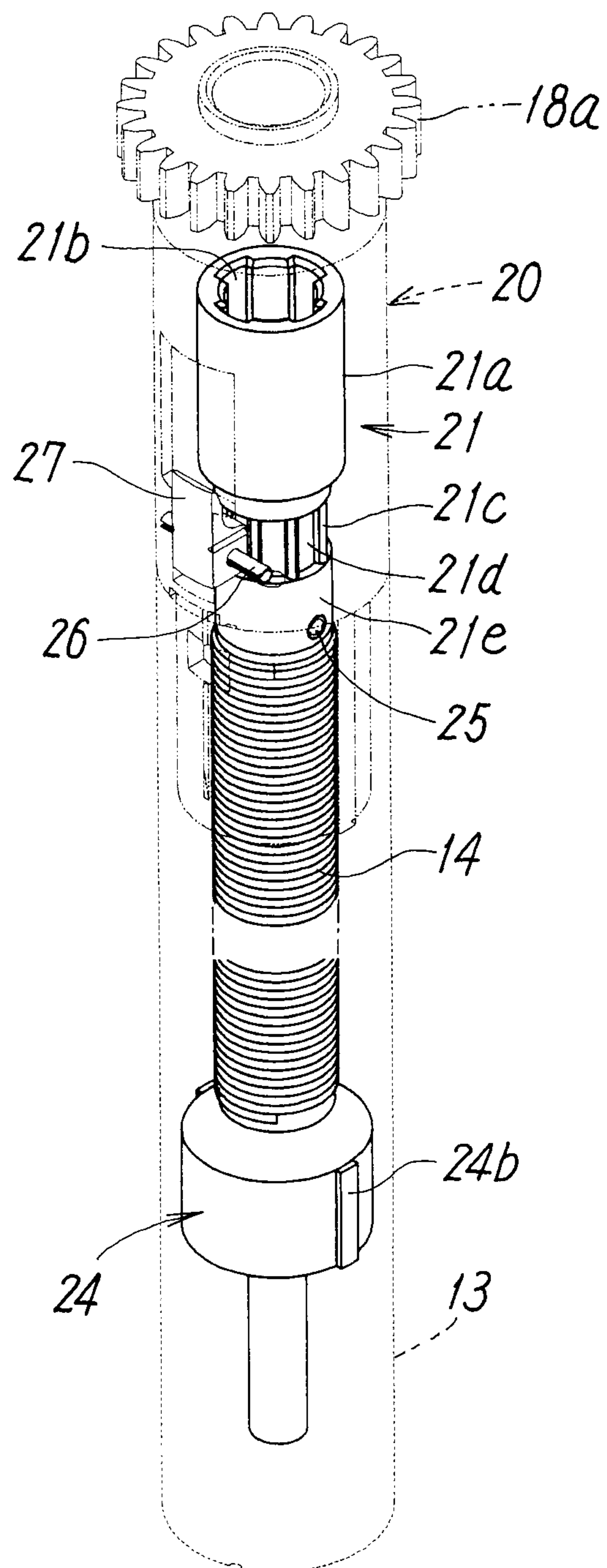


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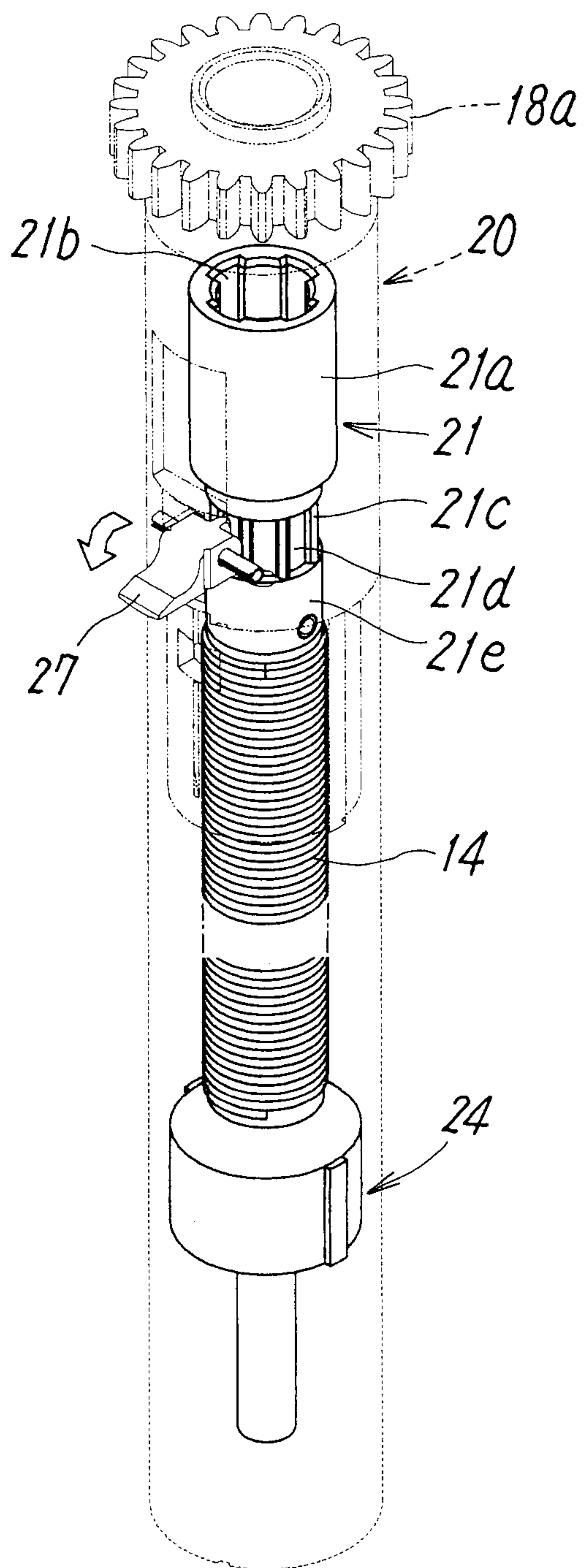


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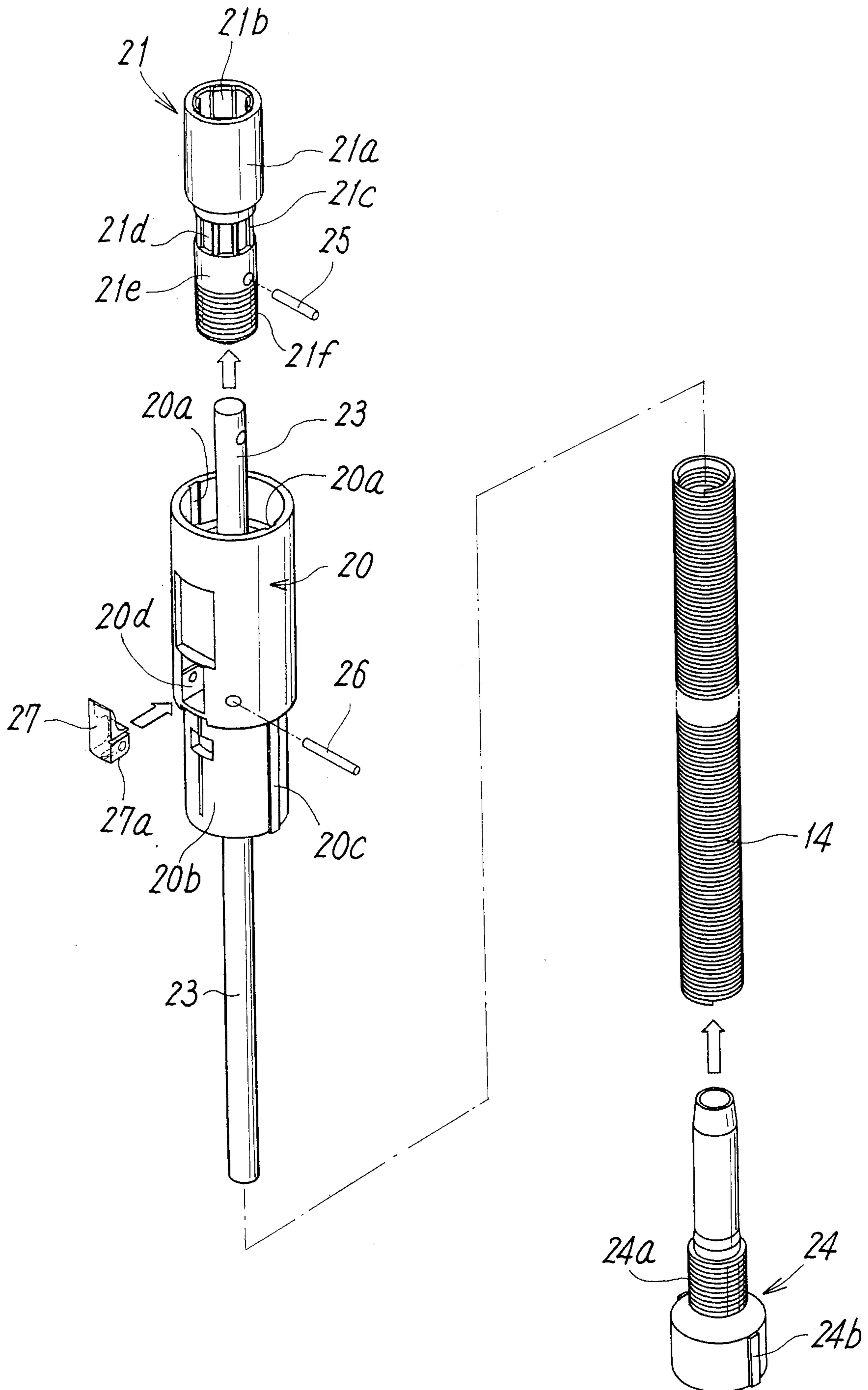


FIG. 9

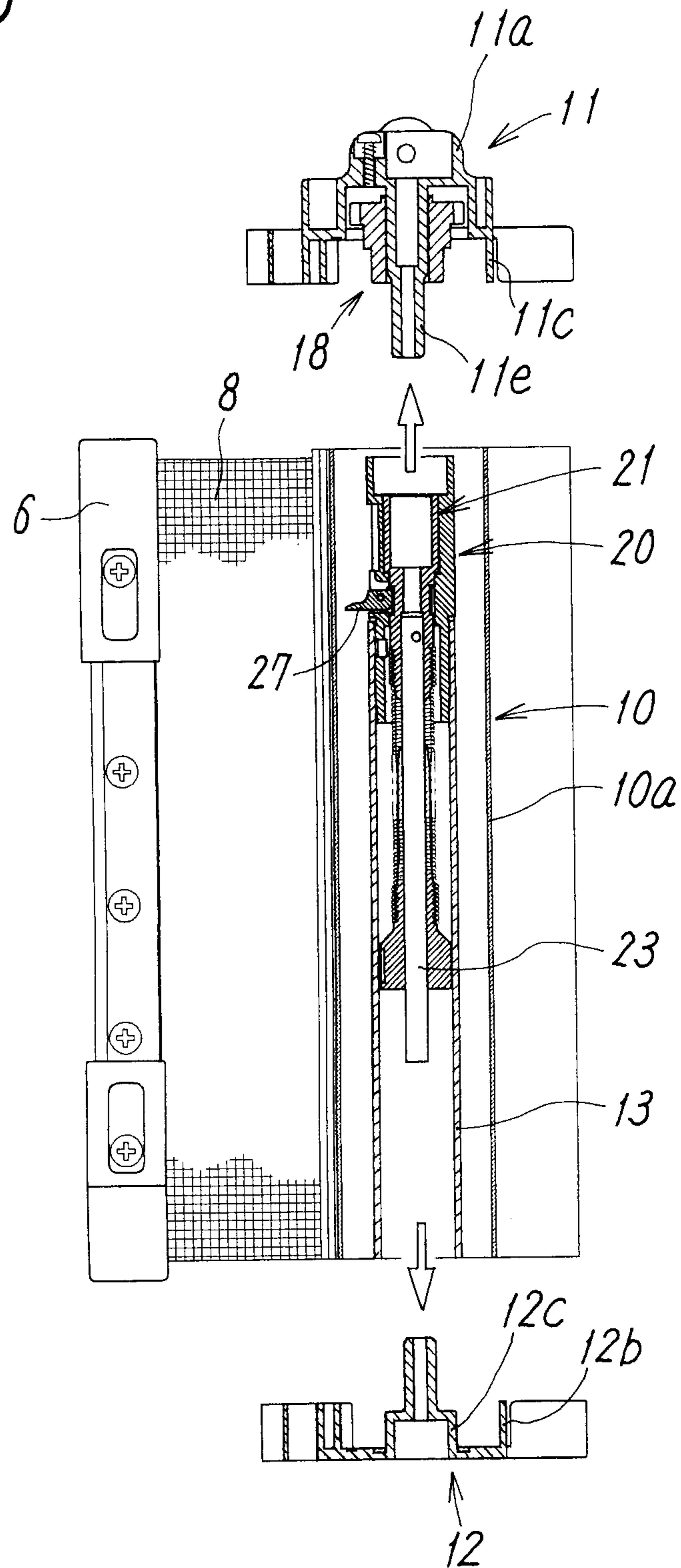


FIG. 10

