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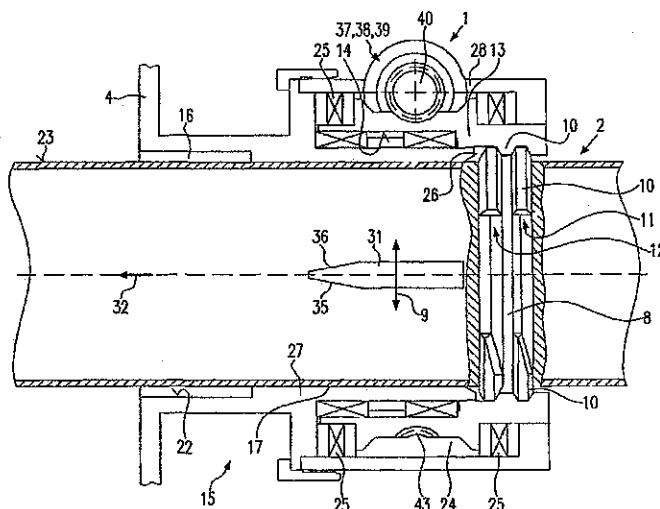
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(57) Abstract: A locking device (1) for locking an exchangeable unit (2) in an insertion opening (3) of an associated housing (4), comprises locking elements (7) adjustable between an insertion opening (15) and a locking position (6), wherein in its insertion direction the unit (2) can be inserted into the insertion opening (3), and is locked in the locking position (6) within the insertion opening (3) and relative to the housing (4). This device has a simpler structure and can at the same time be operated more easily by keeping the safe sealing between the unit (2) and the housing (4), the locking elements (7) are formed as thread segments (10) spaced apart by insertion gaps (8) in the circumferential direction and arranged on the outer side of the unit (2) and being assigned to the insertion opening (3), said thread segments (10) being arranged in the insertion opening (3) at a gap (8) and being in thread engagement in the locking position (6).