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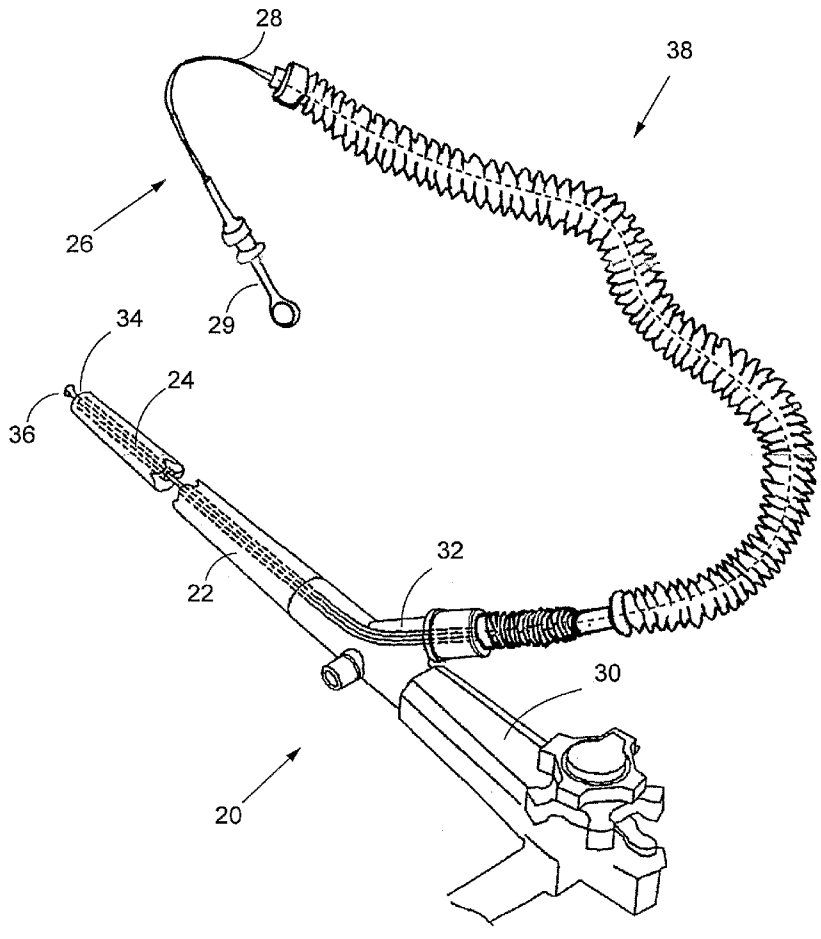
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(57) **Abstract:** A protective sleeve is disclosed for protecting a flexible shaft of an endoscopic tool from contamination or the environment. The protective sleeve comprises a first protective sleeve portion for receiving the shaft of the endoscopic tool, a second protective portion, which is attachable to a port of an endoscope, and a tubular guide member through which the shaft of the endoscopic tool can be longitudinally displaced when the shaft is being either retracted from a port of an endoscope or protracted thereinto.

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