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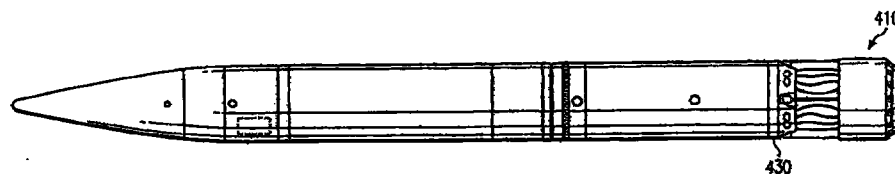
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(57) Abstract: A ramming brake is provided for use with a projectile (10) launched from the barrel of a gun having a tapered portion. The ramming brake (410) includes a braking ring (412) that has a tapered surface configured to wedge into a tapered portion of the gun barrel. In a particular configuration, the braking ring wedges in the tapered breach of the gun barrel. The ramming brake further includes a retaining mechanism that is used to couple the braking ring to the projectile. This retaining mechanism restrains and controls the movement of the projectile after the braking ring wedges into the tapered portion of the barrel.

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