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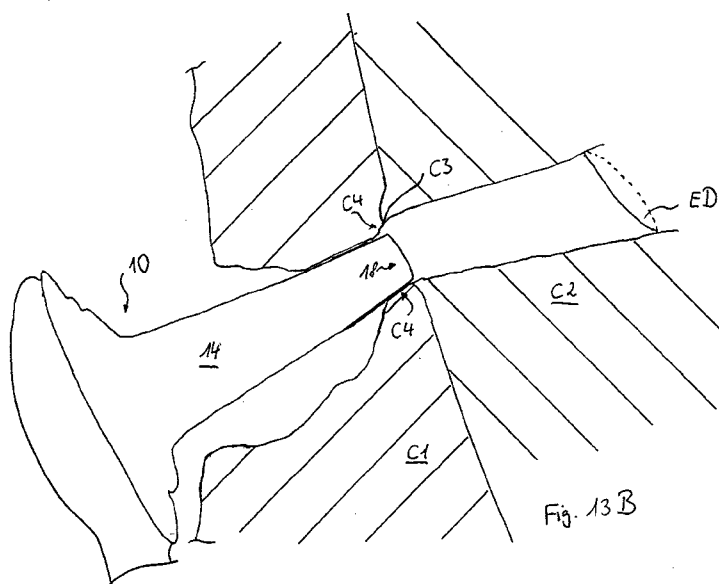
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(57) Abstract: The present invention refers to a method of identifying objects in a subject's ear, comprising the following steps: introducing at least one an optical electronic imaging unit and at least one light source into an ear canal of a subject's outer ear, wherein the electronic imaging unit exhibits at least one optical axis directed in a distal direction, especially directed at the eardrum of the subject's ear; using the at least one electronic imaging unit to capture at least one image from at least one eccentric observation point positioned on the at least one optical axis and positioned eccentrically within the ear canal; and determining brightness and/or color information to identify objects shown in the at least one image by electronic means, in order to automatically identify the objects, especially the eardrum.



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