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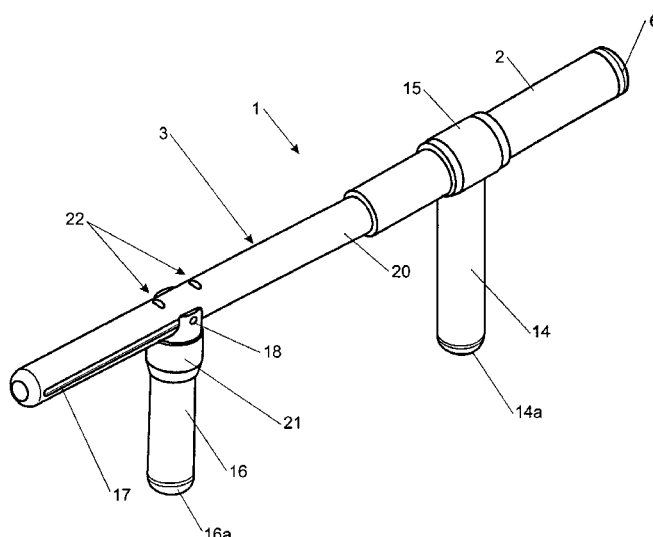
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(57) Abstract: Baton (1) includes two handles (14, 16), a first body portion (2) and a second body portion (3) which telescopically slides between a retracted and an expanded configuration. Retaining device (6) holds body portion (3) within body portion (2) when baton (1) is in the retracted configuration. First handle (14) is oriented perpendicular to body portion (2) and is mounted on collar (15) for rotation around body portion (2). Second handle (16) is moveable between a first position wherein handle (16) is aligned with the outer end of body portion (3), and a second position wherein handle (16) is spaced from the outer end of body portion (3) and is arranged perpendicular to second body portion (3). Baton (1) is telescopically expanded by pulling handle (16) away from body portion (2) until the pulling force exceeds the retaining force provided by retaining device (6).



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