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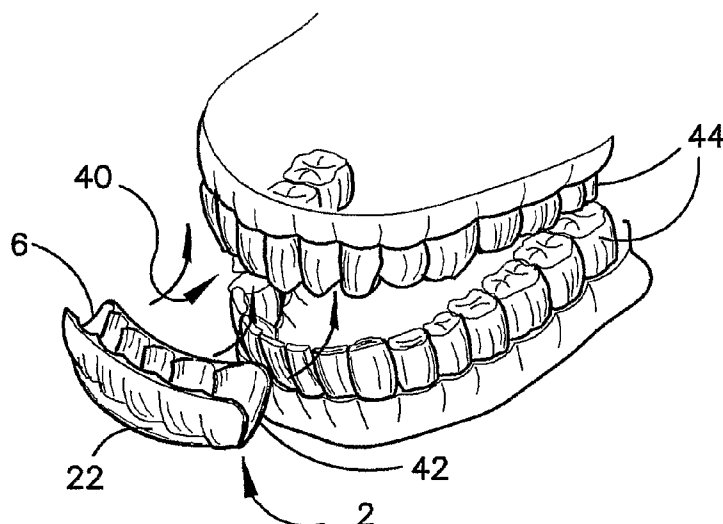
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to an improved form of a splint (2) having a contact portion (8) for maintaining the vertical separation(s) of rearwardly opposed teeth (44) in the oral cavity of a patient wearing the splint (2). The splint (2) is provided with a contact portion (8) for contacting opposed forward teeth (42) to the forward teeth (40) to which the splint is attached such that movement of the opposed forward teeth (40, 42) with respect to the contact portion (8) maintains the spacing(s) of the rearward teeth (42). The contact portion (8) is provided with a central (10) or intermediate section to which a forward portion (20) is angularly inclined. The splint is optionally provided with a third portion (30) angularly inclined to the central or intermediate portion (10) for stabilising the position of the jaw or teeth to prevent permanent or long term change in the jaw position.