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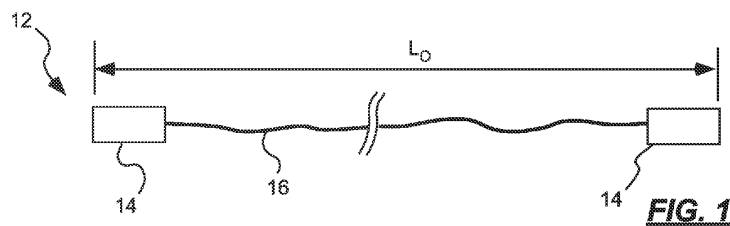
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(57) Abstract: A grappling assembly (18) is provided for use with an entangling projectile (12). The grappling assembly includes at least one hook (19) including an apex portion (22) and a sharpened prong (20) extending distally from the apex portion. A protective cover (26) is carried adjacent the apex portion of the at least one hook. The protective cover includes at least one substantially planar surface (28). The protective cover is positioned relative to the at least one hook such that the sharpened prong of the at least one hook extends distally from the protective cover and thereby remains exposed while the protective cover is carried adjacent the apex portion of the at least one hook.



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