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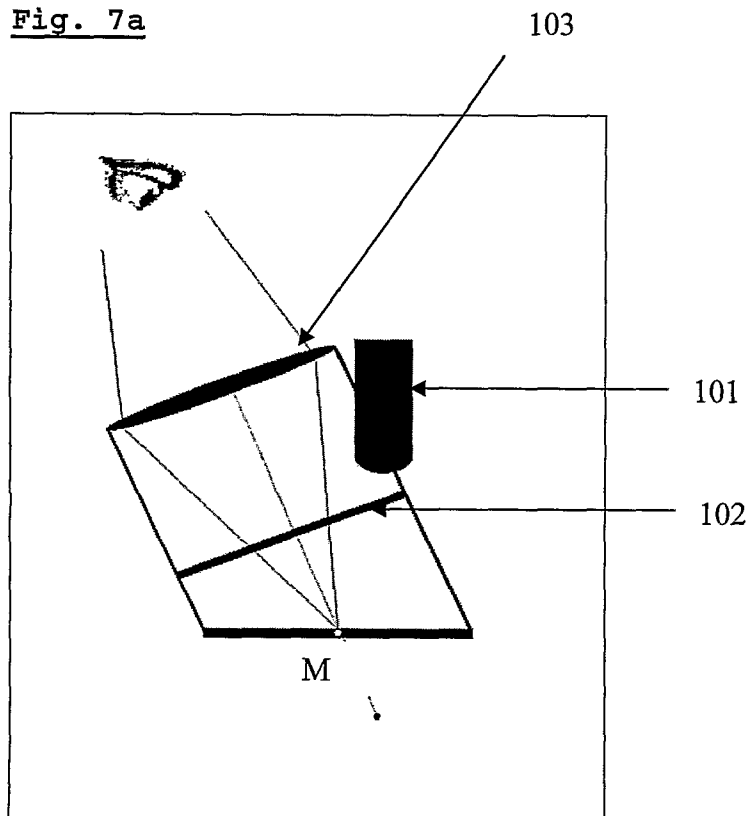
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Fig. 7a



(57) Abstract: The invention discloses an authentication device for the visual authentication of a document or item comprising a circular polarizing security marking, said device comprising a light source and polarization filters for the either parallel or alternate illumination of said marking on said document with left- and right-circular polarized light. Corresponding methods for the visual and the automated authentication of the marking are disclosed as well.



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