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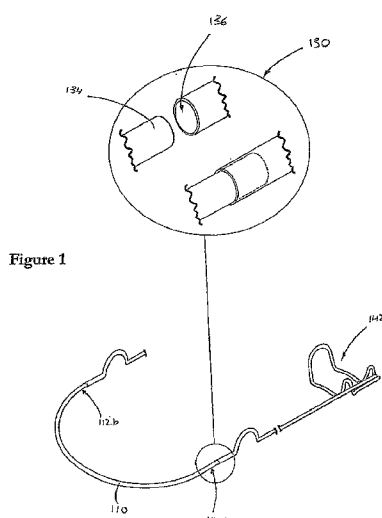
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(54) Title: DENTAL RETAINER



(57) Abstract: The invention provides a dental retainer, suitable for use in retaining a user's teeth (not shown) in position, said dental retainer comprising a curved labial bow member suitable for abutment against the labial side of a row of teeth of a user, said bow member being composed of a fiber reinforced matrix of a suitable thermoplastic material. The bow member is configured and dimensioned to extend operationally from a first end to a second end along a labial side of a user's teeth from at least a pre-molar to a pre-molar on an opposed side of a user's mouth. The dental retainer further comprises a pair of support members which are connected to the ends of the labial bow member at their anterior ends respectively. Preferably, the support members are removably connected to the labial bow member by means of a connector. The bow member and the support member are mounted to a user's teeth operationally by means of a mounting device, such as an Adam's clasp, cross over members connected to a base plate or a loop member suitable for extending around a user's back molar to a base plate. The dental retainer further includes a canine stabilization component for stabilising the dental retainer against a user's canine teeth.

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