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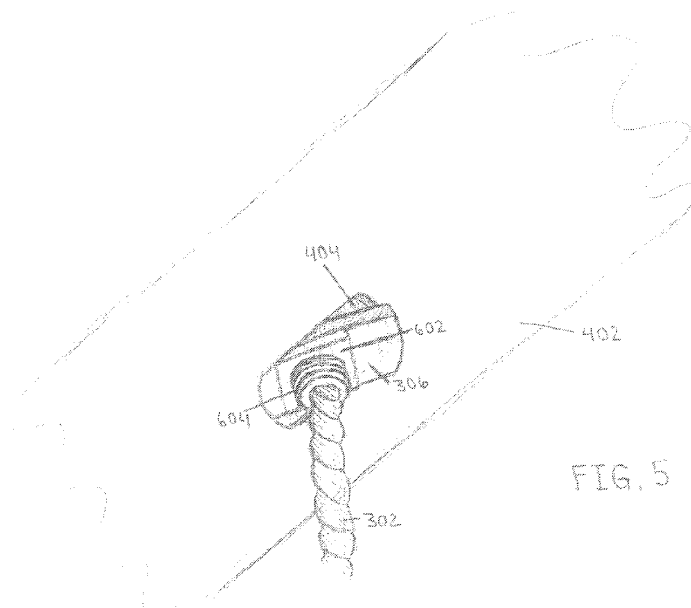
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(57) **Abstract:** Embodiments of a connector (304) for commercial playground equipment are disclosed. In one embodiment, a playground component is provided that includes a connector (304) pre-loaded on a rope (302). The connector (304) includes a connector nut (310), optionally a washer (308), and a connector base (306) that are kept from sliding off the end of the rope (302) by a stop (312). The stop (312) in one embodiment is a ferrule (312) attached to the end of the rope. A specially shaped opening (404) is formed in another component (402) that is also part of the playground component. The specially shaped opening (404) is configured such that at least a portion of the connector base (306) is insertable through the opening (404) when the connector base (306) is rotated to a first orientation, but the connector base (306) is unable to be pulled back through the specially shaped opening (404) when rotated to a second orientation after insertion into the other component (402).

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