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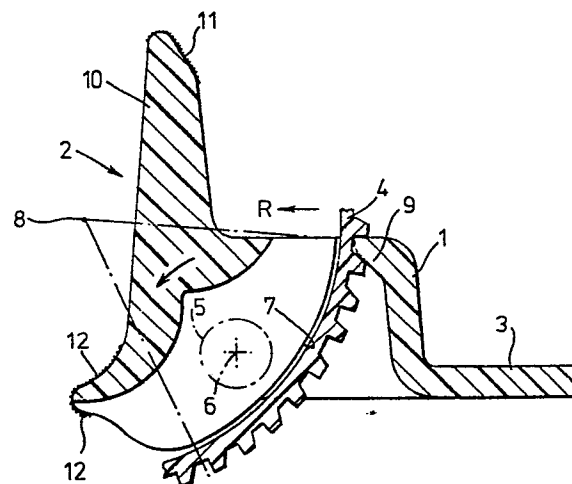
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⑤④ **Flexible locking tie.**

⑤⑦ A flexible tie for bundling electric cables or the like has a flexible strap (4) formed with transverse teeth that is releasably gripped in an aperture in a tie head (1). A transverse inner surface of the head aperture is provided with a tooth (9) that engages between teeth on the strap. A pivoted lever (2) can be moved manually from a locking position in which it holds the teeth on the strap in engagement with the tooth on the head to a position in which it allows the toothed strap to move freely through the head.



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