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(54) **Padlock.**

(57) A padlock of the kind having a body (2) and a U-shaped shackle (6) which projects above an upper end surface (4) of the body (2). The shackle (6) has a captured leg (8) which is retained against separation from the body (2) but which can move relative to the body (2) to allow the shackle (6) to adopt a locked or a released condition. Another leg (7) of the shackle (6) has an end portion which is located within the body (2) and is clear of the body (2) respectively in the locked and released conditions of the padlock. A shroud (3) is formed integral with the body (2) and extends upwards from the body upper end surface (4) so as to completely protect the front of the shackle (6) under both the locked and released conditions. The shroud (3) has a rearwardly opening cavity (5) which substantially contains the shackle (6) when in the locked condition so that the shackle (6) is exposed only at the rear (12) of the padlock. The rear (12) of the padlock is substantially flat, whereas the front (14) has a convex curvature.

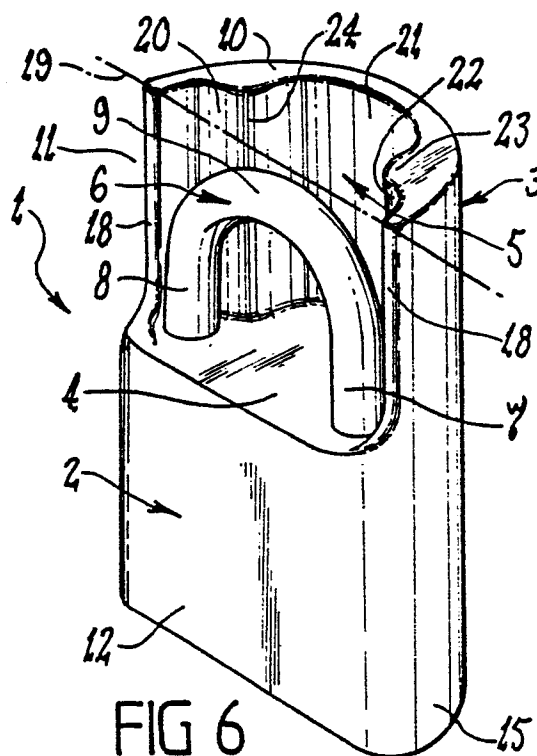


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