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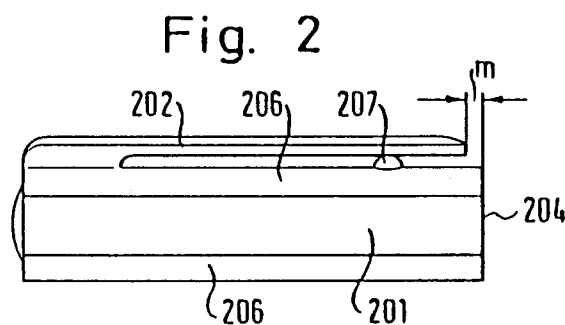
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(54) **Cap for writing instruments containing ink.**

(57) A cap for writing instruments containing ink, has a safety ventilation function in that it enables an air flow along the cap (201), if the cap has lodged in a person's windpipe when swallowed accidentally. The cap (201) is closed on all sides with the exception of its insertion end (204). At least one axial ventilation path is formed by a plurality of axial indentations or grooves (206) formed in the outer surface of the cap and spaced apart peripherally, and a substantially plate-like retaining clip (202) provided between an adjacent pair of axial indentations or grooves (206). Accordingly the ventilation path along its axial extension has an open cross-sectional configuration, whereby when a covering is placed around the cap, a cross-sectional area for ventilation in each radial plane is defined having a throughflow capacity corresponding to the air requirement of a person.

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