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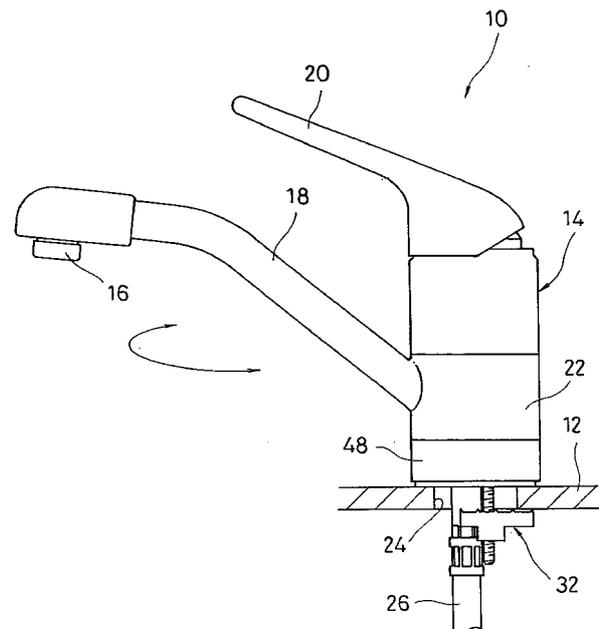
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(54) **Structure for fixing faucet**

(57) A structure for fixing a faucet to a counter by using an adapter assembly. In the structure, an adapter and a holder for vertically clamping the counter therebetween are shifted relative to each other about a bolt connecting the adapter and the holder so as to prevent the backlash of the faucet in the rotational direction. An adapter assembly has only one holder 32 formed in a circular arc shape extending along a hole of the counter and having a long circumference length. The holder 32 is connected to the adapter 30 by screwing two bolts 34, 36 at both ends of the holder 32 in the circumferential direction.

Fig.1





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structure for fixing a faucet on a mounting base comprising an adapter and a holder

2. Claims: 14-21

base member for a faucet applied with a mark

3. Claims: 22-27

faucet comprising a guide piece for the insertion of a hose

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