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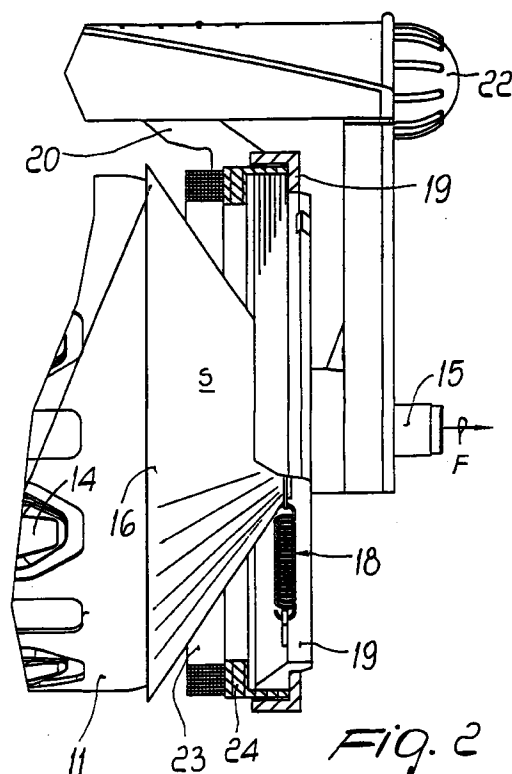
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(54) **Improvement to self-adjusting thread braking devices for weft feeders**

(57) The device comprises: a frustum-shaped braking body (16); means (18-19) for elastically suspending the frustum-shaped body and for pushing it elastically into tangent contact engagement with the drum (11) of the weft feeder (10); and a retention element (23) made of flexible material, which is associated with the suspension ring (19) of the frustum-shaped braking body (16) and is adapted to elastically engage, by abutment, the outer surface (S) of the frustum-shaped braking body in order to limit its axial movements. The retention element is constituted by a ring (23) made of soft, natural or synthetic elastomeric material, advantageously having a cellular structure.



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