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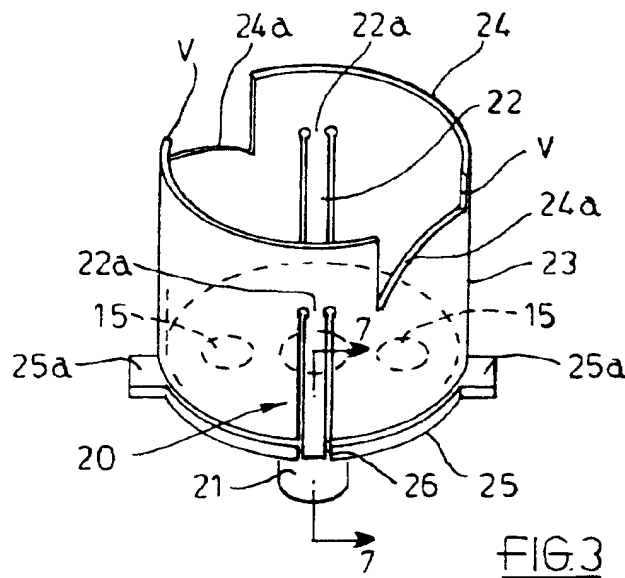
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(54) **Safety bulb holder**

(57) There is disclosed a bayonet-fitting bulb holder having a socket and a cover plate therein for the contact pins which has apertures for the pins and which is moved by the action of inserting a bulb so as to align the

apertures with the pins and by the action of removing a bulb so as to cover the pins and comprising a locking arrangement preventing movement of the cover plate from the pin-covering position except by inserting a bulb or like member filling the socket.



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1. Claims: 1-7, 10

Bayonet-fitting bulb holder with cover plate

2. Claims: 8-9

Bayonet-fitting bulb holder with ramped bayonet engagement tracks

3. Claim : 11

Bayonet-fitting arrangement with a socket having bayonet pin engagement slots extending through a quarter turn

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