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(54) **Support mechanism for firearms**

(57) A telescopically retractable or extendable support 11 for a firearm 1, comprising a plurality of telescoping supporting components 17,27. The support is preferably attachable to a firearm so that said support may be telescopically retracted or extended with respect to said firearm. Preferably, the support is substantially telescopically retractable into said firearm.

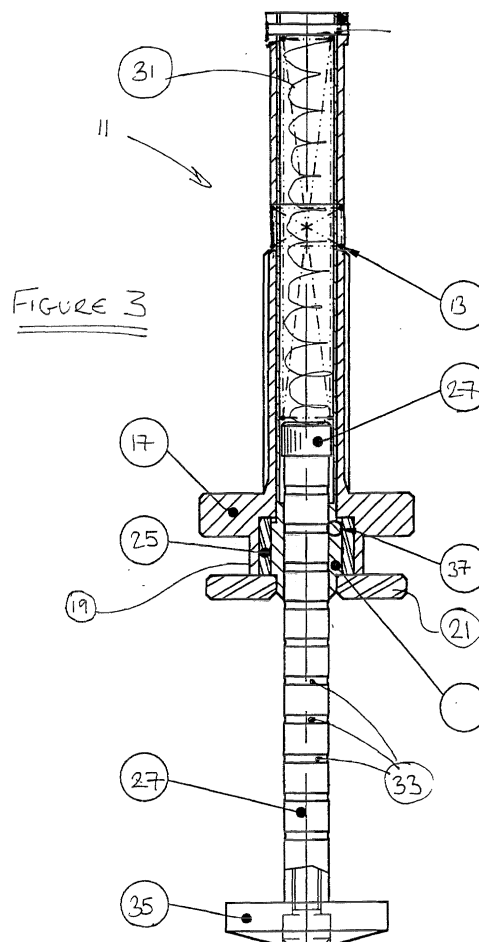


FIGURE 3

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