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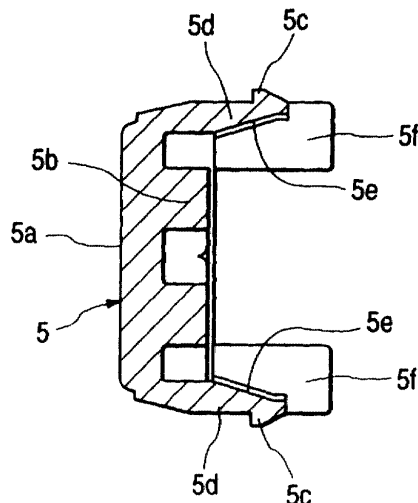
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(54) **Push switch**

(57) A structure of a stem in a push switch is provided which can ensure a sufficient engaging strength of hook portions of the stem even if the hook portions are not equal in wall thickness and which can reduce the size of the entire stem. The push switch comprises a box-shaped housing a, a pair of fixed terminals fixed within the housing 1, a stem 5 held slidably by inner side faces of the housing 1, a movable contact 3 disposed above the fixed terminals 2 so as to be operable in in-

terlock with movement of the stem 5, and a rubber spring 4 which causes the movable contact 3 to move into contact with and away from the fixed terminals 2 and which causes the stem to return. The stem 5 is formed with hook portions having retaining portions respectively for engagement with retaining grooves formed in the inner side faces of the housing, the hook portions 5d being respectively formed with relief portions on sides thereof opposed to the rubber spring 4 to receive therein bent portions of the rubber spring.

FIG. 10



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