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(54) **A ring with interchangeable stone**

(57) The present invention relates to a ring with interchangeable stone (P), comprising a ring element (2) whose top is centrally provided with a housing for the stone (P) that is fit in place between an opposite pair of

box-shaped edges (4a,4b) delimiting the housing transversally. The opposite edges can be forced apart since the top features two median cuts (5a,5b) allowing to open it after the ring element (2) has been elastically spread apart.

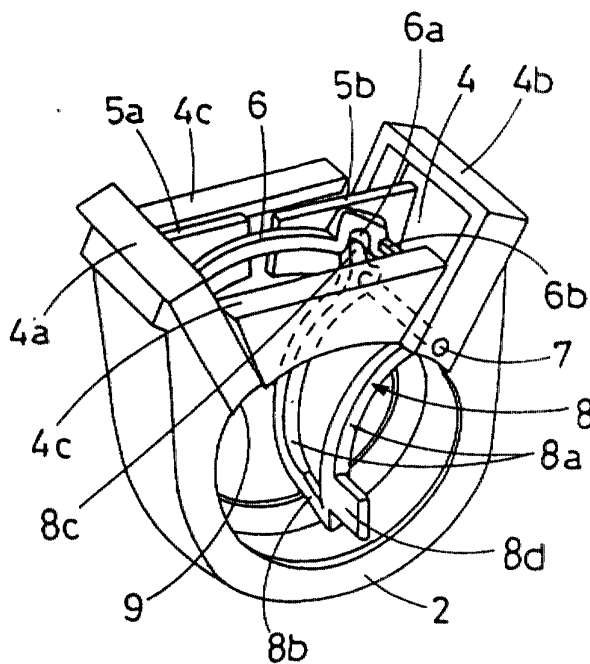


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