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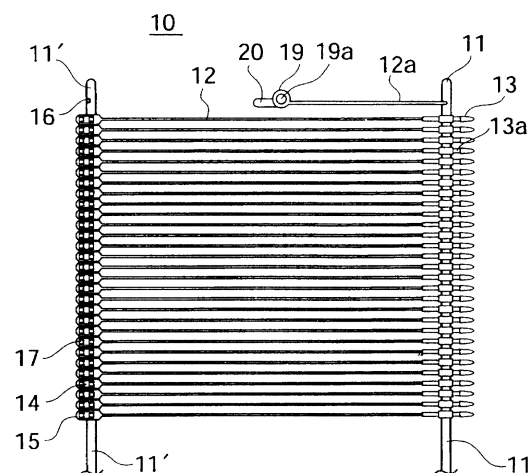
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(54) **Sealing implement**

(57) A sealing implement has a plurality of single sealing implements having a flexible filament part, an insertion head part having an appropriate engaging part provided on one end part of the filament part, and a socket part having a hole for the purpose of irreversibly inserting the insertion head part provided on the other end of the filament, the arrangement of the plurality of single sealing implements being made so that the filament parts thereof are mutually parallel and adjacent, each of the plurality of insertion head parts, or socket parts in proximity thereto, or parts thereof being caused to be connected to separately provided connection bar parts. A filament part with a stopping ring that mates with a part of the other connection bar is mounted on at least one part of one of a connection bar, and that a grabbing piece is formed on the stopping ring. By adopting this configuration, the upper end part is held in a curved condition when the sealing implement is loaded into a shooting apparatus, thereby preventing jams and failures.

Fig. 1





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