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(54) **Lock mechanism**

(57) The invention relates to lock mechanisms, particularly lock mechanisms comprising a drive bar. There is provided a lock mechanism (2) comprising a drive bar (18) which operates at least one latch and a locking means (14) operable to cooperate with said drive bar (18) such that movement of the drive bar (18) is prevented or suitably restricted. The lock mechanism (2) may be operated by remote means. The lock mechanism (2) may further comprise a safety lever (4) such that in use a door or window can only open to a limited extent.

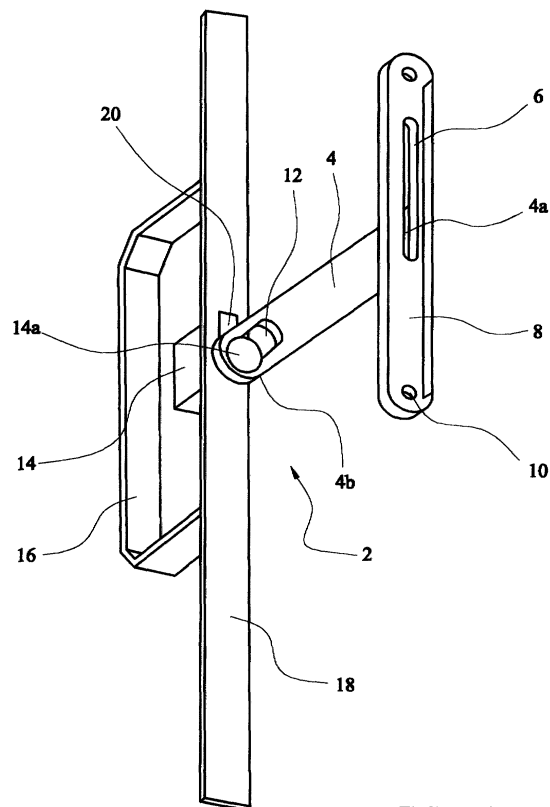


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