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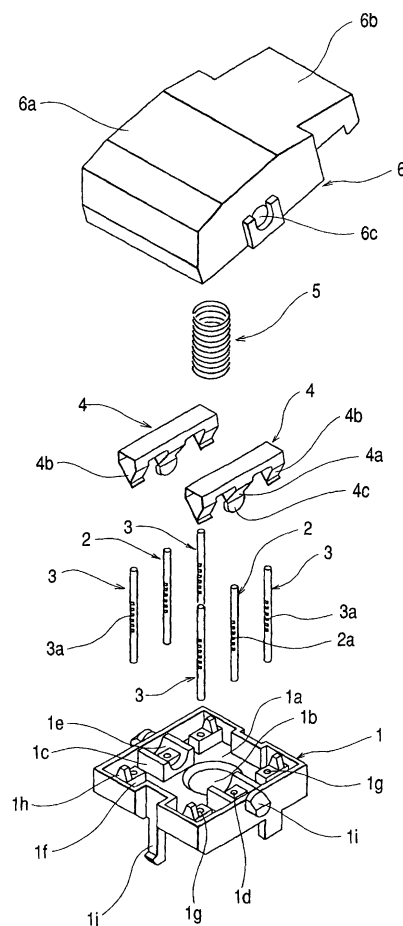
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(54) **Lever operating type switch assembly**

(57) The invention provides a switch assembly in which a movable contact point is swingably supported stably having a common contact point and an individual contact point formed in simple structure to save the material cost and having the common contact point and the individual contact point the parts of which can be used commonly. A support projection that extends to a free end side from an elastic contact position of a common contact point is formed on a support tongue of a movable contact point that is supported swingably in a container of a housing in which a common contact point and an individual contact point are disposed, and a support projection is supported on a pivot support portion formed on the housing.

**FIG. 1**





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1. claims: 1-4

Pivot structure for a movable contact of a switch.

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2. claims: 5-8

Form of fixed contacts and the mounting thereof in a switch base.

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3. claims: 9-12

Pin and socket contact wherein the pin has an insulating part.

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