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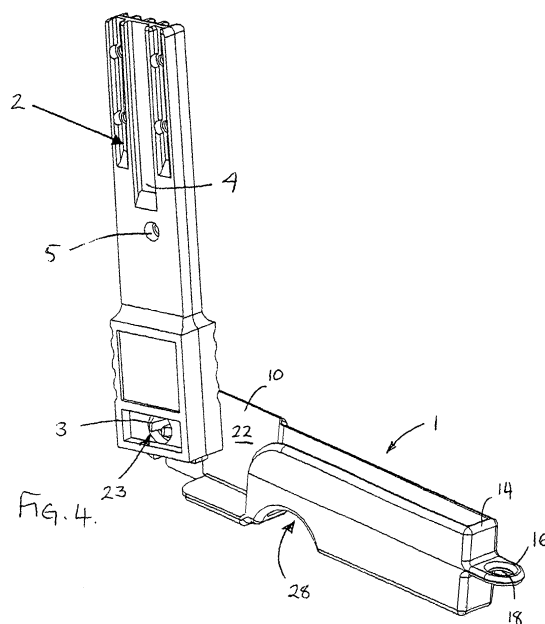
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(54) **Key-sheath**

(57) A key-sheath for an electricity prepayment key, comprises a sheathing portion which, in use, surrounds at least a part of the said key to protect the electrical contact or contacts thereof against damage, and means for securing the sheathing portion to the key, the key-sheath being characterised in that the means for securing the keysheath to the key is formed integrally with the sheathing portion and is such that, when the keysheath is secured to the key, the keysheath is pivotable relative to the key, the keysheath from a position in which the part of the key bearing an electrical contact or contacts is received in the sheathing portion of the keysheath to protect the said electrical contacts to a position in which the said part of the key has moved away from the key-sheath to expose the electrical contacts of the key.



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