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(54) **Latch piece**

(57) A cylindrical latch piece 6, 15 for an umbrella frame includes at least one stud 7 which clips into an aperture or notch 2 of the shaft once fully introduced to hold the latch piece securely to the shaft. At the bottom the latch piece has a shoulder 5 over which a detent 13 of the umbrella runner may locate to hold the umbrella frame fully extended. By this means a push-button-type runner can be used on, say, a metal frame. The latch piece can be either an additional part 15 or can itself constitute the upper section 6 of the shaft.

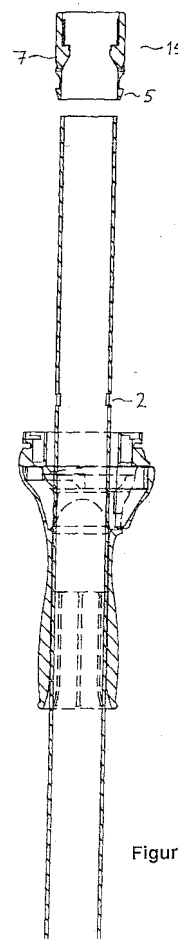


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