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(54) **Hole punch having a latch member**

(57) A hole punch (1) has a base (2) provided with a support element (9) which pivotally supports a handle (4) for movement about a first pivot axis (10/18). A latch member (6) is connected to the handle (4) about a second pivot axis (17/20) which is offset from and parallel to the first axis. The latch member (4) has a projection (21) thereon. The support element defines an abutment face

(16) adjacent to the path followed by the projection (21) on movement of the handle (4) when the latch member is in a release position, the abutment face (16) being positioned to engage the projection when the latch (6) has been rotated relative to the handle to be in a locked position, and the handle is moving upwardly from a depressed position.

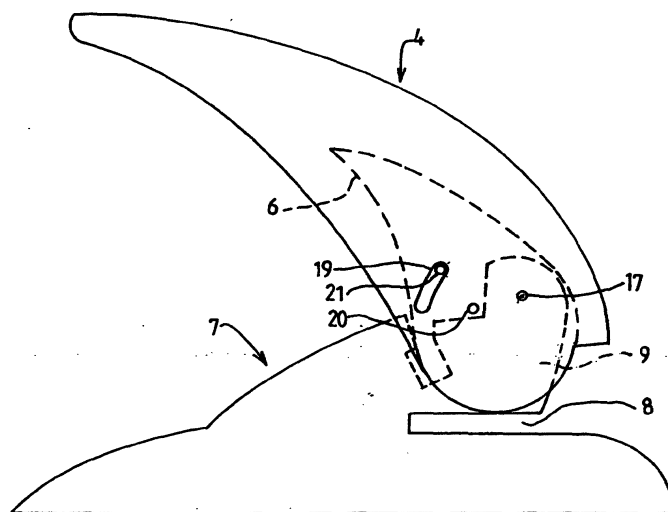


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