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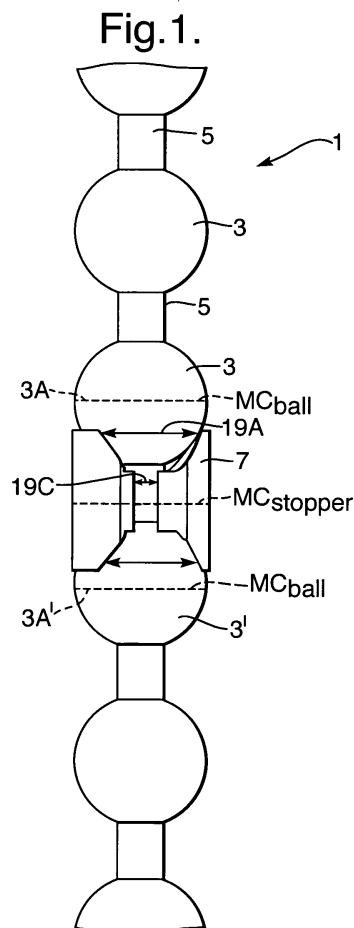
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(54) **Chain stopper**

(57) A chain stopper (7, 107, 207, 307, 407) for attachment to a ball chain (1, 101, 201, 301, 401), having a plurality of balls (3, 103, 203, 303, 403) which are spaced apart along the length of the chain and are interconnected by a plurality of intermediate chain members (5, 105, 205, 305, 405) that extend along the length of the chain between adjacent balls; the stopper being adapted to be attached to the chain between two adjacent balls, about an intermediate chain member between the two adjacent balls, and being characterized by a maximum cross-sectional size ($MC_{stopper}$) that is equal to or less than the size of the maximum cross-section of the balls (MC_{ball}) of the chain.





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