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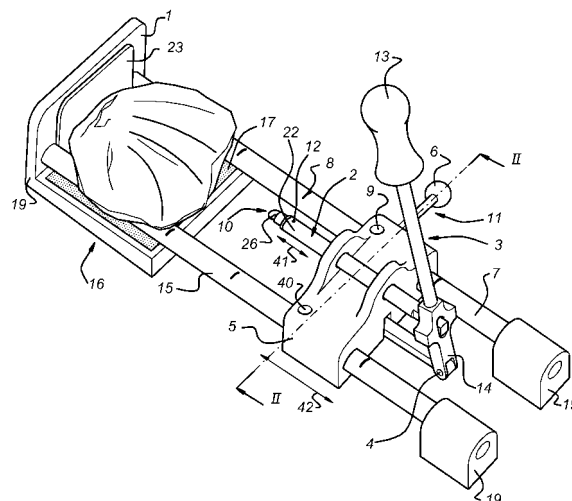
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(54) **Device and method for opening an oyster**

(57) A device for opening an oyster, comprising an oyster support (1) for supporting the oyster, an opening element holder (2) which is arranged so that it is movable in its longitudinal direction and in one opening element holder end (22) thereof comprises an opening element (10), a drive handle (3) for driving the opening element holder (2), which drive handle (3) comprises a first (14) and second handle end (13), is pivotably connected by the first handle end (14) thereof to a fixed point of rotation and between the first (14) and second handle end (13) is connected to the opening element holder (2) and a supporting element (5) for supporting the opening element holder (2), in which the support element (5) is adjustable relative to the oyster support (1), the device comprises guide means (7,15) for guiding the adjustable support element (5) in the direction of movement of the opening element holder (2), and in which the support element (5) comprises fixing means (11) for fixing the support element (5) on the guide means (7,15), which has the effect that the distance between the support element (5) and the oyster support (1) can be adjusted, and also a method for opening an oyster.

*Fig 1*





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