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(54) **A collapsible support stand**

(57) A collapsible support stand comprises a central boss (3) designed, in use, to receive a pole of a device to be supported, the stand further comprising inflatable support means (11) spaced radially outwardly of the boss

(3) and connected to the boss (3) with the arrangement such that, when the support means (11) is inflated, a cavity is defined between the boss (3) and the support means (11), the cavity receiving, in use, ballast such that the stand (1) resists falling over of the device.

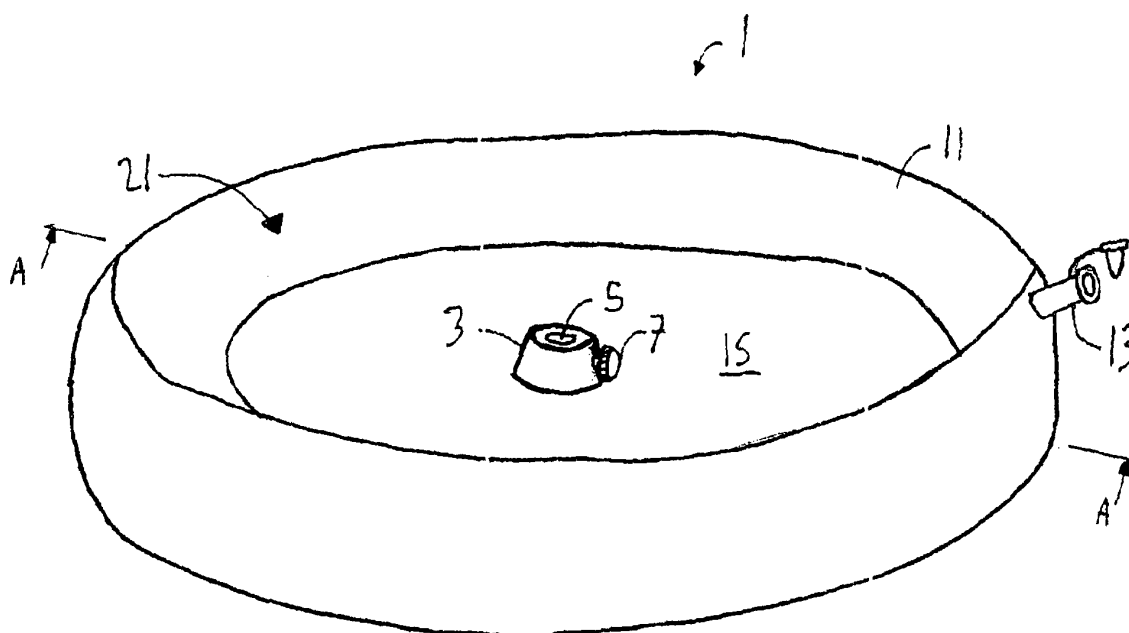


FIGURE 1



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