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(54) **Lace adjuster**

(57) A lace adjuster (100) includes a longitudinal hollow body (10) and two stop members (20). The hollow body (10) defines a longitudinal passage (13), and has longitudinally opposite first and second ends (111, 112), and an operating opening (14) disposed between the first and second ends (111, 112) and communicated with the longitudinal passage (13). The longitudinal passage (13) has first and second openings (131, 132) at the first and

second ends (111, 112), respectively. The stop members (20) are pivotally and transversely mounted in the longitudinal passage (13) and are respectively proximate to the first and second openings (131, 132) of the longitudinal passage (13). Each of the stop members (20) has a lace-engaging portion (22), and a handle portion (23) connected to the lace-engaging portion (22), and is operable so as to adjust the lengths of lace segments (200).

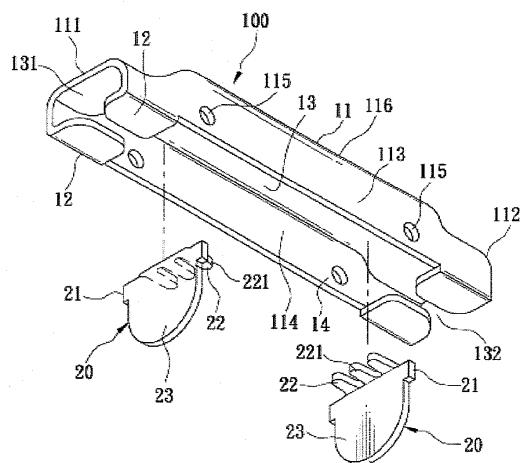


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