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17/022,844	09/16/2020	Walter Ernest Power II	TETH115	8265

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Decision Granting Petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c)	Application No. 17/022,844	Applicant(s) Power et al.
		AIA (FITF) Status Yes

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The express abandonment is recognized and the application has been withdrawn from publication.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at 571-272-4200.

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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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17/022,844

09/16/2020

Walter Ernest Power II

Petition for Express Abandonment to Avoid Publication under 37 CFR 1.138(c)

I hereby petition to expressly abandon the above-identified application to avoid publication.

Petition Fee – must be filed with petition to avoid delays in recognizing the petition.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. _____.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed).

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- ☒ attorney or agent of record. Attorney or agent registration number is 37313
- ☐ attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34, who is authorized under 37 CFR 1.138(b) because the application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application. Attorney or agent registration number is _____.

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Signature

05/28/2021

Date

Brendan B. Dix

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605-334-1571

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7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (*i.e.*, GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
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Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal

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Title of Invention:	Bridge Rope Assembly			
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Walter Ernest Power			
Filer:	Brendan Bennett Dix/Jason Wormstadt			
Attorney Docket Number:	TETH115			
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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In re Application of :
Power et al. :
Application No. 17/022,844 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: 16 Sep 2020 :
For: Bridge Rope Assembly :

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR §1.181, filed March 19, 2021, requesting reconsideration of the decision issued March 9, 2021.

The petition is DISMISSED.

DISCUSSION

The above-identified application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) September 16, 2020. In addition to other items required for the filing of a new utility application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(b), the original application filed, via EFS-Web, on September 16, 2020 was also accompanied by the majority of the items connected with the Prioritized Examination, Track 1, Program. The original application did not include a Certification and Request for Prioritized Examination (Track 1 Request) in the form of either (1) a Certification and Request for Prioritized Examination under 37 CFR 1.102(e) (Form PTO/AIA/424) or (2) an applicant-created form for requesting prioritized examination which should be an equivalent to the Office's form. A Track 1 Request was filed February 3, 2021.

The Track 1 Request filed February 3, 2021 was dismissed in a decision issued March 9, 2021 because the Track 1 request filed February 3, 2021 was not filed on the September 16, 2020 filing date of the above-identified application.

A request for reconsideration of the dismissal of the Track 1 Request was filed March 19, 2021. Petitioner argues that Track 1 priority was clearly intended at the time of filing the above-identified application with the appropriate fees being paid on the application filing date and that filing the PTO/AIA/424 appears redundant to information and intent indicated at the time of original filing.

37 CFR 1.102(e) states, in part, that:

A request for prioritized examination under this paragraph (e) must comply with the requirements of this paragraph (e) and be accompanied by the prioritized examination fee set forth in §1.17(c), the processing fee set forth in §1.17(i), and if not already paid, the publication fee set forth in §1.18(d).

(1) A request for prioritized examination may be filed with an original utility...application under 37 CFR 1.111(a)...The request for prioritized examination in compliance with this paragraph must be present upon filing of the application....

MPEP 708.02(b) I states, in part, that:

A request must meet the general requirements specified in Subsection I.A. below, and also meet the specific requirements for either subsection I. B. (for a newly filed application) or subsection I.C. (for a request for continued examination).

MPEP 708.02(b) I.A.5, states, in part, that:

It is strongly recommended that applicants use the Office's certification and request for PTO/AIA/424 to request prioritized examination, but the form is not required.... If applicant decides to use an applicant-created form for requesting prioritized examination, applicant's form should be an equivalent to the Office's form.

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered by are not persuasive. Although an applicant is not required to use the Office's form for requesting prioritized examination and may instead use an applicant created form for requesting prioritized examination, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(e) explicitly requires that **a request** for prioritized examination **MUST** be present upon the filing of an application. Since a proper request for prioritized examination is required to be included on the filing date of a newly-filed utility application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), an applicant may not correct a deficiency on a later date.

The above-identified application filed on September 16, 2020 did not include a request for prioritized examination which was required under 37 CFR 1.102(e) to be filed with the application or on the same date of the application. Although applicant may have included various other items that are also required under 37 CFR 1.102(e) on the September 16, 2020 filing date, they were not accompanied by a request for prioritized examination as required under 37 CFR 1.102(e). Lacking the required request for prioritized examination on the September 16, 2020 filing date of the application, the dismissal of applicant's later filed February 3, 2021 Track 1 Request was appropriate.

Accordingly, the application will continue to be processed as a new application in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Vanitha Elgart at 571.272.7395.

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Petitions Examiner, OPET

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of)
Walter Ernest Power II)
Serial No.: 17/022,844)
Filed: 09/16/2020)
For: Bridge Rope Assembly)
Examiner:)
Group Art Unit:)
Attorney: Sean A. Kaufhold)

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests review of the facts and granting of prioritized examination of the application identified above. The above application is one of two applications filed the same day and having the same facts as set forth below. Separate petitions have been filed for each application but these petitions are essentially identical.

1. The above identified application was filed by EFS web on September 9, 2020. At the time of filing, Track 1 Prioritized Application Nonprovisional Application under 35 USC 111(a) was selected. The appropriate fee for Track 1 priority was paid at the time of filing.
2. During a file audit it was noticed the application had not been given Track 1 priority. The Patent Office was contacted and clarified that the denial of priority was because form PTO/AIA/424 had not been filed. It was suggested by the person at the PTO that form PTO/AIA/424 be filed.
3. Form PTO/AIA/424 was filed on February 3, 2021.
4. A decision dismissing the request for track 1 priority was received on March 10, 2021. The reason given was that form PTO/AIA/424 was not filed at the original time of filing for the application.
5. The lack of form PTO/AIA/424 was inadvertent and prior filings in applications filed prior to September 9, 2020, had been granted track 1 priority without filing of the PTO/AIA/424 form. Thus, at the time of filing of the present application there was a reasonable belief the PTO/AIA/424 form was not required when track 1 priority was indicated through EFS filing and payment of the appropriate fees at the time of filing.

6. Subsequent to the dismissal after the Consistent with a recommendation by Cheryl Gibson Baylor at the PTO, a new PTO/AIA/424 form is filed herewith this petition.

Wherefore, track 1 priority was clearly intended at the time of filing September 9, 2020, the appropriate fee was paid, and the PTO/AIA/424 form appears redundant to information and intent indicated at the time of original filing made by EFS web;

Wherefore, there is clear evidence there is no attempt to convert the original filing to track 1 priority purely after the original date of filing; and

Wherefore, the original filing was made with a good faith belief of a sufficient request for granting of track 1 priority:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests track 1 prioritization of the present application be granted.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(e) (Page 1 of 1)**

First Named Inventor:	Walter E. Power II	Nonprovisional Application Number (if known):	17/022,844
Title of Invention:	Bridge Rope Assembly		

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Signature <u>/seankaufhold/</u>	Date <u>02/03/2021</u>
Name (Print/Typed) <u>Sean A. Kaufhold</u>	Practitioner Registration Number <u>46820</u>

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<i>Decision Dismissing Request for Prioritized Examination (Track I)</i>	Application No. 17/022,844	Applicant(s) Power et al.	
	Examiner CHERYL P GIBSON BAYLOR	Art Unit OPET	AIA (FITF) Status Yes

1. THE REQUEST FILED 03 February 2021 IS **DISMISSED** BECAUSE:

- A. ☐ The application is not a utility application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) filed by EFS-Web or a plant application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) filed by paper:
- i. ☐ The application is a utility application that was not filed by EFS-Web.
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- B. ☒ The request was not filed with the application or on the same date of the application.
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 - v. ☐ Track I processing fee, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i).
 - vi. ☐ Track I prioritized examination fee, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c).
 - vii. ☐ Application size fee, due because the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(s).
 - viii. ☐ Excess independent claim fee, due because the number of independent claims exceeds three, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(h).
 - ix. ☐ Excess claim fee, due because the number of claims exceeds twenty, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(i).
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- F. ☐ The Track I program has exceeded its limit of 10,000 requests for the current fiscal year.
- G. ☐ Other: _____

2. CONCLUSION

- ☐ **ALL** of the above defect(s) consist only of one or more of items E (i-iii). Applicant is hereby accorded a **non-extendable ONE MONTH** time period from the mailing date of this Decision to (1) correct the subject defect(s) and (2) file a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting reconsideration of prioritized examination. If no such petition is timely filed, the application will not undergo prioritized examination.

- OR -

- ☒ **The application will not undergo prioritized examination, because the request was not accompanied by all of the required items.**

Telephone inquiries with regard to this decision should be directed to CHERYL GIBSON BAYLOR at (571)272-3213 . In his/her absence, calls may be directed to Petition Help Desk at (571) 272-3282.

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Foreign Applications for which priority is claimed (You may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at the USPTO. Please see <http://www.uspto.gov> for more information.) - None.

Foreign application information must be provided in an Application Data Sheet in order to constitute a claim to foreign priority. See 37 CFR 1.55 and 1.76.

Permission to Access Application via Priority Document Exchange: Yes

Permission to Access Search Results: Yes

Applicant may provide or rescind an authorization for access using Form PTO/SB/39 or Form PTO/SB/69 as appropriate.

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 09/24/2020

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 17/022,844**

Projected Publication Date: 07/08/2021

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Title

Bridge Rope Assembly

Preliminary Class

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Statement under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78 for AIA (First Inventor to File) Transition Applications: No

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BRIDGE ROPE ASSEMBLY

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(g) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) Field of the Invention.

30 The disclosure relates to harness rope structures and more particularly pertains to
a new harness rope structures for utilizing eye splices having fully buried rope ends which
extend completely into their mating counterparts a sufficient distance such that a double

layer of rope is created. It has been found that such a construction allows high strength materials that are otherwise susceptible to heat/friction damage, or are of such low friction that they do not typically retain a closed loop formation under stress, to be used safely for harness bridge ropes.

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(2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

10 The prior art relates to harness ropes which are generally conventional and utilize rope materials that are of inferior strength but which have a higher coefficient of friction and a higher weight to strength ratio.

(h) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

15 An embodiment of the disclosure meets the needs presented above by generally comprising a main body including a rope that has a first end and a second end. The rope has a splice therein to form an eye loop in the main body. The eye loop is configured to engage a first bridge loop of a harness. The main body comprises a first portion including the first end and a second portion including the second end. The first portion extends
20 through the second portion of the main body such that the first end is positioned adjacent to the second end. A distance between the first and second ends is less than 2.0 inches.

There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the disclosure in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better
25 understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the disclosure that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

The objects of the disclosure, along with the various features of novelty which
30 characterize the disclosure, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure.

(i) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S)

The disclosure will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

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Figure 1 is a front view of a main body of a bridge rope assembly according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

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Figure 2 is a front view of a closed loop of an embodiment of the disclosure.

Figure 3 is a front in-use view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

Figure 4 is a front in-use view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

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Figure 5 is a side in-use view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

Figure 6 is a front view of a rope used in forming a main body of an embodiment of the disclosure.

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Figure 7 is a front view of a step in forming the main body of an embodiment of the disclosure.

Figure 8 is a front view of a single rope used in forming a friction hitch of an embodiment of the disclosure

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Figure 9 is a front view of a step in forming a continuous loop of an embodiment of the disclosure.

Figure 10 is a front view of the continuous loop of an embodiment of the disclosure

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Figure 11 is a cross-sectional view taken along line 11-11 of Figure 10 of an embodiment of the disclosure.

(j) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to Figures 1 through 11 thereof, a new harness rope structure embodying the principles and concepts of an embodiment of the disclosure and generally designated by the reference numeral 10 will be described.

As best illustrated in Figures 1 through 11, the bridge rope assembly 10 generally includes a main body 12, as shown in Figures 1, 4, 6 and 7, comprising a rope 14 that has a first end 16 and a second end 18. The main body 12 has a splice 20 therein to form an eye loop 22 in the main body 12. The splice 20 may be a straight splice or a locked brummel splice. Each is well known in the art of rope manipulation within the harness arts. Generally, a locked brummel splice may be preferred as any buried tags (portions of rope extended within another portion of rope) cannot back themselves out as they are effectively “locked” in place with a knot. A downside of the locked brummel is the knot itself at the splice 20 which creates a bulge in the rope where the knot is formed. Buried tags that are the product of a straight splice are not locked in place and therefore can back themselves out when not under tension. However, a straight splice can be secured in place by stitching the resultant tag(s) in place once the tag is in a buried condition if desired. Generally, as it will be understood below, it is the splice 20 which creates one or two tags which is important.

The eye loop 22 is configured to engage a first bridge loop 24 of a harness 26 utilized to support a person 28 secured to a tree 30. After the formation of the eye loop, the main body 12 comprises a first portion 32 including the first end 16 and a second portion 34 including the second end 18. The first portion 32 is then extended through the second portion 34 of the main body 12 by threading the first end 16 into the second portion 34 adjacent to the eye loop 22. The first end 16 of a conventional buried tag, i.e. first portion 32, is typically retained within the second portion 34 in close proximity to

the eye loop 22. However, in the current disclosure, the eye loop 22 is positioned proximate a central area of the rope 14 such that the first end 16 can be extended adjacently to the second end 18, wherein the first 32 and second 34 portions each extend away from the eye loop 22. The first end 16 will typically remain within the second
5 portion 34 and will be located less than 2.0 inches from the second end 18.

The main body 12 includes a stop knot 36 in the second portion 34 adjacent to the second end 18 and therefore the stop knot 36 further includes the first portion 32 adjacent to the first end 16. The stop knot 36 may comprise, for example, a double fisherman's
10 knot.

The juncture of the first 16 and second 18 ends may be covered with a securing member or otherwise bonded together with known methods and/or mechanical structures. These may include mechanical stitching, staples, glue, friction/heat bonding and the like.
15 One type of securing member may comprise a heat shrink wrap sleeve having an interior coated with an adhesive to ensure a strong bond between the sleeve and the main body 12. The sleeve will extend in opposite directions away from a juncture of the first end 16 and the second portion 34 to ensure that that the first end 16 does not move relative to the second portion 34 and protects the juncture from damage, such as for example from
20 fraying. After the shrink wrap is heated and adhered to the second portion 34, the extra length of section portion 34 extending beyond the first end 16 may be removed such that the first 16 and second 18 ends are flush with each other.

The rope 14 may have a length from the first end 16 to the second end 18 between
25 72.0 inches and 126.0 inches. The main body 12 may further comprise a .25 inch braided rope though other rope diameters are contemplated with the width being typically less than 0.50 inches and generally at least 0.1875 inches. The second end 18 extends away from the eye loop 22 between 0.5 inches and 3.0 inches farther away than the first end 16 extends away from the eye loop 22, and more preferably less than 2.0 inches farther away.
30 It should be understood that the first end 16 may extend outwardly of the second portion

34 a short distance and either be trimmed back such that it is flush with or within 1.0 inches of the second end 18 and thereafter secured in place. The burying of the first portion 32 within the second portion 34 may be facilitated with conventional threading/splicing tools 35. Increased friction between the first 32 and second 34 portions due to the increased diameter of the second portion 34 prevents movement of the first 32 and second 34 portions relative to each other to minimize mechanical failure. The increased diameter of the second portion 34 will also result in increased friction between the main body 12 and a friction hitch positioned on the main body 12. This minimizes mechanical failure of the bridge rope assembly 10 during standardized drop testing.

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The main body 12 is comprised of a polyethylene, and in particular ultra high molecular weight polyethylene, typically known as UHMWPE. This material characteristically includes extremely long chains of polyethylene having 100,000 to 250,000 monomer units per molecule. Such material is available from numerous suppliers. One such material is sold under the trademark *Amsteel*. *Amsteel* is a trademark of Samson Rope Technologies, Inc. located at 2090 Thorton Street, Ferndale, WA. This material may be blended with other materials; however, the rope may consist solely of UHMWPE. UHMWPE, while extremely strong, has a very low coefficient of friction. Therefore the extension of the first portion 32 through the second portion 34 further resists the movement of the first portion 32 outwardly away from the second portion 34 while increasing a thickness of main body 12 such that it may be gripped easier.

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In one embodiment, the main body 12 comprises a rope that is 95.0 inches long and is comprised of 0.25 inch diameter *Amsteel*. A splice 20 is created and a locked brummel used such that a 39.0 inch tag line (first portion 32) is formed which is buried into what will be an approximately 50.0 inch remainder (second portion 34) of the rope 14. The widening of the second portion 34 to accept the first portion 32 causes the second portion 34 to shorten in length which allows the first portion 32 to nearly extend through the second portion 34. Shrink wrap 40 is then applied over the second 34 portion at a juncture of the first end 16 and second portion 34. It is heated to form a bond with

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the second portion 34 and compresses the first 32 and second 34 portions together. After the shrink wrap is heated and adhered to the second portion 34, the extra length of the second portion 34 extending beyond the first end 16 may be removed such that the first 16 and second 18 ends are flush with each other. The stop knot 36 is formed in the main
5 body 12 adjacent to the shrink wrap 40 by way of a double fisherman's knot. The distance from the stop knot 36 to the eye loop 22 is approximately 31.0 inches.

A friction hitch 42, as shown particularly in Figures 2, 4, and 9-11, is positioned on the main body 12 between the stop knot 36 and the eye loop 22. The friction hitch 42
10 is formed in a conventional manner and is configured to engage a second bridge loop 44 of the harness 26. The friction hitch 42 comprises a closed loop 46. The closed loop 46 is comprised of a single rope 48 that is formed into a continuous splice using a conventional method except wherein a pair of ends (first end 50 and second end 52) of the single rope 48 are each buried into the closed loop 46 a distance of at least 40% of a
15 total circumference of the closed loop 46, more particularly between 40% and at least 50% of the total circumference, though, for reasons stated below, a distance of less than 50% may be preferred.

Using conventional methods, the closed loop 46 is formed at with a splice 54
20 drawn together by ends 50 and 52 being drawn through the splice 54. As with the main body 12, the splice 54 may be a locked brummel splice 54 or a straight splice with the same disadvantages as mentioned above except with two tag lines, as shown in Figure 9, instead of one. The first 50 and second 52 ends are then drawn through, or buried, in the continuous loop 46 with the first end 50 being positioned on one side of the locked
25 splices 54 and the second end 52 being positioned on the other side of the locked splices 54. The first 50 and second 52 ends are thereby extending toward each other within the closed loop 46. However, they will typically remain spaced apart a distance of between 1.0 and 4.0 inches to create a narrow area 56 in the continuous loop 46 having a diameter that is less than a remainder of the continuous loop 46. Thus, the ends 50, 52 are each
30 buried typically at least 40% and less than 50% of the total circumference of the

continuous loop leaving the narrow area 56 to include less than 100% and greater than 80% of the total circumference.

5 The single rope 48 of the closed loop 46 has a length between 40.0 inches and 60.0 inches and the closed loop 46 will typically have a total circumference of between 20.0 inches and 30.0 inches. The single rope 48 may further comprise a 3/16 inch braided rope, though other rope diameters are contemplated with the width being typically less than 0.50 inches and generally at least 0.125 inches. As with the main body 12, the friction hitch 42 is comprised of UHMWPE. By burying the first 50 and second 52 ends
10 of the single rope 48 through a majority of the closed loop 46, the closed loop 46 will resist damage caused by movement of the first 50 and second 52 ends within closed loop 46 while ensuring that the closed loop 46 remains intact.

15 In one specific example of the friction hitch 42, the single rope 48 is 47.0 inches long and is comprised of a 3/16 inch diameter of *Amsteel* rope, a type of braided rope comprised of UHMWPE. A brummel is formed 13.5" from a center point of the single rope 48 with tag ends of the single rope 48 each being buried to form a resultant closed loop 46 having a circumference from 22" to 24" depending on the stretch of the single rope 46 as it is formed into the closed loop 46. The narrow area 56 has a length being
20 equal to between 3.0 inches and 4.0 inches. The closed loop 46 is formed into the friction hitch using what is commonly referred to as a Prusik knot.

In use, the eye loop 22 of the main body 12 is engaged on the first bridge loop 24 of the harness 26. The friction hitch 42 is formed in a conventional manner on the main
25 body 12 and second bridge loop 44. The friction hitch 42 is positioned between the eye loop 22 and knot 36. The friction hitch 42 is conventional and can be selectively loosened and moved along the main body 12. However, the materials and structure of the main body 12 and friction hitch 42 will prevent failure and allow UHMWPE materials to be used in such a manner that they will pass standardized drop tests. The narrow portion
30 56 of the closed loop 46 will typically be engaged with the second bridge loop 44 and its

narrow diameter will assist in locking it in grooves in the second bridge loop 44 should such be provided.

With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of an embodiment enabled by the disclosure, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by an embodiment of the disclosure.

Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the disclosure. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the disclosure to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the disclosure. In this patent document, the word “comprising” is used in its non-limiting sense to mean that items following the word are included, but items not specifically mentioned are not excluded. A reference to an element by the indefinite article “a” does not exclude the possibility that more than one of the element is present, unless the context clearly requires that there be only one of the elements.

(k) CLAIM OR CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A bridge rope assembly configured to couple together a tree rope to a first bridge loop and a second bridge loop on a harness, the bridge rope assembly including:
a main body comprising a rope having a first end and a second end, the main body having a splice therein to form an eye loop in the main body, the eye loop being configured to engage the first bridge loop, the main body comprising a first portion including the first end and a second portion including the second end, the first portion extending through the second portion of the main body such that the first end is positioned adjacent to the second end, a distance between the first and second ends being less than 2.0 inches.
2. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 1, wherein the rope has a length from the first end to the second end between 72.0 inches and 126.0 inches.
3. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 1, wherein a distance of the eye loop to the second end is between 24.0 inches and 40.0 inches.
4. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 3, further including a securing member being positioned on the main body at a juncture of the first and second ends to retain the first and second ends at a static position relative to each other.
5. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 4, wherein the main body includes a stop knot in the second portion adjacent to the second end.
6. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 1, further including a friction hitch being positioned on the main body between the stop knot and the eye loop, the friction hitch being configured to engage the second bridge loop, the friction hitch

comprising a closed loop, the closed loop comprising a single rope being formed into the closed loop with a splice having a pair ends each being buried into the closed loop a distance of at least 40% of a total circumference of the closed loop.

7. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 6, wherein the single rope of the closed loop has a length between 40.0 inches and 60.0 inches.

8. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 7, wherein the closed loop has a total circumference of between 20.0 inches and 30.0 inches.

9. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 6, wherein the closed loop has a total circumference of between 20.0 inches and 30.0 inches.

10. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 9, wherein the main body and the friction hitch each are comprised of UHMWPE.

11. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 1, wherein the main body is comprised of UHMWPE.

12. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 9, wherein a distance of the eye loop to the second end is between 24.0 inches and 40.0 inches.

13. The bridge rope assembly according to claim 12, wherein the closed loop has a total circumference of between 20.0 inches and 30.0 inches.

14. A bridge rope assembly configured to couple together a tree rope to a first bridge loop and a second bridge loop on a harness, the bridge rope assembly including:
a main body comprising a rope having a first end and a second end, the main body having a splice therein to form an eye loop in the main body, the eye loop being configured to engage the first bridge loop, the main body comprising

a first portion including the first end and a second portion including the second end, the first portion extending through the second portion of the main body such that the first end is positioned adjacent to the second end, a distance between the first and second ends being less than 2.0 inches, the rope having a length from the first end to the second end between 72.0 inches and 126.0 inches, a distance of the eye loop to the second end being between 24.0 inches and 40.0 inches;

a securing member being positioned on the main body at a juncture of the first and second ends to retain the first and second ends at a static position relative to each other;

the main body including a stop knot in the second portion adjacent to the second end;

a friction hitch being positioned on the main body between the stop knot and the eye loop, the friction hitch being configured to engage the second bridge loop, the friction hitch comprising a closed loop, the closed loop comprising a single rope being formed into the closed loop with a splice having a pair ends each being buried into the closed loop a distance of at least 40% of a total circumference of the closed loop, the single rope of the closed loop having a length between 40.0 inches and 60.0 inches, the closed loop having a total circumference of between 20.0 inches and 30.0 inches;

the main body and the friction hitch each being comprised of UHMWPE.

(I) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A bridge rope assembly includes a main body comprising a rope that has a first
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The eye loop is configured to engage a first bridge loop of a harness. The main body
comprises a first portion including the first end and a second portion including the second
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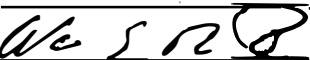
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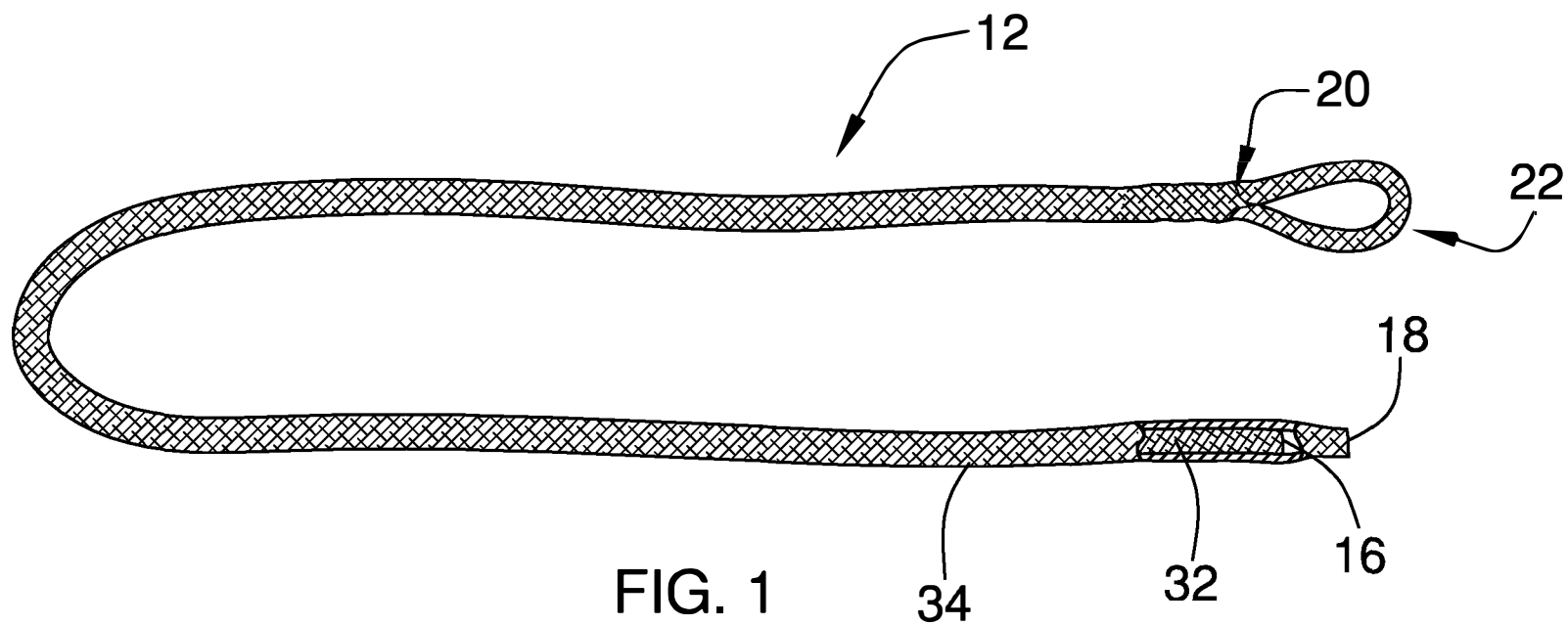
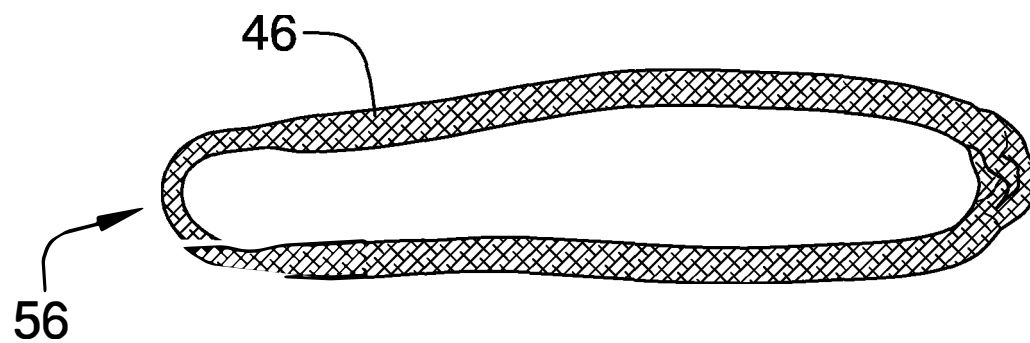
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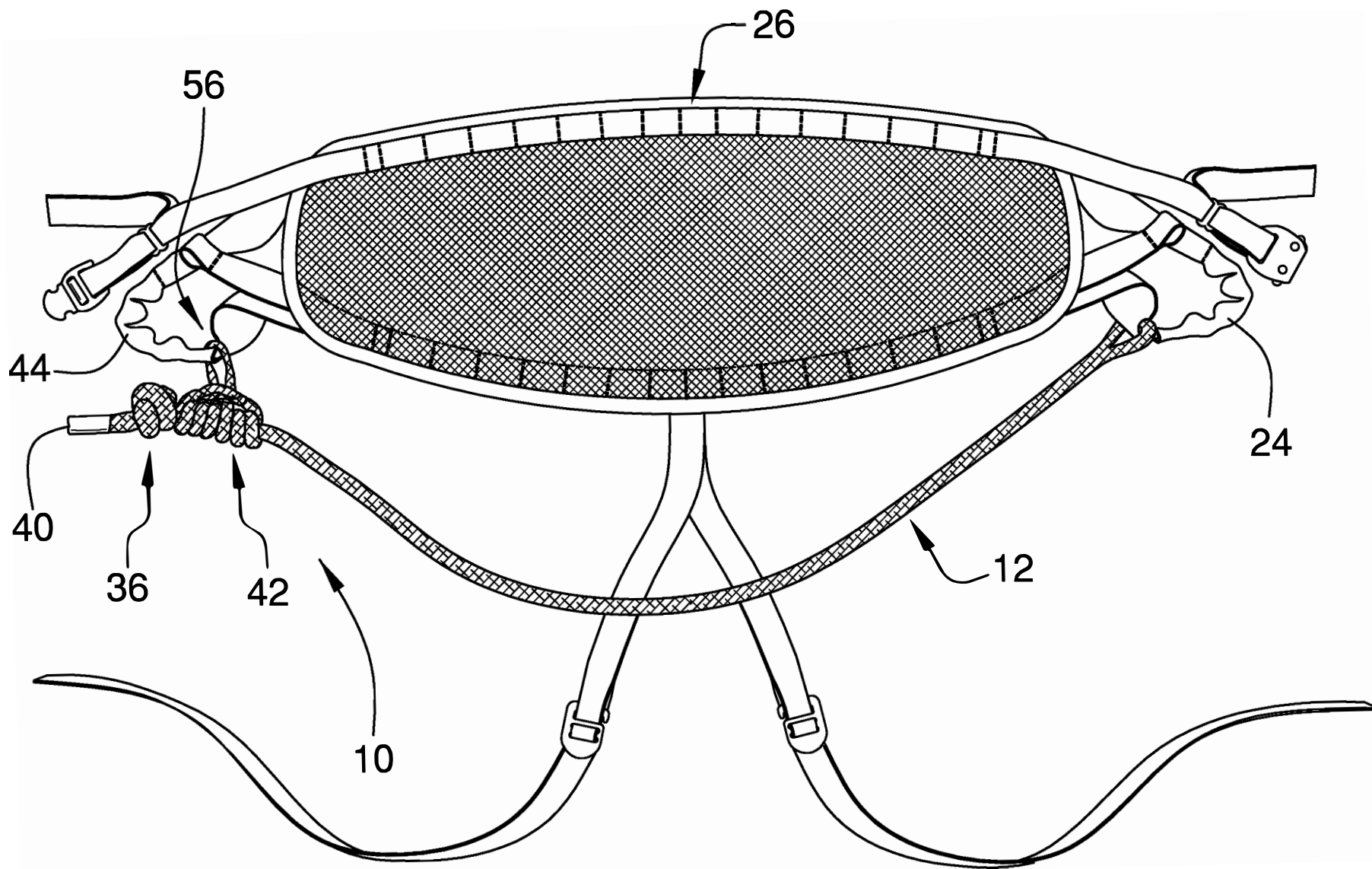
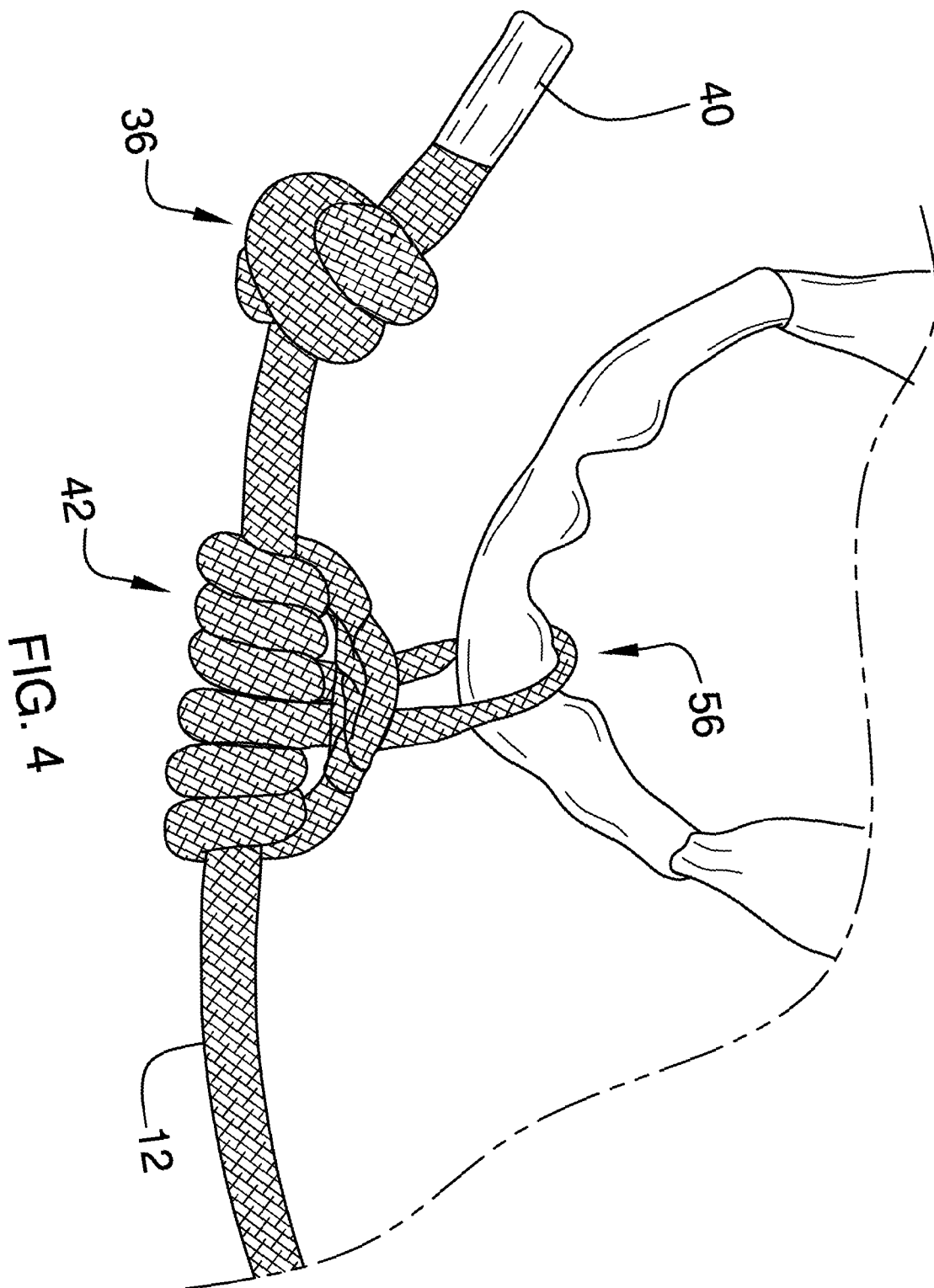


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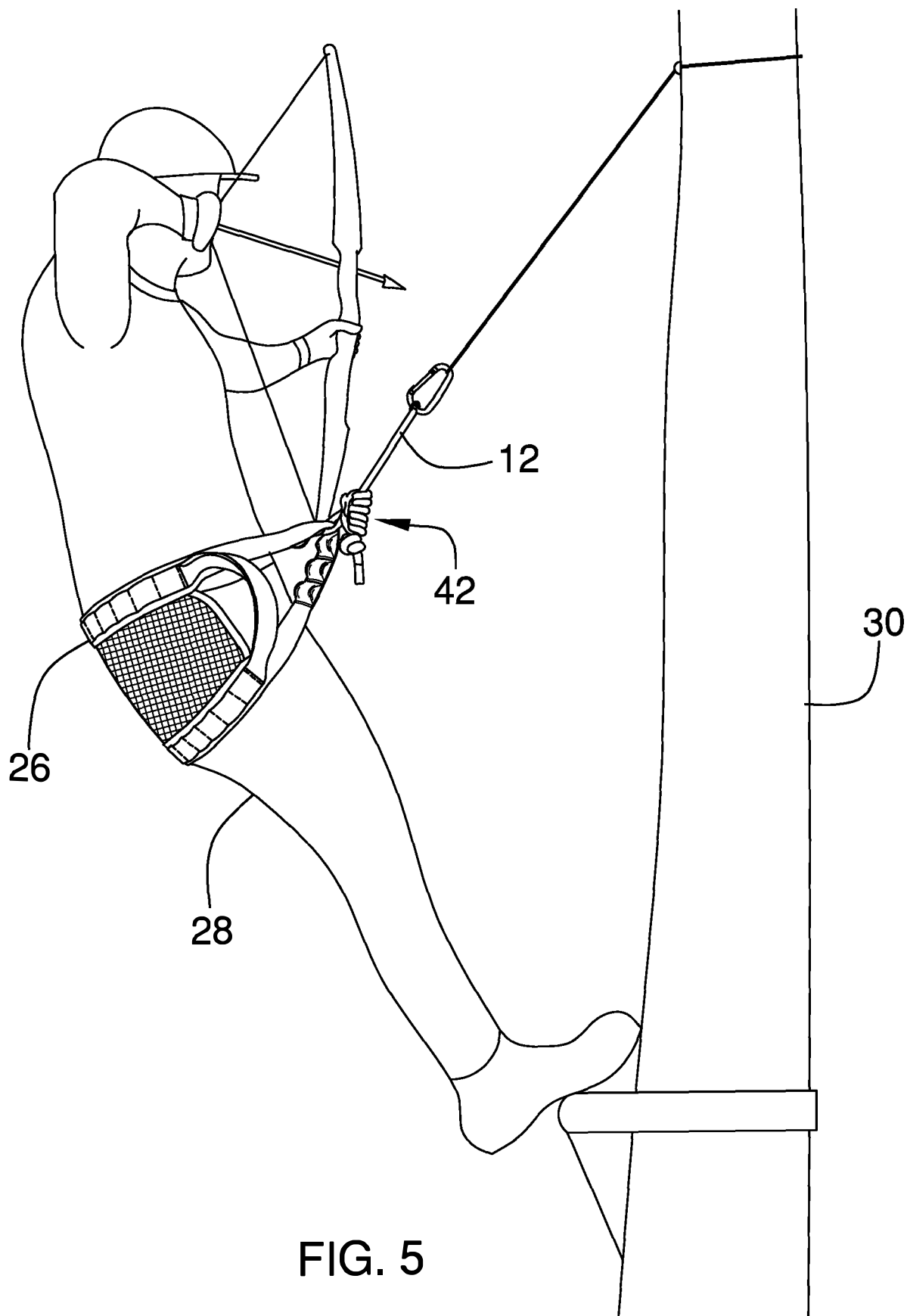


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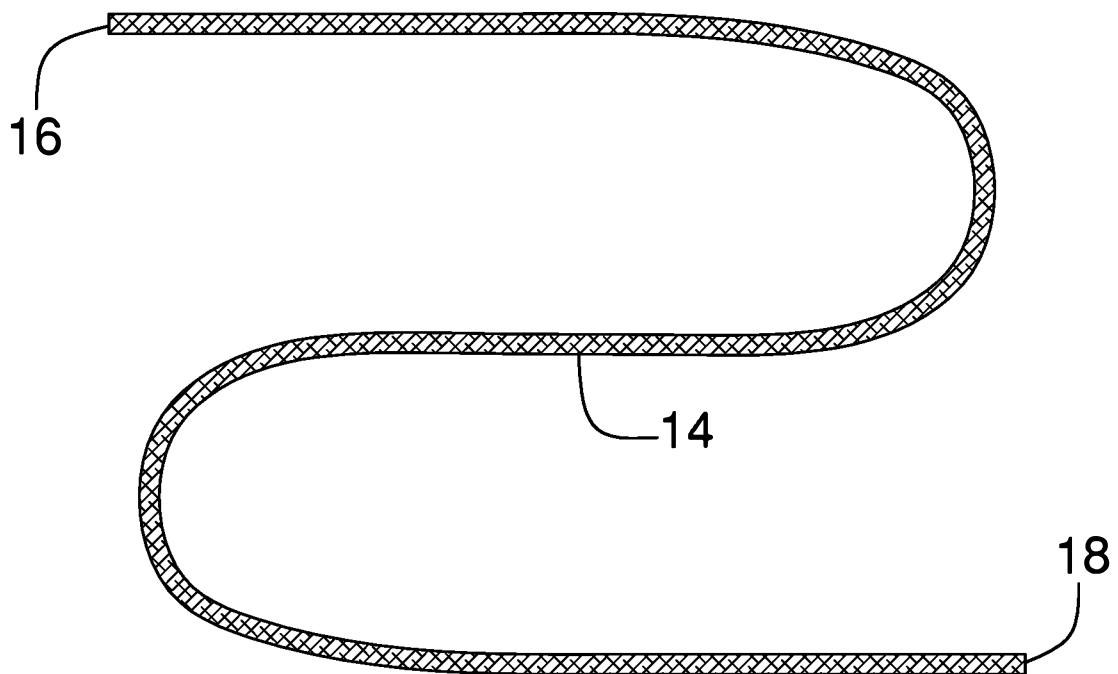


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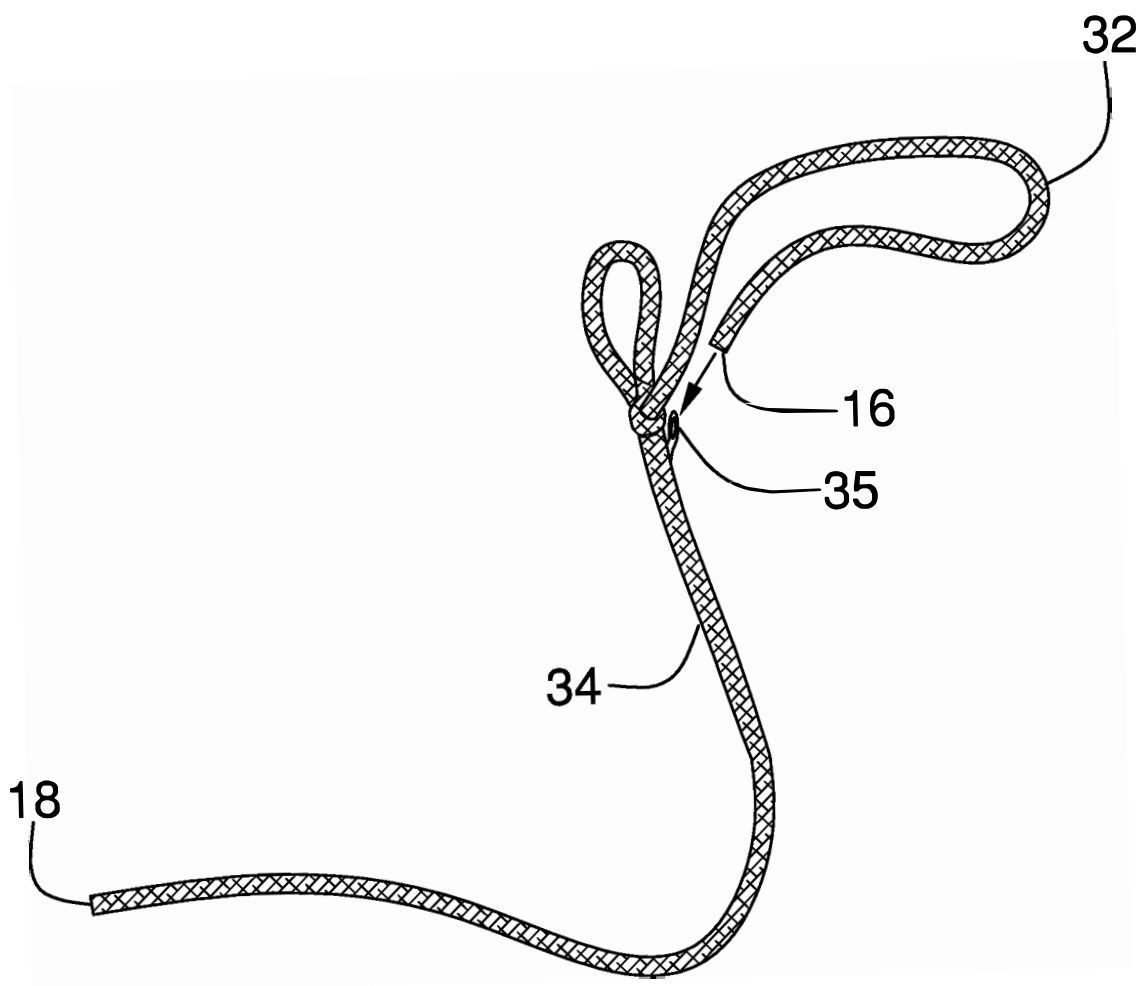


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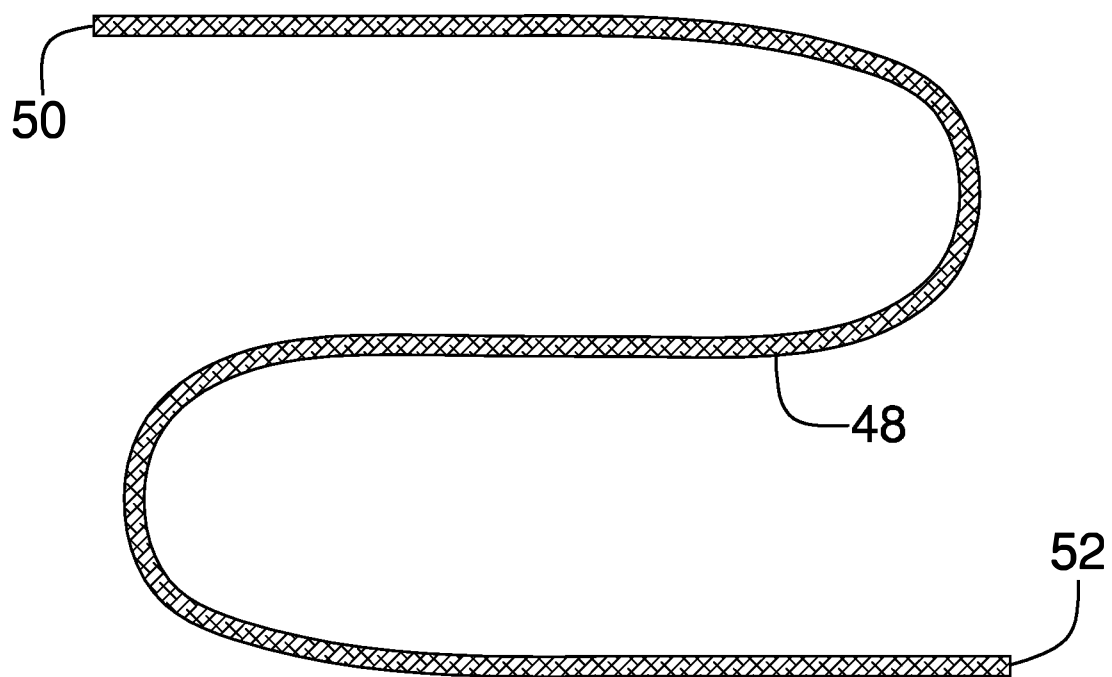


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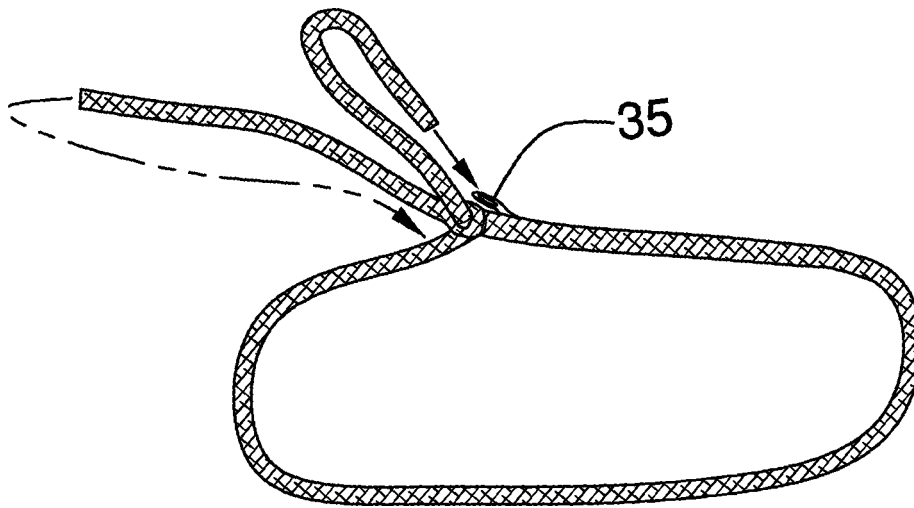


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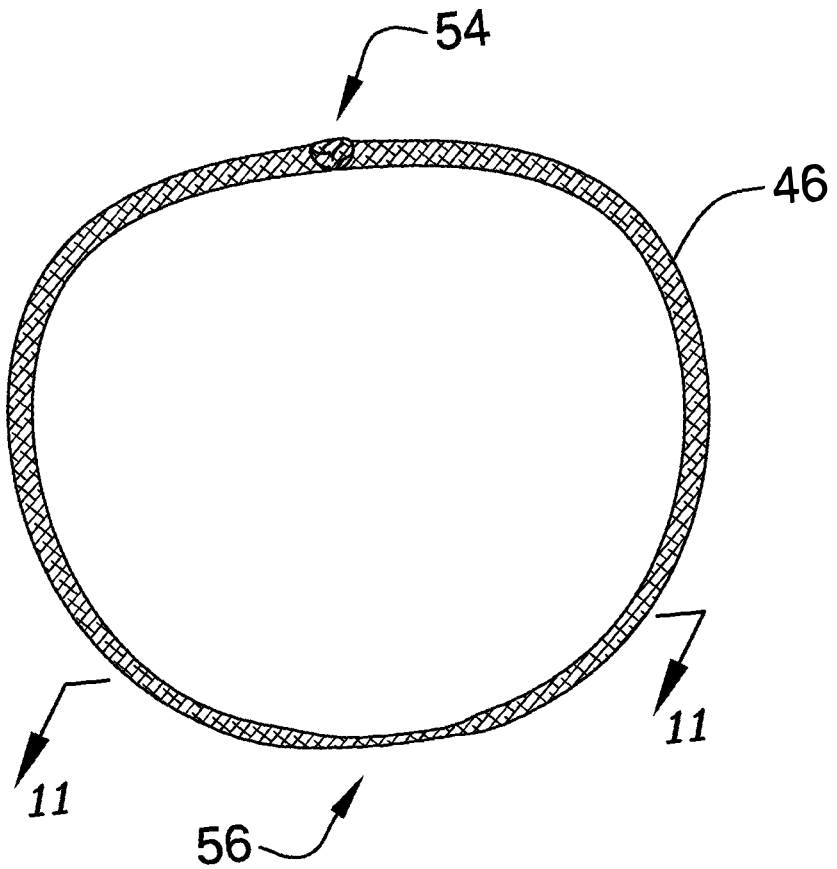
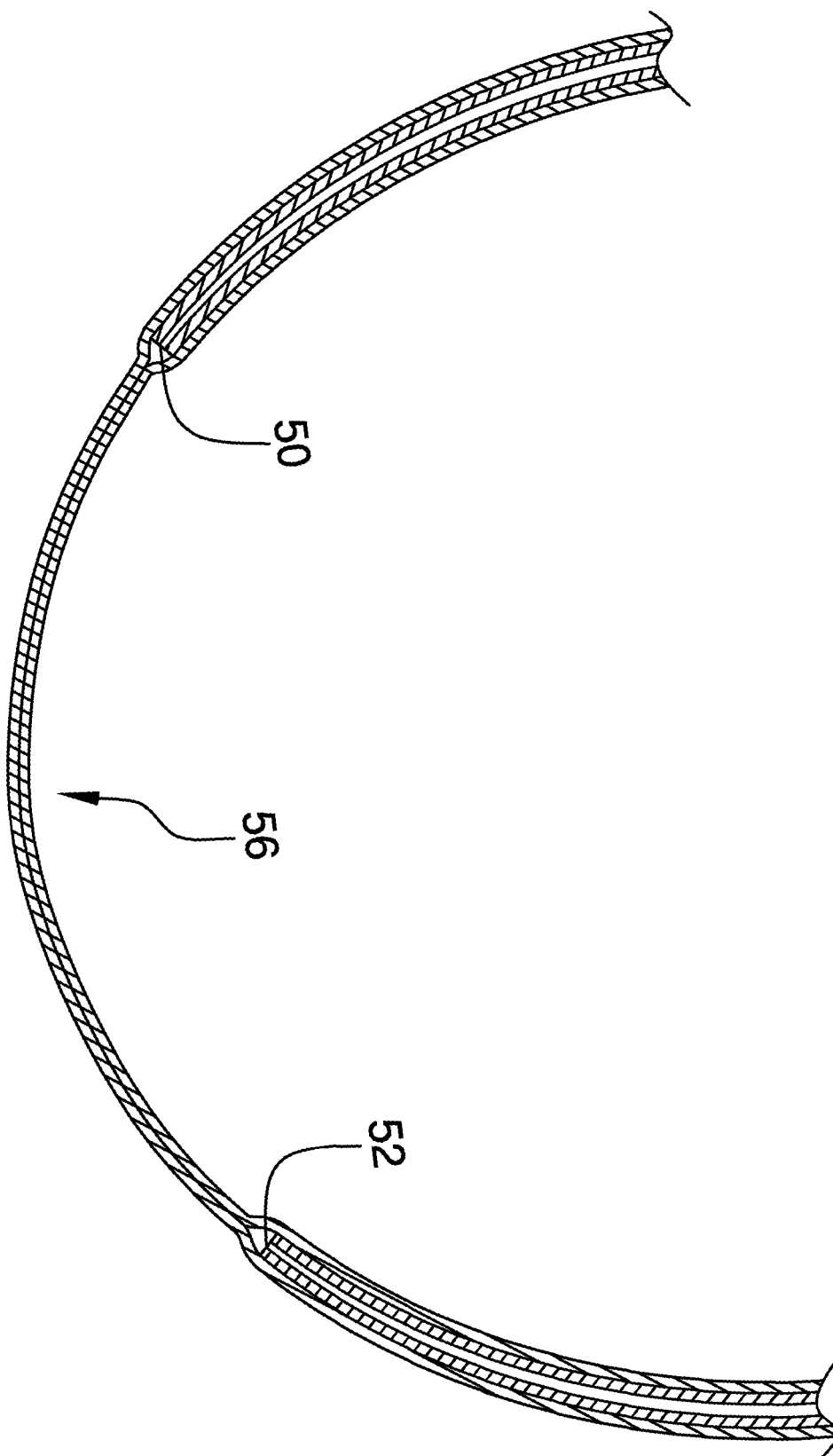


FIG. 10

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