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[54] **HEATER FIXTURE OF AN ELECTRICAL SMOKING SYSTEM**

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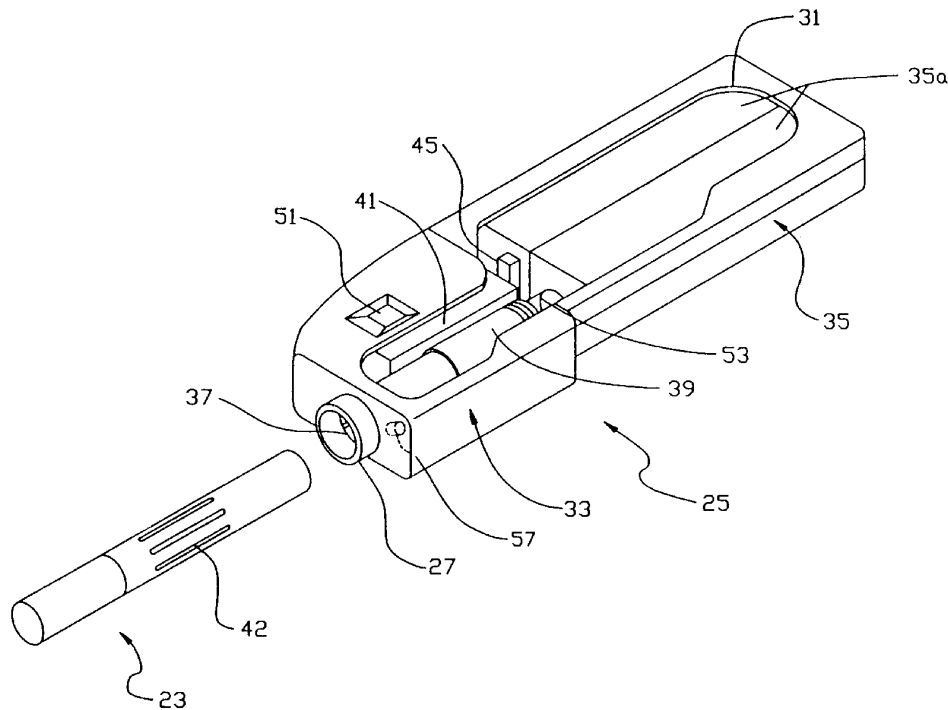
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A novel electrical smoking system and method of establishing resistance to draw upon a cigarette while smoking a cigarette in an electrical smoking system comprising the step of operatively interposing a frit between a source of ambient air and the cigarette.

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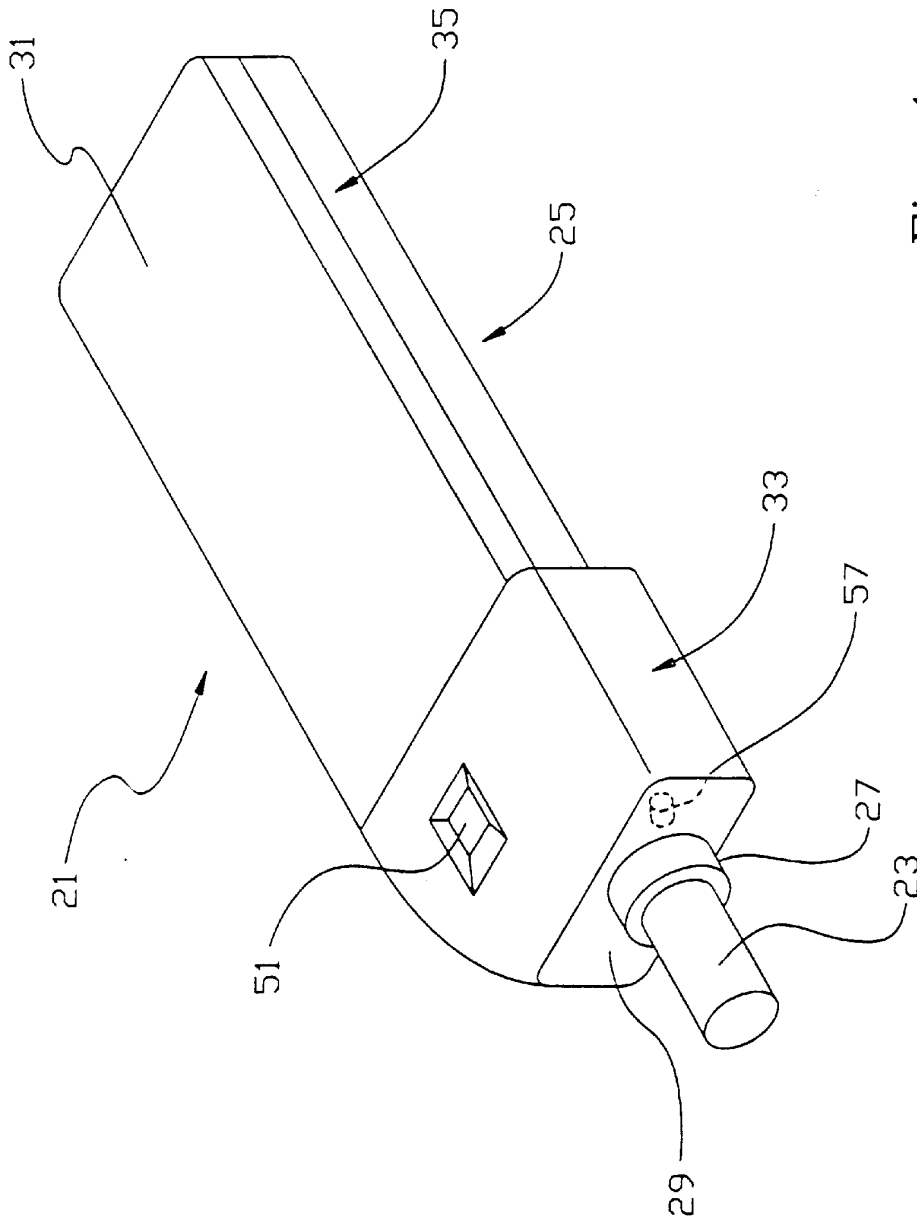


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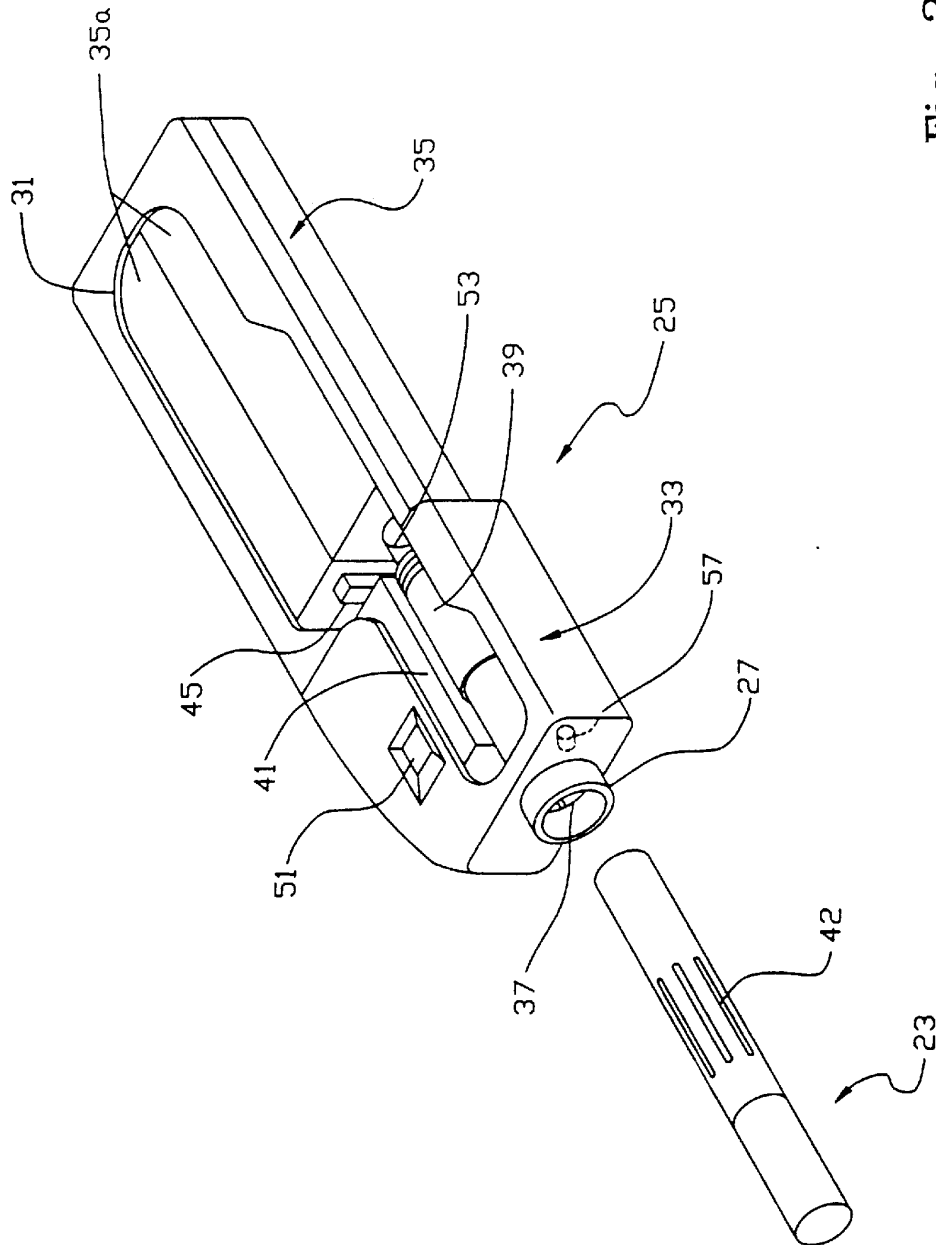


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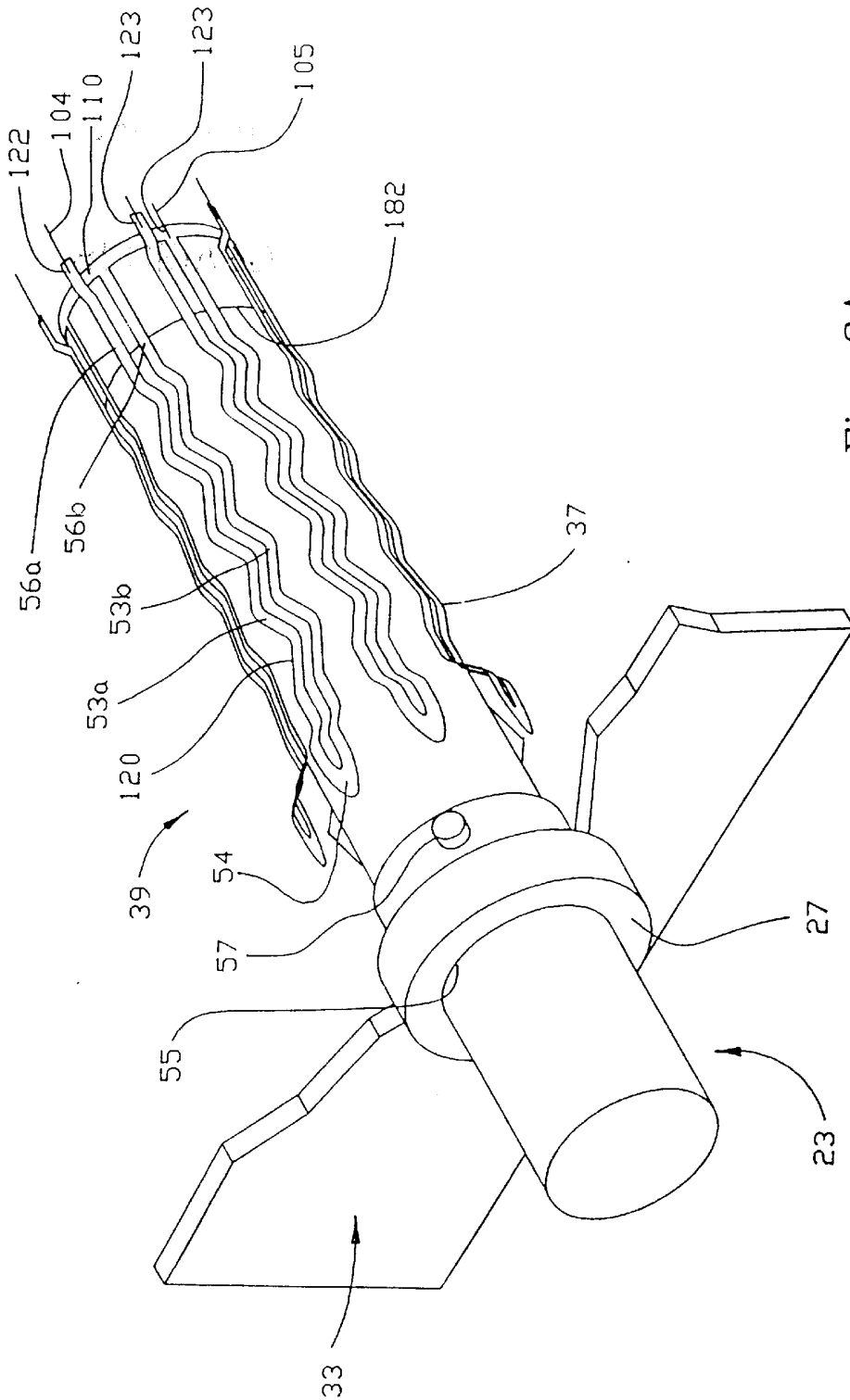


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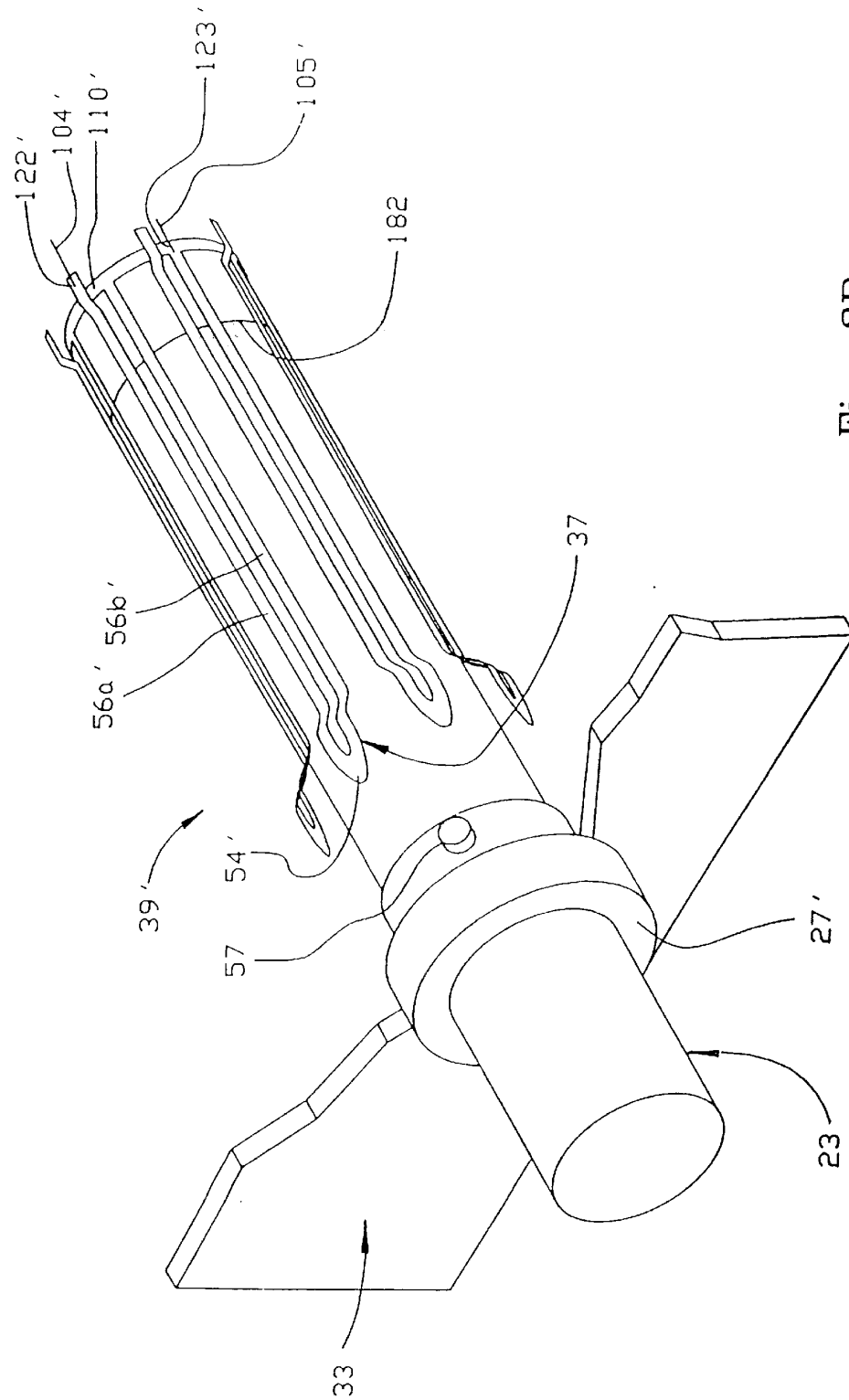


Fig. 3B

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