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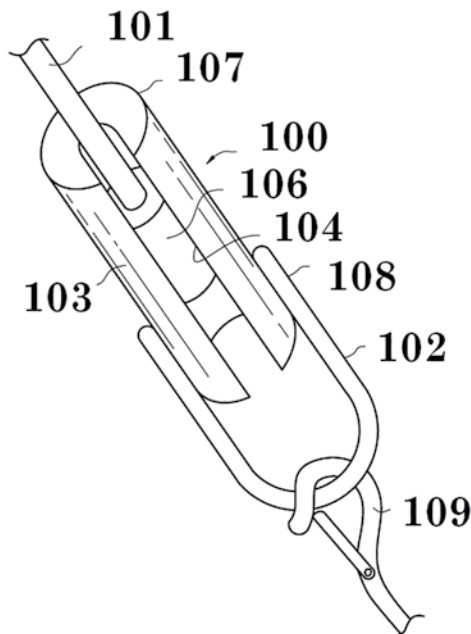
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a loop which could be grabbed. A knot, bend, or kink in the cable leads to destruction of the cable. As such, the cable must be replaced frequently.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a cable puller in one embodiment. As depicted the cable puller 100 comprises a hollow cylinder. This is for illustrative purposes and should not be deemed limiting. The cable puller 100 can comprise vir-



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Figure 2: Perspective view of a cable puller.

tually any cross-sectional shape including round, oval, triangular, square, rectangular, hexagonal, and virtually any polygon. Further, in some embodiments the cable puller 100 is not hollow but instead offers sufficient recesses to receive the cable 101 and the button 106.

In one embodiment, and as depicted, the cable puller 100 has an open downstream end. As depicted, the cable puller 100 has a partially closed upstream end which prevents upstream movement of the button 106.

Figure 2 shows the cable 101 nested within a cable puller 100. A cable puller 100 as used herein refers to a device which couples to a button on a cable. As depicted, the cable puller 100 comprises a sleeve 103 which has a slot 104. In one embodiment, and as depicted, the slot 104 extends the entire length of the sleeve 103. The slot 104 provides an area in which the sleeve 103 can receive the cable 101. Thus, the cable 101 can extend within the void created by the slot 104. In one embodiment the slot 104 is sufficiently large to allow the button 106 to be placed and removed through the slot 104. In other embodiments, however, the button 104 must be inserted through the open downstream end of the cable puller 100.

The sleeve 103 can comprise virtually any material. In one embodiment the sleeve 103 comprises metal whereas in other embodiments the sleeve 103 comprises a plastic. The sleeve 103 can comprise any material which can tolerate and withstand the tension applied to the cable 101. The sleeve 103 can comprise steel, cast iron, cast steel, forged steel, and combinations thereof.

The sleeve 103 has an upstream end 107 and a downstream end 108. The upstream end 107 is the end furthest away from the anchor, and the downstream end 108 is the

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