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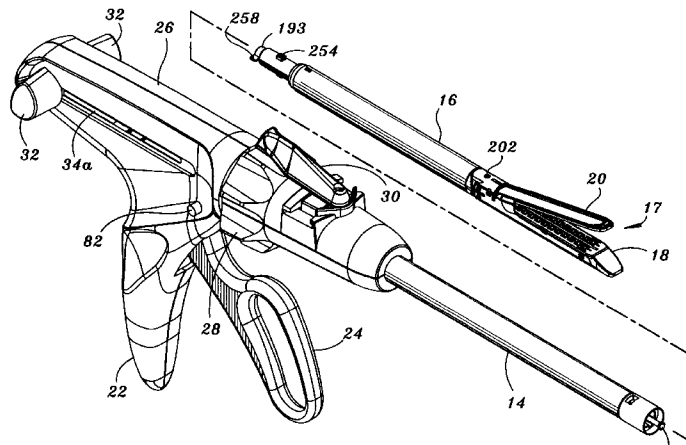
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A surgical stapling device particularly suited for endoscopic procedures is described. The device can be used with both articulating and non-articulating disposable loading units and has a sensing mechanism for sensing the type of disposable loading unit secured to the device.

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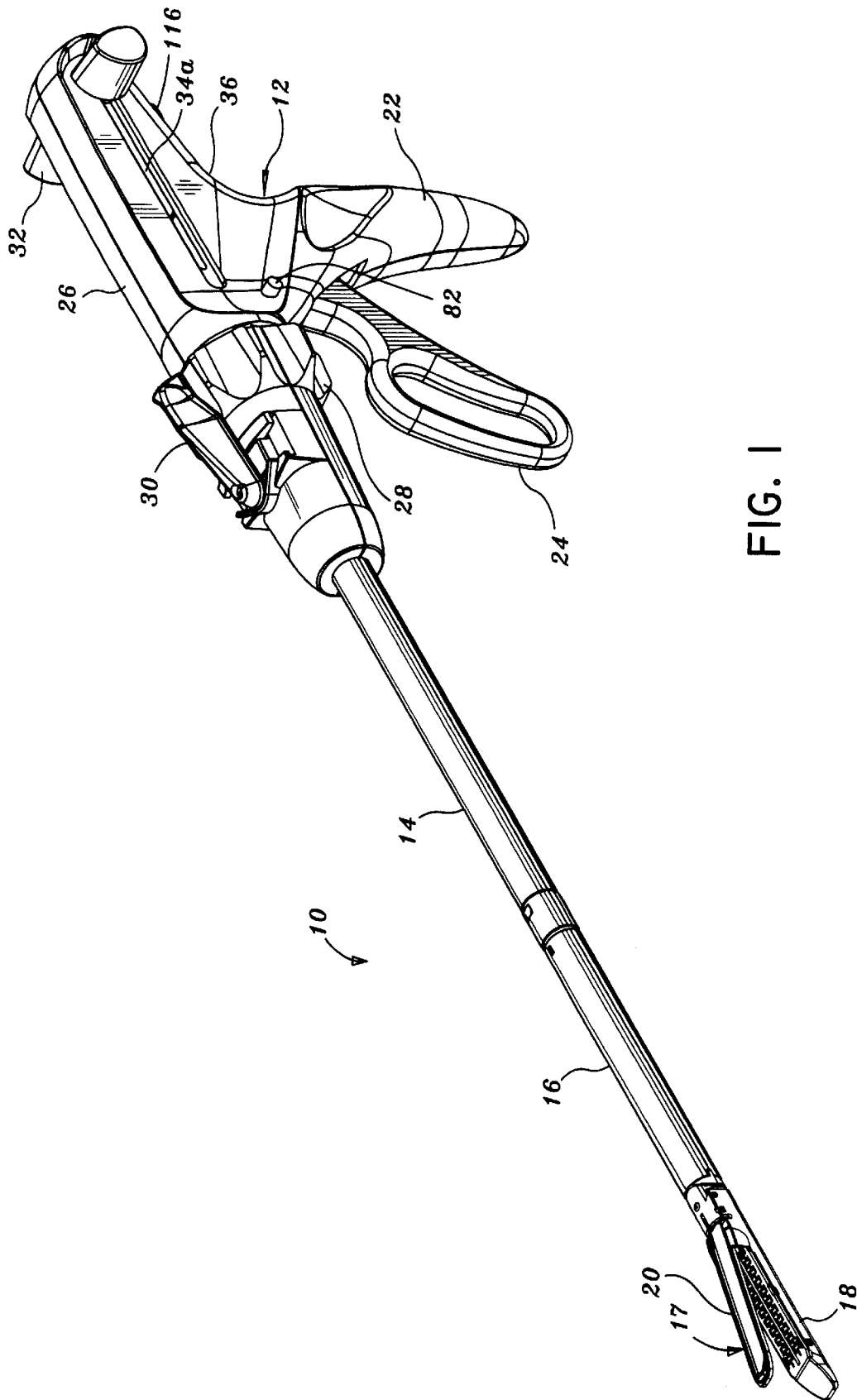


FIG. 1

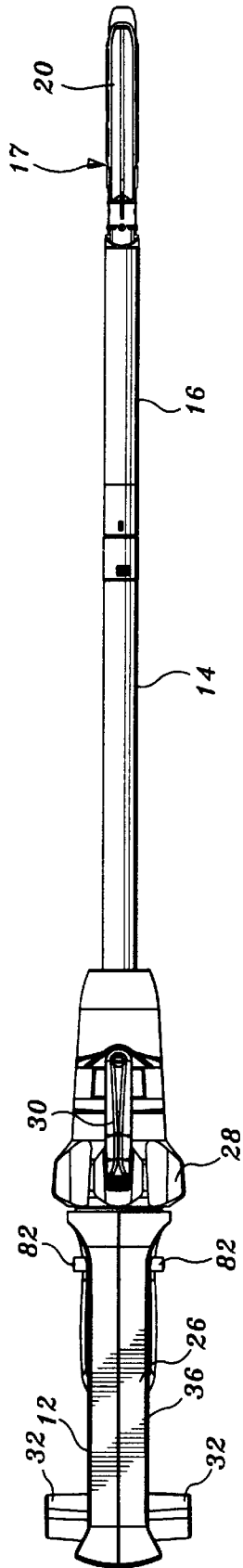


FIG. 2

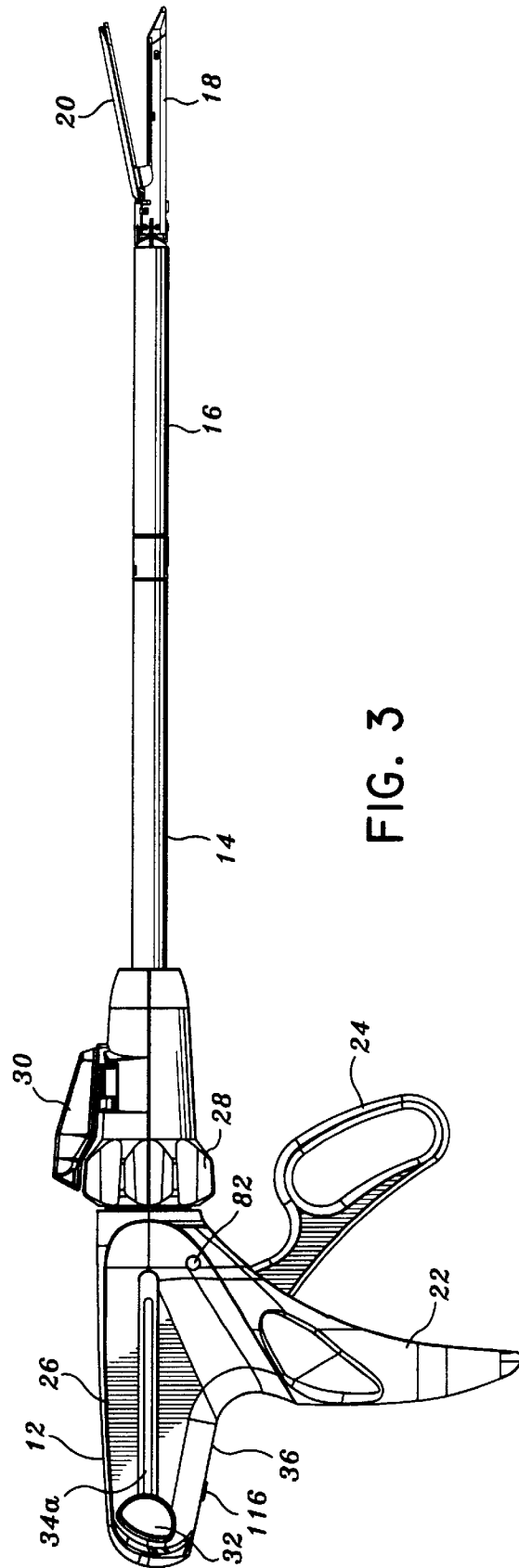


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