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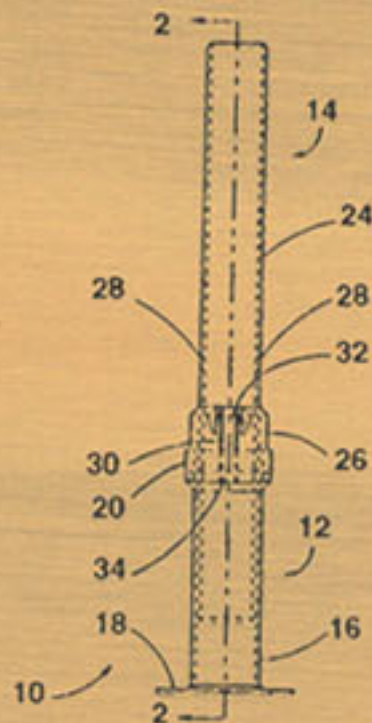
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TWO-PIECE SELF-LOCKING POLE STAND ASSEMBLY

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A cylindrical two-piece pole stand assembly that automatically locks together upon insertion of a pole comprising: a permanently set in-ground sleeve comprised of a length of tubing with a top end and a bottom end; a tubular insert comprised of a length of tubing with an outside surface with a diameter that allows for a sliding fit into the sleeve; an insert collar welded to the insert tubing on its outside surface which, upon assembly of said sleeve and insert acts as a stop between the sleeve and insert by entering the sleeve collar and resting on its top edge; said insert collar further comprising two slots in its outer surface, each said slot further including a pin extending across said slot and a pivot arm pivotally mounted to said pin.



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