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In one embodiment of the present invention, an arrangement is provided for pre-centering the patient interface with the orifice of the base member before the handles are moved to place the grip in its "closed" configuration. With this pre-centering arrangement, stresses on the patient interface and laser unit are reduced when the handles are moved to place the grip in its "closed" configuration. A pair of brackets is used for this purpose. Structurally, each bracket is a curved member which is fixedly mounted on a support that is affixed to the base member. As so supported, the brackets extend part way around the periphery (circumference) of the orifice. In their positions, the brackets are situated across the orifice from each other, and they are located just outside the periphery of the orifice. When the patient interface is inserted into the orifice of the base member, the brackets pre-center the patient interface in the orifice. Subsequently, when the handles of the device are moved to establish the device in its closed configuration, the handles urge the respective brackets toward each other and against the patient interface.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The novel features of this invention, as well as the invention itself, both as to its structure and its operation, will be best understood from the accompanying drawings, taken in conjunction with the accompanying description, in which similar reference characters refer to similar parts, and in which: