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(54) **INSTRUMENT FOR APPLYING A TIE TO TWO ITEMS AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An instrument for applying a tie (12) to two items (10, 110), and a method of making same. The instrument is arranged for pulling separated bones or other items together and securing them together by twisting a tie onto them. The instrument can be made of plastic and it need not include any threaded parts. It can have two handles (21, 22) with a tie gripper (24) and a tie guide (26) on respective ones of the handles which can be squeezed together for pulling on a tie to draw separated items together. The handles rotate together, and there can be a crank (27) for effecting the rotation and thereby twist the tie onto the items.

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