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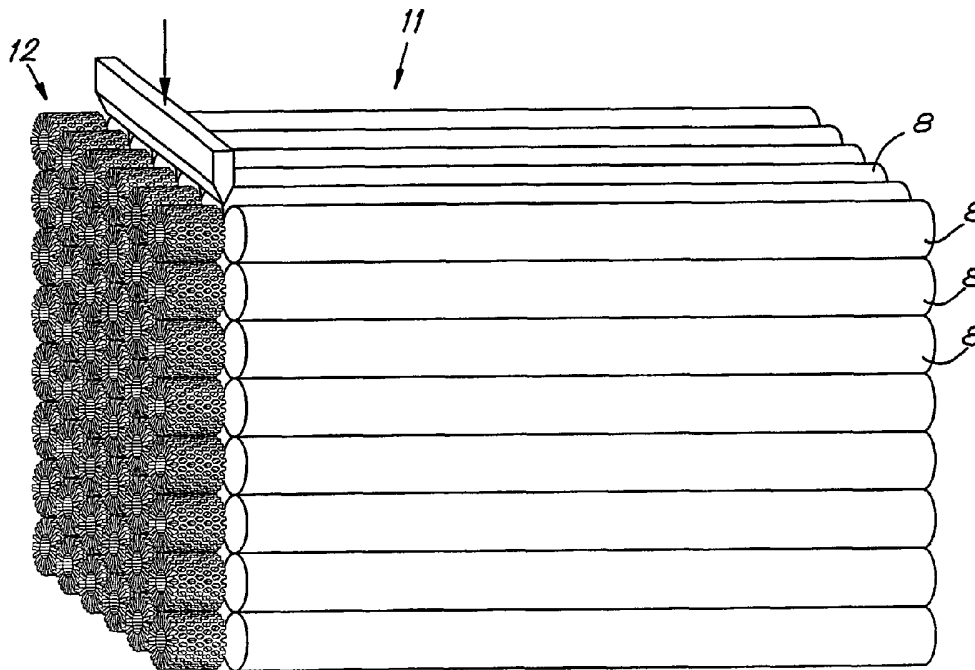
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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a method for manufacturing a filling element. Strips (6) of synthetic or natural foam or synthetic or natural rubber are manufactured, are provided with cuts (7), are rolled up to form a tube (8), and are fixed to each other with their longitudinal lateral edges (9), after which several of these tubes (8) are glued together to a bundle (11), after which this bundle (11) is divided into shorter parts (12), whereby such part thus comprises a number of glued-together tube-shaped or ring-shaped bodies (1).

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