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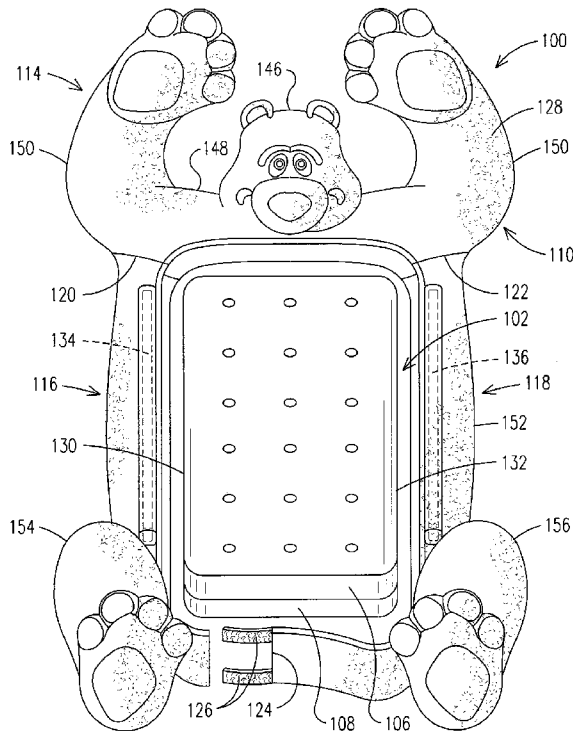


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A system is provided for enhancing the safety of a sleeping arrangement for a child on a bed. The bed includes a mattress and a boxspring. The system includes a frame to enclose a perimeter of the mattress and the boxspring. The frame includes a plurality of sections, which are removably attached at respective junctures with hook and loop fasteners. An outer surface of the frame is formed from a plush material. The plurality of sections includes a pair of side sections which extend along a respective pair of opposing side surfaces of the mattress and the boxspring. The pair of side sections includes a respective vertical bumper configured to extend from a top portion of the side sections by a predetermined height, to prevent the child on the bed from passing outside the side surfaces of the mattress and falling from the mattress.

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