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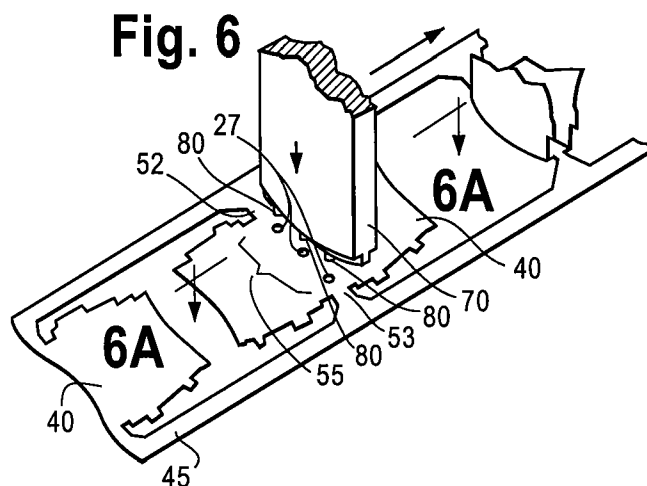
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(57) Abstract: An arcuate magazine for a firearm, such as a rifle or carbine, which has a keyway and follower assembly for delivering rounds of ammunition one at a time to the firing area of the firearm and which may be fabricated from a single piece of metal and have a smooth interior free of welds and rough spots. The invention also includes a method of making such a magazine which includes the steps of deep drawing and wiping the magazine body under substantial pressure using a progressive die having numerous stations.

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Search Terms Used: magazine or clip; one or single; piece; body; keyway or notch; follower; weld; overlapping; edge; pilot; holes; additive; firearm or gun; arcuate; M16

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