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(54) Packaging for rigid articles

(57) The packs cover only peripherally, and over a partial area of border (5), two or three sides of stacked packs of rigid bodies such as tiles. The packaging can be L-shaped, covering two sides, or U-shaped, covering

three sides, with or without end flaps (8). The packaging can be overlaid and glued and may include safety straps, and can be glued between overlaid peripheral corners and bottom surfaces of a bottom-most tile of the stack of tiles.

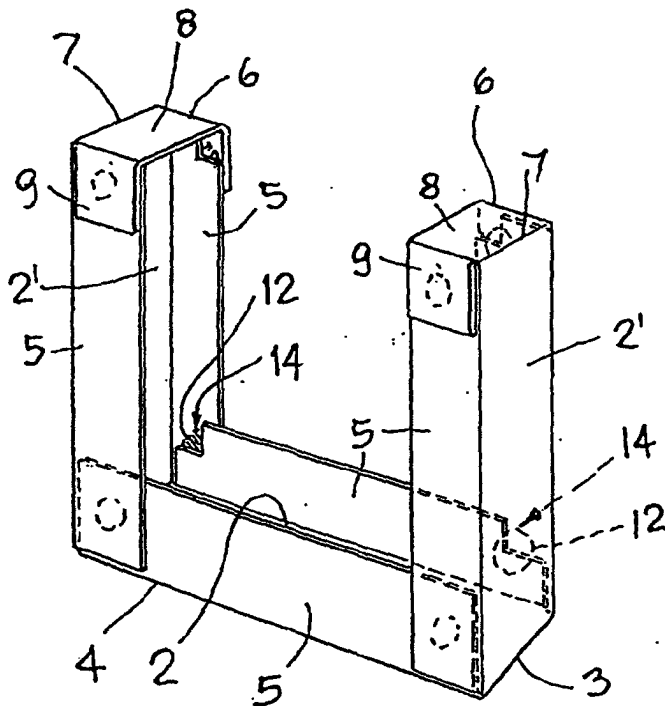


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