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(54) **Connection of vertical fencing elements**

(57) This invention relates to vertical fencing, and in particular to self-adjusting vertical tube fencing. According to the invention there is provided vertical fencing comprising a pair of rails and a plurality of fence mem-

bers attached thereto, the fence members being pivotable relative to the rails, characterised in that the fence members are tubular, and in that each fence member carries a resiliently-biased projection which is engageable with recess means in one of the rails

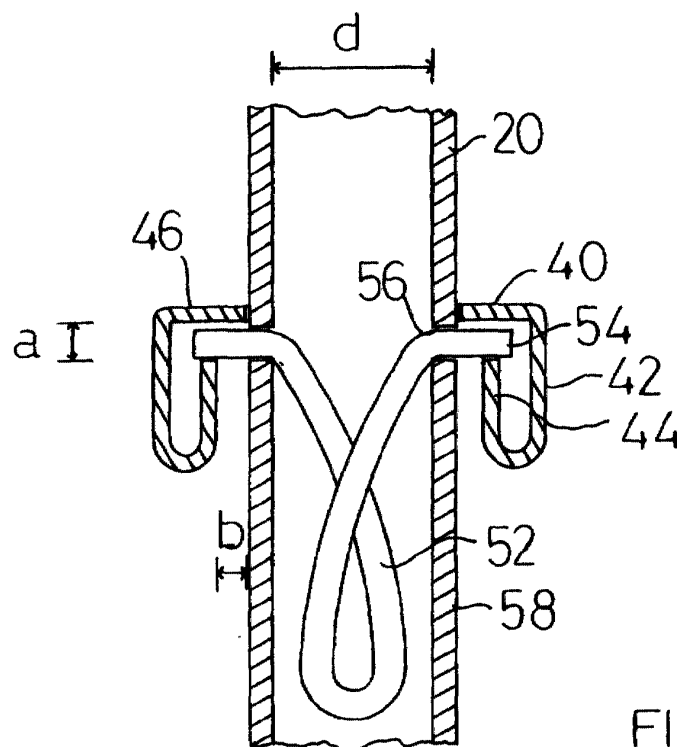


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