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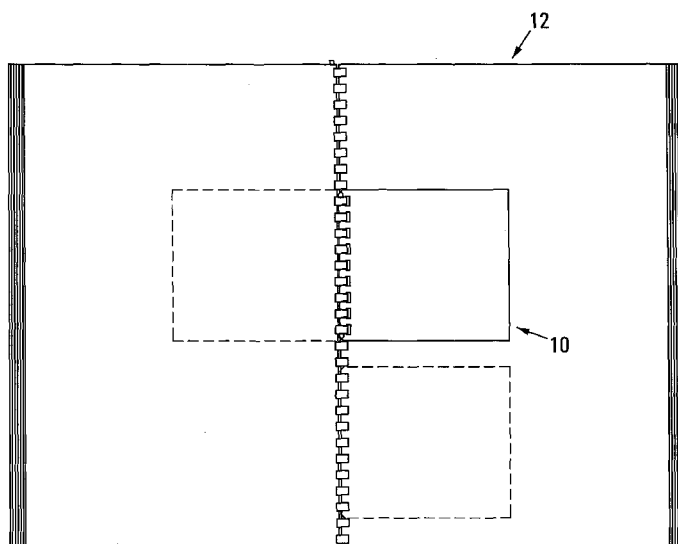


FIG 3

(57) Abstract: This invention relates generally to a file note device (10) for use with a file (12) or stack of sheets (14) bound together by way of one or more binding members (16.1) disposed through substantially aligned apertures in the sheets (14), the file note device (10) comprising a planar body including a note zone (18.1); and an engagement zone (18.2) located adjacent an edge portion of the planar body. The engagement zone (18.2) comprises at least one pair of spaced apart teeth (20) defining a binding member recess (22) therebetween, wherein at least one tooth (20) defines a retaining formation (20.1) for removably retaining the binding member (16.1) in the binding member recess (20), in use. It will be noted that the invention also relates to a bound file (12) comprising one or more file note devices (10) in accordance with the invention and a method of providing a note on a file (12) or stack of bound sheets (14).

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