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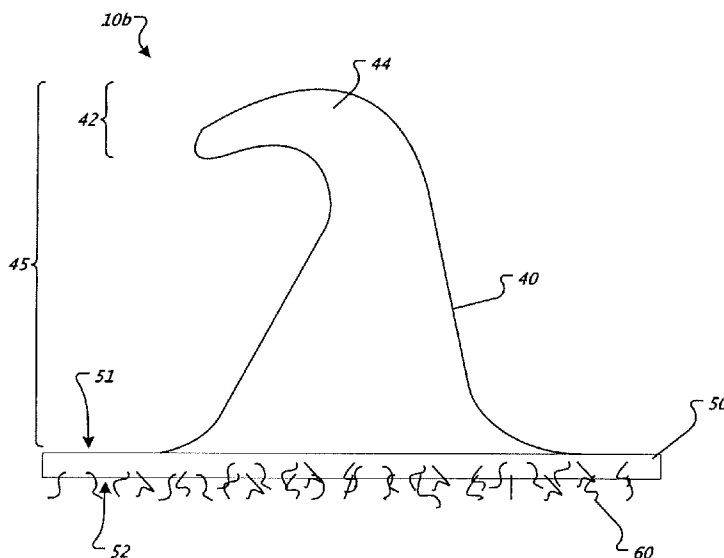


FIG. 15

(57) Abstract: A method of making a touch fastener (10) includes continuously introducing molten resin (20) to a pressure zone (30) at a peripheral surface of a rotating mold roll (100), such that pressure in the pressure zone forces some of the resin into an array of stem cavities (110) defined in the mold roll to form resin stems (40) while a remainder of the resin (20) forms a base (50) at the roll surface, interconnecting the stems. The method includes forming engageable heads (44) on the stems to form fastener elements (45) and introducing a quantity of discrete, loose fibers (60) to the resin. The fibers pass through the pressure zone with the resin and become individually and separately bonded to the resin to become part of the base.

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