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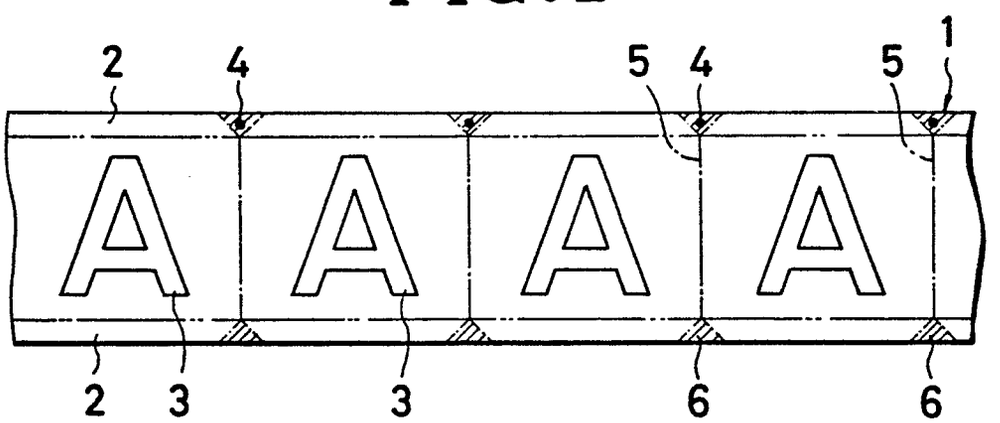
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(54) **Method of severing an elongate tape.**

(57) A method of severing an elongate tape (I), such as a surface fastener tape, into pieces comprises: providing a plurality of register marks (4) on the elongate tape (I) one at a position between each adjacent pair of ornaments (3); feeding the elongate tape (I) to a cutting station; sensing the foremost register mark (4) to stop the feeding of the elongate tape (I) when the foremost register mark (4) arrives at the cutting station; and severing the elongate tape (I) transversely at the foremost register mark (4) so as to remove the latter from the elongate tape (I) and a prospective tape piece.

FIG. 2



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