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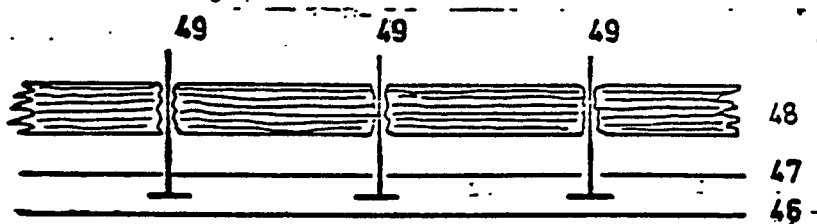
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**Method of spreading patterned sheet materials for automatic match-up and cutting.**

**METHOD OF SPREADING PATTERNED SHEET MATERIALS FOR AUTOMATIC MATCH-UP AND CUTTING**, which is characterized by being made up of the following operations: a) On the basis of specific graphic information, the number and position of several cuttable spikes is determined: b) these spikes are placed on a horizontal surface in the positions determined for this purpose and on this surface a laminar layer is impaled on these spikes: c) the layers of the material to be cut are impaled on the spikes laid out in the preceding stages in such a way that each spike penetrates all the layers at the same point of the pattern: d) the whole assembly of spikes, holding layer and spread material are moved to the cutting table for the cutting operation.



**Fig. 4**



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