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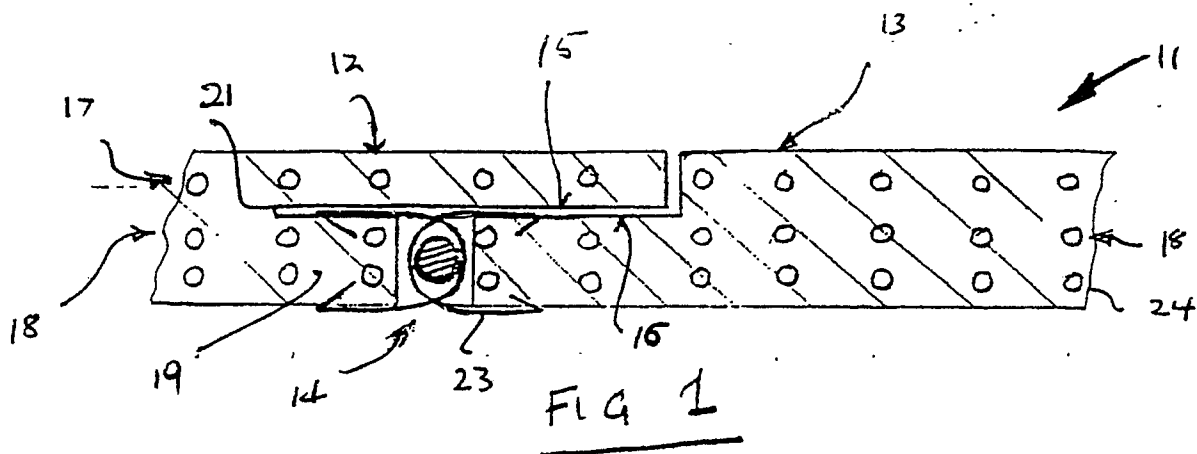
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54 **Jointing of fabric ends.**

57 A method of jointing the ends of a papermakers or like industrial fabric, typically a corrugator belt, is proposed wherein the ends (12, 13) of a multilayer fabric, of which adjacent layers (17, 18, 24) are joined by binder yarns, are cut back into complementary stepped configuration, the step being in a plane between two successive fabric layers (17,

18) and a clipper seam (14) is provided between the fabric layers of the respective opposing fabric ends existing below the level of the step, the fabric being slitted (at 21) beyond the line of the clipper seam and into the body of the fabric to provide a tongue (19) to receive clipper seam hooks.



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