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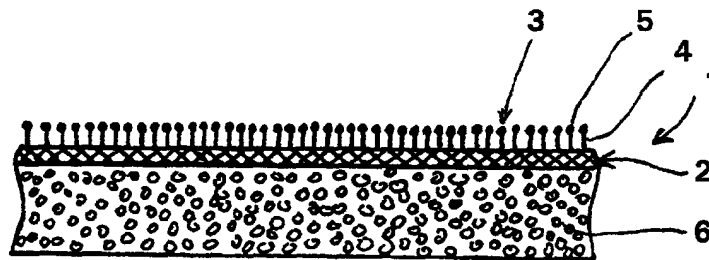
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(54) **Self-gripping tape and method of manufacture**

(57) A self-gripping tape (1) which, from an initial rectilinear shape, may be formed into any desired shape while remaining in its initial plane. The self-gripping tape

(1) includes a base (2) and fastening elements (3) carried by the base (2). The base is characterized by being a flat-knitted fabric which is flexible and deformable in its own plane.

FIG. 1



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