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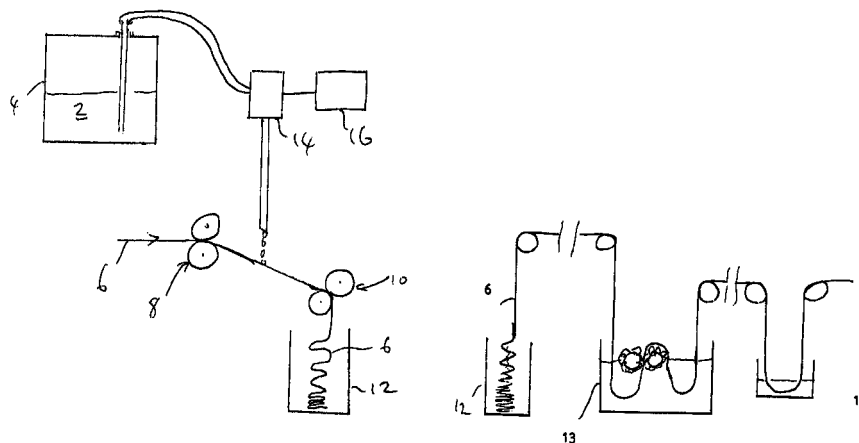
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(54) **A method of cleaning a zip fastener**

(57) A method of cleaning a zip fastener (6), in which a cleaning solution (2) is applied to the fastener (6) during the manufacturing process, is left on the fas-

tener (6) for a period of time, and is then rinsed, prior to finishing.



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